

Action Free Press.

TUESDAY MORNING, Feb. 16, 1885.

Butter and Cheese.

The meetings held in the town hall last Saturday afternoon and evening were largely attended by those interested in the establishment of either a cheese factory or creamery.

The afternoon meeting was called to order at about 3:30. Upon motion Mr. Alex. Walde was appointed chairman, and Mr. Jas. Matthews secretary.

Mr. T. Ballantyne, M.P.P., of Stratford, was the first speaker, and strongly recommended the farmers to form a joint stock company for the purpose of making cheese. Mr. Ballantyne might justly be styled the cheese king of Canada, and gave a clear and concise account of just how to run the cheese business. His remarks were well received and many useful ideas imparted to his hearers.

Mr. W. Kearns, M.P.P., of Burlington, also addressed the meeting.

Mr. W. C. Beatty, of Oshawa, followed with a few remarks, after which the meeting adjourned until evening.

At the evening meeting Prof. Brown, of the Agricultural College Guelph, gave an excellent address on the manufacture of butter. The Professor is an able speaker, very practical, and in a position to give good sound advice. He strongly advised the establishment of a factory where the farmers could turn the products of their cows into ready cash.

Mr. W. C. Beatty and Col. Campbell also addressed the meeting, shortly after which it dispersed.

We hope soon to see farmers of this vicinity, taking hold of this matter and establish a good cheese factory, which would doubtless tend to place our farmers in as good standing financially, as those of Perth and Oxford counties. We believe that the farming community will be standing in their own light if they allow this opportunity to pass without securing for themselves that which would not only benefit themselves directly, but would also benefit everyone else in the neighborhood. We are of the opinion that of the two factories—butter and cheese—the latter would prove more satisfactory. In the former there is the acknowledged bad reputation of Canadian butter to overcome before a good market can be had for our butter, while the reputation of Canadian cheese is of the very highest, and our cheese always finds ready market at highest prices.

All that would be required would be a good business in the stone mill lately occupied by Mr. Moore.

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Acton Branch Bible Society.

The annual meeting of this society was held in the town hall on the evening of Friday last.

The Rev. W. J. Pigott, president, opened the chair. The minutes of last annual meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary presented report of the Executive Committee; the Treasurer his Financial Statement, and the Depositor, J. E. McGarvin, Esq., his report for the past year, all of which were duly approved.

The Financial Statement showed that the sum of one hundred and seven dollars had been collected in 1884 and transmitted to Mr. John Young, Depositor at Toronto, apportioned equally between the B. and T. & U. C. B. Society.

On motion of Mr. John Warren the following Executive officers were appointed for ensuing year: D. Henderson, Secretary-Treasurer; J. E. McGarvin, Depositor; Messrs' Peter Mann, Robt. Warren, Jas. Easton, Arch. Campbell, Duncan Kennedy, Jas. Fyfe and Paul Jarvis committee, all resident ministers of the Gospel being standing members of the Committee.

The President then delivered a brief pointed address, and was seconded by Rev. J. G. Manley, agent of the Society, who in his usual happy manner described the important work of the Bible Society. A collection, amounting to \$8.80, was taken up and the meeting dismissed with the usual benediction.

A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in the council chamber on Friday evening 20th inst., at 7:30 to appoint collectors and transact such business as may come before them. A full attendance is requested.

Rockwood News.

From our own correspondent.

The great carnival will be held in the rink on Friday evening 22nd inst.

The revival services were continued all last week in the Methodist church here.

Mr. Hayward, miller, is doing a good business in the stone mill lately occupied by Mr. Moore.

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The concerts held in this village last week were both well patronized, and each were a decided success financially.

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Afternoon session—Mass meeting of children at 2:30, children to be addressed by Rev. John McEvoy, and other S. S. workers. Children dismissed at 3:30.

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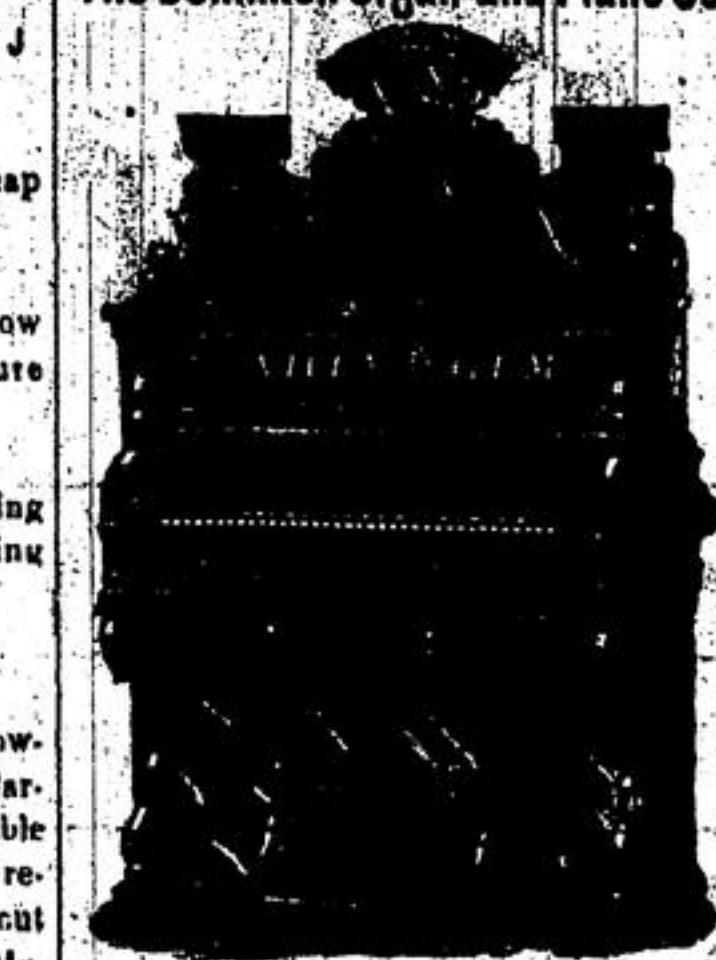
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