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"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him and makest him drunken also." Hab. ii. 15.

Licenses Granted

The first meeting of the License Board of Centre Grey was held at Boyd's Hotel, Rocklyn, on Friday, April 20th. Members present—Messrs. McGill and McCullough.

McGill—McCullough—That Charles Pye be chairman for the year 1900-1901.—carried.

Mr. McGee was elected chairman protem in the absence of Mr. Pye.

P. McCullough was elected secretary.

The minutes of the two last meetings read and adopted.

The following licenses were granted:

Aaron Munshaw, Flesherton.
Archd. Butler, Priceville.
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Peter Munshaw, Eugenia.
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Eliz Blackstock, Singhampton.
G. R. Glassford, Maxwell.
Jacob Schumacher, Markdale.
Jas. Kelly "
Andrew Fogarty "
Thos. Lowe, Thornbury.
Leah Isaacs "
W. H. McLean, Clarksburg.
Jas. Boyd, Rocklyn.
A. F. Schumacher, Desboro.

The case of John Matheson's hotel was inquired into and the matter was adjourned until the next meeting of the Board.

The commissioners present signed the licenses and adjourned the meeting to the 8th of May at Clarksburg. Jas. Campbell, Inspector.—Thornbury Herald.

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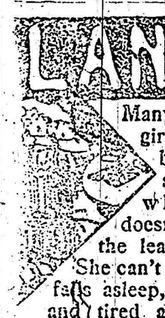

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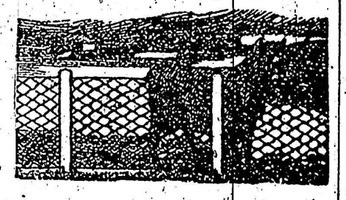

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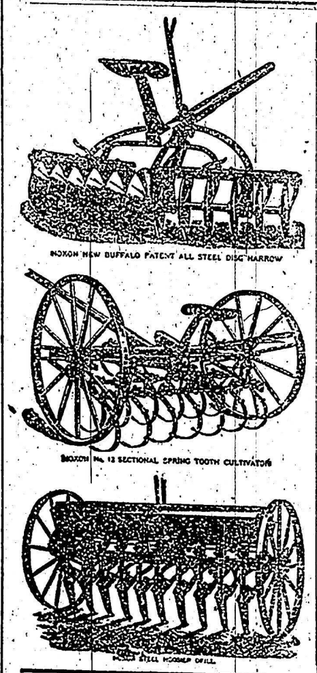

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