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Lily Oak

The click of the mower is now heard. Monday was the coldest day I ever saw for the anniversary of the battle of the Boyne. The demonstration at Markdale was certainly an all round success.

Mrs. Robt. Winlaw is on a visit with friends at Toronto and other places. Miss Lillie Bradley, of Toronto, gave her relatives hereabouts a surprise by an unexpected visit recently.

Mr. Robt. Clark, now of St. Vincent, spent the 12th with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bask visited friends at Durham last week.

Mr. Samuel Young's boys have purchased a new top buggy. Correct thing.

Vandeleur

Mr. Ben. Buchanan is home from Toronto for holidays. Misses Mary and Edith Michall, of Hoath Head, are visiting, this week with the Misses Johnston.

A number from Rocklyn belonging to the Sons of Temperance visited the lodge here last Monday for the purpose of re-organization.

Miss Sarah Johnston is home for holidays.

The Sunday school of this church held their annual picnic in Mr. Wm. Buchanan's bush on Thursday. A very enjoyable time was spent.

The Women's Institute meeting held in the Foresters' hall was a decided success. A branch Institute was formed here with Mrs. John Boland as President, and Mrs. Joseph Buchanan Secretary.

Mr. John Shannon Sundayed at the parental home.

Shelburne

The Orange celebration on Monday was one of the largest in the history of Shelburne. There was not as many lodges represented this year as was two years ago, but we think there was even more people in town. There was about 25 lodges present and the streets were liberally packed and everything passed off as orderly as could be. We did not see a drunken person, nor hear a cross word from any person during the day.

A base-ball match took place on Monday afternoon on the exhibition grounds between the Camilla and Shelburne teams resulting in a victory for the latter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Watson and Masters Ray and Harold returned home on Wednesday last week after visiting friends at Orillia. Warminister, Eady, Rugby and other places.

The masons have made a start at the tower on the Methodist church, which is to be 88 feet high and costing about \$1400.00.

The Union Sunday School excursion from Shelburne to Owen Sound on July 21st promises to be good one, and a large crowd is expected to go, it being Shelburne's civic holiday. The fare is very cheap. From Shelburne and return only \$1.10; Melancthon and Corbeton \$1.05; Dundalk \$1.00; Proton 75 cents; Fleisherton, 85 cts.; Markdale 70 cents. Children half price. The 36th Regimental band will accompany the excursion and furnish music during day. Shelburne and Melancthon tickets are good for two days. Train leaves Shelburne 7:30 a. m., and in returning train leaves Owen Sound at 7 p. m. Fare on boat to King's Park and return 10 cents extra to be procured from any of the committee on board the train. See bills for particulars.

Blantyre

The crops around Blantyre are looking very well. We all think they are even better than last year, and if nothing happens all will rejoice and be glad.

Quite a number of people passed through Blantyre en route for Markdale to participate in celebrating the Glorious Twelfth.

Mr. J. D. Robertson has been making extensive improvements to his dwelling, raising the roof of the present structure, erecting a new kitchen and putting a cellar under the entire house. Harry Carney, of Beverdale, did the stone work.

The Clark brothers and Mr. R. Ward are fitting up their steam threshing outfits, making ready for what promises to be a bountiful harvest.

Messrs. Murray and Patton, Councilors, are putting crushed stone on town line St. Vincent and Euphrasia. It was badly needed.

Mr. John Sewell has erected a substantial railing opposite lot 29, con. 8, Euphrasia. We trust there will not be any more lawsuits for our township this year.

Mr. E. Manning started this spring with 80 hives of bees. He now has 170 hives and extracted four tons of honey. Who will say that Blantyre is not a fertile county in which to live?

Mrs. Wm. McIntosh, of Meaford, visited her brother, Mr. A. C. Paterson, here, last week.

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MARKDALE, JULY 16, 1903.

ORANGE DEMONSTRATION.

Markdale Thronged on Monday

The county demonstration held on Monday in this place was a magnificent success. The weather was fair and cool and at an early hour in the morning the youth and beauty as well as the aged of the surrounding district began to pour in. The fine horses and up-to-date vehicles in scores and hundreds were a convincing evidence of the prosperity of the country. By eleven o'clock the town was a throng of humanity variously estimated at from seven to ten thousand people. The local brethren met and welcomed the neighboring lodges which drove in from 20 north, east and south, as also those who came by train from north and south. Appropriate music filled the air and the great arches and profuse bunting which adorned the compact little town, was universally admired. Dinner was served at the hotels and elsewhere to thousands, after which a huge procession formed and marched to the park in the following order: Brother W. J. Morrow, of Dundalk, director, mounted; Markdale Silver Band, Ladies True Blues, in carriages; Sarawak, Owen Sound, Holland and Enphrasia, Dundalk band, Melancthon, Osprey, Proton, Dundalk and Artemesia lodges, 27 in all. Here platform and seating accommodation had been provided and a couple of hours were entertainingly and instructively spent. County Master Guy occupied the chair. Rev. Chas. Perry, of Toronto, delivered an able address; also short speeches were given by Revs. Appleyard and Buchanan, Chas. Gordon, Esq., I. B. Lucas, M.P.P., and Mr. John Lyons. These were interspersed with appropriate music by Dundalk and Markdale bands. At the conclusion of this important part of the proceedings the procession again formed, marched up town and gave a united rally, which made the walking ring. By five o'clock the throng began to disperse by special train and otherwise and by 8 p.m. but few visitors were left in town.

The universal verdict of the visitors, as far as we could learn, was that it was the best managed and most enjoyable 12th of July demonstration that had been held in rural parts.

Swinton Park Lodge showed to special advantage, being thoroughly drilled to march to time, and general appearance. Sarawak and Ceylon Lodges also were conspicuous for neatness and good form.

The hotels, churches and others furnished excellent dinner and the hungry were generously fed.

Dundalk and Markdale bands furnished a generous supply of appropriate music.

There were some fifteen booths serving ice cream, soft drinks and fruits. The coolness of the atmosphere caused a slow sale for cold drinks, yet a paying business was done.

W. J. Howard conducted a successful hop in the rink which was largely patronized, and it is said aided materially in preventing the other kind of tangle.

The managing committee deserve special mention for the efficient, successful and satisfactory arrangements from start to finish.

The good order and respectable conduct of the immense crowd was certainly gratifying.

ON THE WING.

After rest and repairs at Kimberley, together with some business, Mr. M. R. Hammond paying \$450.00 in full for premises in which T. B. Carruthers keeps store, I steered for Markdale on the 13th with the brethren of the Orange colors, and, oh! such a crowd, big, orderly and respectable. Many familiar faces and also strange ones were met. Had a good dinner at the Methodist church, where Hon. W. G. Pickett requested your scribe to "say grace."

After dinner we followed the bumper procession to the park, where several thousand listened to able and patriotic speeches from I. B. Lucas, Charles Gordon, Jno. Lyons, Rev. Perry, Rev. Buchanan, Chairman Guy and others. Those who missed the speeches missed a treat.

I presume space is limited this week so will cut this short.

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THE FUTURE OF CANADA

Portland, U.S.A., Oregonian—Dundonald, the military representative of Great Britain in the Dominion anxious to increase the war strength of the Canadian militia to 100,000. He wants Canada to spend \$12,000,000 in fortifying Canada against the United States. But the Canadian people are more likely to spend that money in developing the resources of the Dominion, than to fortify the border against a nation which is sure to be an enemy unless Great Britain, in its war with the United States, in which is outside all present or future possibilities. There was a time when the separation of Canada from the Mother Country and its peaceful annexation to the United States was considered probable by both British and American observers. In 1870 James Russell Lowell, in a newspaper article, argued that the annexation of British North America to the United States was manifest destiny. And prediction might have come true for our own fully when in 1896 the only reason for its repeal was the blood excited between the United States and Canada during the War, Canada had shown strong sympathy with the Southern Confederacy and had become an asylum for agents and military conspirators. Senator Justin S. Morrill led in a successful movement for the repeal of the reciprocity treaty of 1854 for the next year the Dominion organized and started on its own distinct nationality. John Chalmers, the Canadian statesman, recalled that "reciprocity thirty years ago would have been a working force in the direction of political union." But temperate resentment, was the reciprocity treaty and threw back on Great Britain "and its resources and from that day the Canadian mood for annexation died and is now dead beyond resurrection. The contrast between Canada in 1854, when a reciprocity treaty was negotiated by Lord Dufferin, Governor General of Canada, the United States, and the Dominion of today, is worth reciting. It shows that Canada was feeble while today she is developing rapidly that she is likely to become a powerful rival of the United States. Canada was at that time a small, unenriched area but small, limited to the provinces of Lower Canada, now corresponding to Ontario and Quebec. The reciprocity treaty of 1854 was a good treaty for Canada, but the balance of the treaty was in favor of the United States. The movement to repeal the treaty was supported by the Dominion of Trade, by the Millinery of Commerce, by the Bank of Boston, and by the United States. From that day to this has been defeated in all the reciprocity trade treaty of the United States. In 1871 a reciprocity treaty with Canada was rejected by the Senate of the United States. In 1874 a reciprocity treaty was rejected by the House of Representatives. The reciprocity treaty of 1854 was a good treaty for Canada, but the balance of the treaty was in favor of the United States. The movement to repeal the treaty was supported by the Dominion of Trade, by the Millinery of Commerce, by the Bank of Boston, and by the United States. From that day to this has been defeated in all the reciprocity trade treaty of the United States. In 1871 a reciprocity treaty with Canada was rejected by the Senate of the United States. In 1874 a reciprocity treaty was rejected by the House of Representatives. The reciprocity treaty of 1854 was a good treaty for Canada, but the balance of the treaty was in favor of the United States. The movement to repeal the treaty was supported by the Dominion of Trade, by the Millinery of Commerce, by the Bank of Boston, and by the United States. From that day to this has been defeated in all the reciprocity trade treaty of the United States. In 1871 a reciprocity treaty with Canada was rejected by the Senate of the United States. In 1874 a reciprocity treaty was rejected by the House of Representatives. The reciprocity treaty of 1854 was a good treaty for Canada, but the balance of the treaty was in favor of the United States. The movement to repeal the treaty was supported by the Dominion of Trade, by the Millinery of Commerce, by the Bank of Boston, and by the United States. From that day to this has been defeated in all the reciprocity trade treaty of the United States.