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LOOKING BACKWARD.

We frequently hear people refer longingly to "the good old times," and we've had a genuine reminder of old-time winter weather recently. If this is a fair specimen of what was enjoyed in the days of yore, few would choose to return, or to exchange the present page for the past. The writer can remember when James Brown, now Clerk of Melanethon township, conveyed the Royal Mail on horse-back once a week from Jelly's Corners (now Shelburne) to Johntown (now Chatsworth), and a fortnight without a mail, owing to a snow blockade, was not then looked upon with as much astonishment or concern as a single day at the present time. An incident which occurred in those days (over 30 years ago) will serve to further contrast the present with the past. A lad, well known to the writer, was sent to the post office, then called East Glenelg. A snow storm was just abating and one and a half miles had to be travelled. The boy went on horse-back, but after a diligent search returned home not being successful in finding the post office which was then kept in a farm house within a quarter of a mile of where Markdale post office now is. The magnificent coldness of the recent snow storm and general road blockade brings to mind many incidents of long ago which would appear almost as tales of fiction to young people of to-day, were it not for a little personal experience such as has been enjoyed (?) for a week back.

Glascott.

Exceedingly stormy weather the past week. The snow is very deep, and the drifts are of great depth. A great many teams, [illegible] of St. Vincent [illegible] storm to visit Mr. [illegible] brothers, old Mr. and Mrs. J. [illegible] and their sons, Robert and [illegible]. They are at present [illegible] of great when they will get home.

Mr. Philip Cranage, of California, U. S., who left here twenty-three years ago, is visiting old friends here at present.

Miss [illegible] is home short time a [illegible] for a time with [illegible].

We [illegible] Mr. [illegible] of Mr. Johnston, Caledon [illegible] to lately extend our [illegible] subscription [illegible].

Correspondents.

[illegible] the at [illegible] The [illegible] cancel be the [illegible] Sorry the best [illegible] in the world.

[illegible] cards, [illegible] and three [illegible] and [illegible].

Walter's Falls.

[illegible] form has [illegible] cards are [illegible] and will [illegible] before traffic [illegible] resumed.

Church [illegible] School [illegible] was well [illegible] Sunday morning [illegible] to the [illegible] continued all day.

A [illegible] was held on Friday evening [illegible] of Geo. E. Bell, [illegible] the [illegible] bowler [illegible] of the [illegible] who [illegible] and the [illegible] Bell [illegible] to attend the Conservatory Concert [illegible] to-day [illegible] Murray [illegible].

Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] [illegible]