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COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Continued from Supplement.) SATURDAY MORNING. Council met at 9 o'clock, the Warden in the chair and all the members present. The clerk read the report of N. W. Campbell, School Inspector for South Grey, and it was referred to the Education committee. Mr. Pringle presented Report No. 3 of Finance Committee. Mr. Stone presented Report No. 2 of Road and Bridge Committee. Mr. Gordon presented Report No. 2 of County Property Committee, and also Report No. 2 of House of Refuge. Council went into committee on Report 2 of Road and Bridge Committee, but rose and passed it without amendment. Reports of County Property Committee and House of Refuge committees were adopted as presented to council. Report 2 of Education Committee was adopted - it ordered that the reports of the Inspectors of West, East and South Grey should be printed in the minutes. These reports spoke very favorably of the standing of the schools throughout the county of improvements which are noticeable in better kept school grounds, and in the efforts of the trustees generally in improving the interior of the buildings. The matter of School Section or Public Libraries was also taken up, and the reports were on the whole encouraging. George Noble, who acted as messenger during the session of council, was voted \$6 for his services. The Chairman of Education, John McArthur, Esq., was appointed a delegate to the next meeting of the Trustees Association which meets annually in Toronto. The sum of \$12 was voted to the clerk to cover his expenses on account of the session held in Markdale, the County Treasurer was paid \$5 for extra expense in connection with the meeting held at Markdale. Council adjourned to meet in Owen Sound on Monday, November 2nd, at 2 p.m.

Wodehouse

Road work seems to be the order of the day at present. The late rains have not only benefited the crops, but has gladdened the hearts of the farmers as well. Rev. Mr. Chantler preached his farewell sermon on Sunday morning last. Mr. and Mrs. J. Thompson, who have been visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Abernethy, and other relatives, left for their home in British Columbia last Saturday.

Rocklyn

Miss Kate and Miss Neely accompanied by Miss Edith Boyd left for Muskoka last Thursday where they intend spending the summer. Mr. Robt. Clugston is very busy this week jacking up his barn. A few from our burg attended the wedding of Miss E. Graham and Mr. John Boyd last Wednesday and report a pleasant time.

Traverston

Earnie Cook and Willie Ryan of this neighborhood are writing on the Entrance Exam this week. May they win. Some people have an idea that "doing road work" is the farmer's holiday. It may be so in some parts, but the fellows around here say they'd rather swing the old arm-strong mower in heavy orchard grass than shovel gravel out of a stone-paved, sun-scorching hillside.

Dan Firth, one of the brightest boys in No. 1 section, left on Monday to take a mercantile position in Markdale, Stafford & Co.'s big store. Dan comes of good stock and possesses the qualities that win success in any calling. Two of his brothers, Joe and Tom, who fame as students in Owen Sound and are at present most successful teachers.

Miss Rachel Firth is under the Dr.'s care at present, but is recovering nicely.

Bob Goodwill has been reaching out after more land. Lately he purchased the west fifty of lot 8 on the 11th, abutting his own property, for \$675. Bob is a hustler to work.

Miss Mary McNally, of the 6th, is expected home from Toronto this week.

Mr. A. J. Robson's two-year-old dressed within a dozen pounds of 500 weight at the beef ring last week. He's a good stockman.

If reports prove true, three or four of the bachelors will join the Benedict Club before many moons grow full.

Every man that could possibly get there for a distance of from five to seven miles was at Mr. Colin McArthur's barn-raising on Thursday of last week. Colin is such a big-hearted, good natured, willing-to-help-any-one, sort of fellow that it was no trouble to get hands; and his wife has all the good qualities of the Irish, so that plenty of fair ones were present to tend to the appetites of the 120 greedy chaps who enjoyed the good cookery. The building is 45x60, on a solid well-laid lime-stone wall. As Jas Brodie did the framing, it is needless to add that everything went together well, and that the men were handled in good style. Messrs. S. Baines and Will Jack captured the forces. Sam being a married man, naturally won; but it was only a rafter ahead.

Harkaway

Mr. and Mrs. R. Loughhead, Massie, spent Sunday with the parents of the latter, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Staples.

Quite a number from this locality drove out to the Euphrasis S. S. Convention at Ebenezer and report a pleasant outing, even to the drive home in the evening.

The good vs. bad roads movement has struck this locality again. Statute labor is the order of the day.

Mrs. John Loughhead and little daughter of Owen Sound are holidaying at the parental home.

Miss Stella Staples who underwent an operation at the General Hospital, Owen Sound, has returned home and her many friends are pleased to learn that she is rapidly regaining her usual health.

An event of a pleasing character took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hawken last week. For particulars see report in another column.

Miss Ferguson, of Keppel, is visiting at Mr. J. A. Hawken's.

Miss Beckie Shan, of Toronto, is the guest of Miss Clara Price. Her many friends are pleased to see her looking so well.

F. J. Anderson arrived home from Toronto Junction last week. The attractions must be very strong here, Fred.

Crowds from here attend the camp meetings in the suburbs conducted by evangelists Viner and Jerrett. There is much good being done.

What might have been a fatal accident happened to Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Silverlock. While driving to Owen Sound recently the tongue of the democrat dropped from the neck of the horse, causing the horses to take fright. They were all thrown out. Mr. S. Managed to keep hold of the horses and he and Miss S. came off with a few bruises, but Mrs. S. had her shoulder broken and was badly shaken up. Dr. McCullough dressed the wound. We hope it will not be long till she has full use of her arm again.

Miss J. Blyth, of Chatsworth, was the guest of Mrs. McFarlane last Thursday.

Mrs. Legard spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Crowther.

Miss J. Norton visited last week at Walters Falls, the guest of Mrs. R. H. Olmstead.

The volunteers returned from camp last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Cook, of Berkeley, were guests of Miss Boggs last Sunday. Mrs. Minion spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. W. Webster, of Chatsworth. The Misses Hannah, Tolford, Irwin and Silverlock have gone to Owen Sound to write on the Entrance exam. May they all be successful.

The Kiss. A kiss is a peculiar proposition. Of no use to one, yet absolute bliss to two. The small boy gets it for nothing, the young man has to steal it, and the old man has to buy it. The baby's right, the lover's privilege, the hypocrite's mash. To a young girl, faith; to the married woman, hope; and to an old maid, charity.

Ficnic. The New England Methodist S. S. held their annual picnic and entertainment on Tuesday afternoon and evening of this week. The attendance of members and friends of the school was all that could be desired. The afternoon was spent in games, swinging, social conversation, etc. From 5 to 8 o'clock the people did ample justice to the wholesome repast provided by the ladies. Afterward the scholars of the school rendered a program which for quality is rarely equaled and seldom surpassed. Mr. Loughhead, the Superintendent, and his band of co-workers, deserve great credit for the efficient manner in which they provided an enjoyable entertainment for the scholars and friends of the school. The report presented shows the school to be in a flourishing condition.

Crop Prospects in the West. The crop reports from Manitoba and the districts of our western Dominion show that so far as there can be certainty in human affairs, an immense crop that will eclipse all past records is certain this year in western Canada. From every one, without exception, of the 118 stations sending reports, the story is the same. The conditions all over the wheat growing area could not be better. Since the beginning of the season they have been all that could be desired. The seed went in in good time, and the soil was in excellent condition for its germination, and since the seed has burst upward to the light, the weather conditions have been such as to ensure an unprecedented abundance. The shimmer of green overlying the ground has grown rapidly and is now well on its transformation into a sea of standing wheat spreading over the West.

A Popular Excursion. There is no excursion of the year that creates such an interest, or carries so much weight or patronage as the annual Model Farm Excursion run to Guelph in June of every year by the Farmers' Institutes of the province. It is not an idle day, but one of profit to the thousands of farmers who take it in. Much instruction is derived and practical demonstrations witnessed, which sends the farmer back home with food for thought about his farm, and shows him where he is sinking his money unconsciously; that might be earning him a bank account. On Saturday next the Centre Grey Farmers Institute will hold their annual excursion in this district, and should the weather prove fine it will require many cars to carry the number who purpose going. The rate from Markdale is \$1.00 for adults and 80c for children which is a remarkably cheap rate. Tickets are good till Monday if desired, but a special will return same evening. The train is due at Markdale at 8.02 a.m. on Saturday.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR FERROZONE.

Life of a Lindsay Lady Saved by its Timely Use.

Remarkable cure of female trouble that doctors gave up as incurable. Lindsay, April 18.—Owing to the great number of wonderful cures performed by Ferrozone in this town, its reputation is now second to none. Many leading citizens have testified to its merits, and scarcely a day passes but someone proclaims the untold benefit derived from this great tonic. Mrs. J. J. Perry, of No. 4 Peter street, makes the following statement, which is of interest to every reader. "About ten years ago I was confined to my room for five months under the constant care of a doctor, suffering from weakness and female trouble, since then I have scarcely been able to get around, being always run down in flesh, nervous and hysterical. My appetite and digestion became so poor that my strength failed entirely. A constant headache, palpitation of the heart and sores at the corners of my mouth added to my burden. "My druggist, Mr. Dunoon, advised me to try Ferrozone. I used three boxes at first, and noticing an improvement bought six more. I improved steadily and grew stronger each day. Finally Ferrozone cured me. I am twenty pounds heavier, I have a splendid appetite, and my complexion is everything that could be desired. My heart trouble is gone, and to-day I am a strong, healthy woman, just what Ferrozone made me. My life was saved by Ferrozone, and I am glad to testify to its great merits."

Ms. J. J. Perry. Pale weak women who are despondent and ailing will find hope and new health in Ferrozone. It makes rich blood, braces the nerves, strengthens enfeebled organs. Ferrozone corrects stomach trouble, improves the appetite and brings color to the cheeks. Price 50c per box or six boxes for \$3.50, at all dealers. Ferrozone assures health.

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Grid of clothing and household goods categories with descriptions and prices. Categories include Dress Goods, Dress Muslins, Small Wares, House Furnishings, Staples, Ordered Clothing, Ready to wear Clothing, Gents' Furnishings, Boots and Shoes, Millinery, Hardware, Groceries, Crockery, Glassware.

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Advertisement for Canadian Pacific Dominion Day, 1903, featuring Northern Business College and a notice to creditors.

Advertisement for Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets, 'To Cure a Cold in One Day'.

The Corner House of Refuge of the Day - Large Attendance Truly Laid by V

On Thursday last, June 18th, the annual adjournment of laying the Corner Stone of the House of Refuge at Markdale, was successfully accomplished by D. K. Weston, the Warden of the County, in the presence of a very large gathering, notwithstanding the short notice given.

Supplement

June Session Held During Proceedings

In accordance with the adjournment from January of the County Council of the County of Grey, met in Marsh's Hall, Markdale, Monday, the 15th inst. The members were all present excepting Mr. who was detained owing to the illness of his father. The Warden of the chair at 2 p.m., and after of January session had been resigned, he briefly addressed Council. He said he had had council meetings in the past few weeks were vacant chairs, owing to the by the hand of death, he was pleased that this time the members of the County Council were able to be in their places. He congratulated the County Council on the prospect of a good crop, and on the satisfactory progress of the work of the County Council of Refuge. He judged that the officials having charge of the business would be able to do their duty. Council at this session, the equalization of the assessment. From what the gentlemen who composed he was satisfied they considered would be the best thought and business which would be before them. The Clerk presented the following documents, severally referred by the standing committee, and respectfully belonged, as County Treasurer's showing that the sum of \$1000 is required to be levied in excess of the estimate, largely owing to the connection with the maintenance of the bridges, etc. A copy of the Grand Jury at the County Court and referred to the Finance Society sent to the Finance Circular letters were to the Eastern and Western Roads Association respecting of general interest. An appeal from certain School sections one, five

was able to be present on the occasion not having missed a meal or an hour sleep in the interval of leaving Ottawa and reaching Markdale. Mr. Richardson said: We are favored with beautiful weather for this event, and we are pleased that it is an extreme pleasure to me to meet so many of my acquaintances, former colleagues of the County Council, among whom Messrs. Schenk and McColman, who for over thirty years, I once thought had a message to oppose this scheme. I met my honored friend, W. J. A. to the scheme, but he was appointed member of a committee to make enquiry respecting the working of Houses of Refuge generally, and as the result his enquiry he completely changed

Administratrix Notice to Creditors. In the Matter of the Estate of Samuel Miller, late of the City of Toronto, in the County of York (formerly of the Township of Glenora, in the County of Grey) Farmer, deceased. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario, Chapter 88, or any amending acts, that all persons having claims against the estate of said Samuel Miller, who died on or about the ninth day of March, 1902, are required to present or prepare or deliver to the undersigned, or to the Administrator of the estate on or before the 31st day of July, 1903, if any, held by them, and that after that date, the Administrator will distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which there is notice. Dated 6th Markdale this 6th day of June, 1903. P. McCULLOUGH, Solicitor for the Administratrix.

For Sale Large English Berkshire swine for sale. D. McLoughry, Markdale.