

THE MARKDALE STANDARD

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Notes.

Fears are expressed as to the shortage of farm hands in the West to harvest the great crop. Many men will no doubt be required but unless the distributing is done on a better system than some former occasions there will be room for great disappointments on both sides. The lessons learned by some Ontarians have lasted them up to the present on the question of staying at home.

Today there are now nearly 1,000 free rural mail routes in the Dominion of Canada. With this 20th Century improvement coupled with the rural telephone and the electric railway great changes have been wrought in farm life. Now the tillers of the soil are in touch with the uttermost parts of the earth as the daily mail and electric wires bring the history of the world to their home circles.

The Ontario pioneer farmer did not find the land as you see it now. He had to chop, log and burn to clear the farm. The rail way did not pierce the country immediately ahead of him; or immediately behind him either. It was a matter of ten, twenty or thirty years before the railway came into use and then he had to mortgage his farm by way of municipal debentures as an inducement. If he was short-handed at harvest time he did not expect the railways to spend thousands of dollars advertising excursions at less than cost to bring harvesters from the east. He did not expect the government to build elevators for him so that he would not need to build granaries. He did not expect to get his money for his grain as soon as it was threshed. He did not have his wheat at the mill to be ground. As soon as he could he began to raise horses, cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry, and he did not object working in the winter time as well as the summer.—Exchange.

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HARKAWAY

(Last week.) Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnston, of Dundalk, visited with Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson recently. Mr. and Mrs. Frizzell, of Bognot, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Wiley last week. Mr. and Mrs. Will Hawken and Mrs. I. Rankin spent a day with Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Snell, of Sligo, last week. Mr. Gordon, of Epping, and Miss Vary, of Victoria, were guests at the parental home over Sunday. Mr. R. Lyons had a number of men raising his house recently, prior to putting cement wall under it.

If the parties who are using the rural mail box for depositing anonymous post cards will still persist in it we intend to make it interesting for them, as they are known. A word to the wise should be sufficient. (This week's items.) Miss Carrie Lyons, of Cheesville, is visiting her father, Mr. P. Lyons and other friends in this locality this week. Mr. and Mrs. Will Taylor, of Cherry Grove, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Halbert over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Binnis and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lyons visited with friends in the vicinity of Walters Falls recently. Mrs. E. Johnston (nee Miss Olive Steer) and baby boy, of Swift Current, arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Steer, last week and accompanied by Mrs. Steer and Miss Beulah they are visiting with friends at Oakville this week. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Meaford, Miss Boyle, Miss Magee, Miss Hutchinson, Kimberley, Mr. W. Elliott and Mr. Halbrick, Markdale, were guests of the Misses Acheson over Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. A. McLaughlin and children visited at the parental home, Walters Falls vicinity, recently. Miss Burrill, of Sligo, will wield the high at Harkaway academy of learning for this term. She comes well recommended.

(Special to The Standard.) Here we are into September and very little of the harvest in the barns yet, though most of the grain is cut. Mr. Dave Davis, who came with his wife and Miss Kathleen from South Africa last December and has been helping on the parental farm since, left on Friday for Brantford, Alta., where he may homestead or work land on shares. Wilfred Hunt leaves this week to enter Owen Sound Collegiate Institute to take up First Class work. He is a brilliant, hardworking student and we wish him success. Our lassie, Mina, is away to Toronto's big fair this week and her mother is trying to break the boys into milking the cows. Miss Jennie Cook returned home on Wednesday last from Egremont, where she had been for a fortnight visiting her sister, Mrs. W. J. McFadden. Mr. R. P. Dawson, of Port Burwell, arrived on Saturday evening to take charge of S.S. No. 5. He has had over ten years' experience and has created a most favorable impression. Willie Falkingham, of the Falls Farm, left on Friday last for Regina. Mr. and Mrs. Asa Robson and two children, of Edmonston, who have been spending part of the summer with her people in Ottawa district, arrived here during last week and are enjoying this week at the Robson home. Miss Grace Goodwill came home from Toronto some time ago to assist the home folks through the busy season. W. J. Greenwood got through cutting harvest (quite early as he had treated himself to a dandy 7 foot Massey-Harris binder. One of the oldest pioneers of the 10th con., Mr. Jas. Hall, passed away on Sunday morning, August 25th, after several years of failing health. He was born in Co. Armagh, Ireland, in 1823, and twenty years later came to Canada, shortly afterwards settling on lot 10, con. 11, where he has continuously lived since, except the past few years when he moved to his adjoining farm. He was first married to Sophia Every, who died some 36 years ago, leaving one son, James, who now resides in Manitoba. Some years later he wedded Miss Sorby, and to them were born four daughters and one son, their first born dying when nine years old. Mr. Hall was a man of quiet, reserved disposition but of sterling honesty and uprightness. He belonged to the Methodist Church and was a staunch Conservative in politics. The funeral took place the following Tuesday afternoon at Zion Cemetery. Rev. Mr. Phalen, of Markdale, conducting an impressive service at the home and the grave. Amid a goodly concourse of neighbors and friends the remains were laid away. Very few of the early neighbors of the deceased are left. Mr. John Orr and Mrs. Williamson are two, but they are creeping up in the eighties.

KIMBERLEY

(Special to The Standard.) Day weather is badly needed at present. Mrs. Mills and little daughter, of Dundalk, visited at Mr. Oliver Irwin's the past week. Mr. Gerald Wallace left on Monday last to take a position with the Collingwood Shipbuilding Co. The Bell Telephone Co. are building a line at present from Flesher-ton to Kimberley. Mr. Thos. Camack, one of our enthusiastic poultrymen, has a white leghorn pullet 8 months old that has commenced to lay. Best that if you can, you chicken-hearted men! Miss Nellie and Fred Wickens left on the excursion to the West last week for Moosejaw, Sask., while Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Graham left for Regina, Sask. Mr. W. G. Weichel, M.P., North Waterloo, spent a few days fishing in the Beaver last week. He declared Mackenzie King was Minister of Labour in the Laurier Government. He was favorably impressed with the magnificent scenery of the far-famed Beaver Valley. Mrs. Randall, of Meaford, is visiting with her brother, Mr. George Proctor, at present. Miss Elvise Bishop, accompanied by Miss Edith Hammond, visited Markdale, friends one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Burrill of Sligo visited at Mr. Neil Boyle's on Sunday last. Another of Ephrasia's old pioneer's has passed away in the person of Mr. James Wallace, who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Clark, on Wednesday, August 21st. Mr. John McCallum, of Vancouver, B.C., accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Wm. McKnight, visited at Mr. Jas. M. Fawcett's on Sunday last. The garden party held by the Baseball Club in Mr. John Peewes' orchard on Tuesday, August 20th, was a huge success. Among the sports was a baseball match between Vandeur, and Kimberley resulting in a victory for the former, the score being 14-9. A concert in the evening consisting of recitations, dialogues, vocal and instrumental music, etc., brought a very successful day to a close. Miss Belle Dugan, of Schomberg, who has been visiting friends in this vicinity, returned home one day last week. Mr. Robert Irwin, of North Bay, who has been visiting at his parental home here, returned on Friday last. (This week's items.) Fall wheat, threshing is the order of the day. During the severe electric storm which passed over here on Monday morning the barn of Mr. John Smith on the East Mountain with most of the season's crop was burned to the ground. Mr. Smith also lost a valuable brood mare and horses also have lost two more calves had it not been for the heroic efforts of his son, Howard. Mr. Smith was standing near the corner of his house and was struck by a bolt, rendering him unconscious for some time. His hair was singed and his breast blistered badly. Mr. Smith certainly had a hairbreadth escape and his many friends are pleased to know that his injuries were not more serious and much sympathy is felt for Mr. Smith in his heavy loss. Mr. John Stuart, of North Bay, is visiting friends in this vicinity at present. Mr. Bruce Walker, of the 9th line, Ephrasia, accompanied by his sister, Madge, visited at Mr. David Weber's on Sunday last. Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fawcett and family, of Collingwood, visited at Mr. Jas. R. Fawcett's on Saturday and Sunday last. Miss Chant, of Flesher-ton, visited at Mr. Thos. Lewis' a few days last week. Mr. John Myles, of Heathcote, accompanied by Miss M. Myles, visited at Mr. R. J. Stewart's on Sunday last. Mr. and Mrs. John Pewes are attending the Toronto Exhibition this week. Mr. George Hutchinson occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church on Sunday last. Mrs. Fred Birch, of Wodehouse, accompanied by her son, Aaron, visited friends here on Sunday. A public meeting of the Municipal Telephone Commissioners was held in the town hall here on Saturday night last. They are talking of building a line from Wodehouse to Kimberley. Mr. P. McCullough, of Markdale, was a caller in our burg one day last week. Mrs. E. Surbury, of Toronto, who has been visiting with her mother, Mrs. E. Burritt, returned home one day last week.

An article that has real merit should in time become popular. That such is the case with Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been attested by many dealers. Here is one of them. H. W. Hendricks, of Ohio Falls, Ind., writes: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best for coughs, colds and croup, and is my best seller." For sale by E. L. Stephen.

(Special to The Standard.) Mr. T. G. Prowd and Master Clifford are in Toronto this week. We had a very severe electric storm and heavy rain Sunday morning. The following are attending the Exhibition in Toronto this week: Dr. W. E. McCullough, E. E. Wickham, W. M. Bonnell, Miss H. N. Bonnell, Miss Georgie Gray, Mrs. N. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. A. McDougall, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Laycox, and others. Mrs. Head and two children, of Galt, are visiting her sister, Mrs. S. S. Carney. Miss Walker, of Toronto, was the guest of Mrs. Roy Bowler recently. Miss Ella Manasey, of Goring, is staying with her auntie, Mrs. C. Wright. Miss Ethel Johnston spent last week with friends in Keldon. Miss Bertie Wilson, of Cheesville, is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Ptolemy, townline. Mr. Cameron, of Vachell, visited at the home of Mr. Samuel Marshall last week. Rev. A. P. Stanley, Mrs. Stanley and Master Austin returned home last Friday after a very pleasant vacation at a former appointment, Echo Bay. Mrs. J. McArthur has returned to her home here, after spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. J. McInnis, of Goring. Miss Freda Prowd arrived home Saturday, after a visit with friends at Scarborough Junction. School re-opened Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, with Miss F. Linnin, of Toronto, as teacher. The Harvest Home Thanksgiving Service was preached in St. Philip's church last Sunday by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Horsford. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the large congregation greatly enjoyed the sermon. Harvest is progressing slowly on account of the continued wet weather. As a consequence the crops are being badly damaged in this vicinity. The Harvest Home Festival Monday evening was a grand success, very nice weather and a large attendance. A baseball match was played by Walters Falls and the 9th line teams, resulting in a score of 19-9 in favor of the visiting team. The funeral of the late Nathaniel Curry took place at the Methodist Cemetery in this place last Tuesday, August 26th, from the home of his son, Mr. C. Curry, of Rocklyn, and was attended by many sympathizing friends.

(Special to The Standard.) Mr. Caldwell, Chatsworth, visited over Sunday at Mr. L. Becker's. Mrs. Joe Parks and Miss Tom are visiting at Toronto and taking a few days at the Exhibition. Mr. and Mrs. Will Dingwall, of Swinton Park, spent last Sunday at Mr. John Carson's. Miss Mildred Lyons is visiting in Markdale. Mrs. W. D. Hopkins and Miss I. Neilson spent one day last week at Cayton. Miss Alyde Becker spent last week in Toronto.

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