BORN.

CROWE.—At Clinton, Ont., on 18th Dec., the wife of Wm. Crowe, of a daughter.

LESLIE.—In Nassagaweya, on the 26th Dec., the wife of Mr. Leslie, of a son.

GAGE.—On Friday, December 14th, the wife of W. J. Gage, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

SHAW—BOWES.—At Shelburne, on the 25th inst., by Rev. T. J. McCaffend, Mr. Campbell Shaw, McOakville, to Miss Mary F. Bowes, daughter of Mr. E. F. Bowes.

GOWDY—COOLEY.—At the residence of J. W. B. Kelly, 348 Liverpool street, Guelph, on 25th December, by the Rev. G. R. Turk, Alex. A. Gowdy, son of Alderman Gowdy, to Emily M. Cooley, both of Guelph.

GODFREY—BROLEY.—At the Methodist Parsonage, Fergus, December 25th, by the father of the bride, Thomas Godfrey, son of John Godfrey, postmaster, Elora, to Clara Augusta Broley, eldest daughter of Rev. James Broley, of Fergus.

MURRAY—WEBSTER.—At the residence of Mrs. Wm. Barber, Georgetown, aunt of the bride, by Rev. K. D. Maclaren, B.D., Rev. James Murray, M.A., B.D., of Hamilton, to Madge Webster, of Georgetown.

PATTERSON—ATKINSON.—On 19th Dec. at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. W. Birks, David Henry Patterson to Jessie, youngest daughter of John Atkinson, all of Nassagaweya.

JONES—GRUMMETT.—On 25th Dec. at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. W. Birks, Thomas Frederick Jones, of Guelph, to Florence, youngest daughter of Matthew Grummett, of Nassagaweya.

DIED.

PETTIGREW.—On Friday, 21st December, 1888, Annie Somerville, relict of the late James Pettigrew, Esq., J. P., of Norval, aged 60 years, 1 month and 13 days.

BEAL.—In Pilkington, on December 25th, Eliza Bilneo, wife of Wm. Beal, aged 62 years.

DRAPER.—On the 29th December, 1888, at 154 Spadina avenue, Rebekah, the beloved wife of Joseph S. Draper, conductor G. T. R.

MANN.—In Guelph, on the 1st of January, Maggie Watson, beloved wife of James W. Mann, formerly of Acton, aged 35 years and 8 months. The funeral will take place at Guelph this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1889.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

It has been arranged that a date for the trial of the Halton Dominion election petition shall be fixed in the Queen's Bench Division of the High Court the first Court after the legal vacation.

The enormous proportions of the pension system of the United States are reflected in the fact that in the fiscal year ended June 30th last, the amount paid for pensions to old soldiers was $78,775,862.

Principal Grant says as the Japanese are largely abandoning rice in favor of bread, he can see no reason why the fertile prairies of the North West should not largely supply Japan with the wheat she will require for her thirty-eight million of people.

The Canadian Post Office department is taking steps to correct abuses of the franking privilege accorded the civil service. It is stated that not long ago a bag of wheat, weighing sixty pounds, was franked as a parcel.

The two-cent letter postal rate for the Dominion is being thoroughly agitated again throughout the country. It will no doubt be brought up at next session of the House of Commons and we hope will be introduced.

Orillia has had added to its public institutions a large malt house, in which 80 bushels of barley can be destroyed at one time. The building of this establishment was one of the inducements held out for the citizens to vote against the Scott Act last April.—*Globe.*

From all parts of Halton County come reports of the ineffective working of the Crooks act. It is everywhere conceded that the change has not benefitted the county, and that a vote on the Scott Act to-day would result in an overwhelming victory for prohibition.—*Citizen.*

Alcohol applied to a thrifty farmer's stomach will remove the boards from his fence, let the cattle into his crops, kill the fruit trees, sow his fields with thistles, mortgage his farm, subdue his reason, rouse his passions, bring want, sorrow and disgrace on his family, and topple him into a drunkard's grave. So says the Shelburne *Economist.*

Rev. A. E. Russ, M. A., pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Woodstock, in a recent sermon said that Canadians have a richer heritage even than that promised to the ancient Israelites. The reverend gentleman has been a missionary, and therefore has seen considerable of the world. Like Principal Grant, he considers that Canada is the best country on earth.

A bill has been introduced in the United States Senate for the establishment of a national laboratory at Washington for the study and investigation of the nature and cause of the contagious and infectious diseases which threaten and endanger the health of the people and of the live stock interests of the country. An appropriation of $550,000 is made for the purchase of ground, the erection of buildings and the purchase of necessary apparatus and appliances.

At the annual meeting of the Dominion Grange at Guelph last week, the adopted report of the committee on temperance reaffirmed the position of the Grange, holding that it was entirely subversive of good government to license an evil by the few were privileged to injure the many. From the manner in which the Scott Act had been carried the committee thought a prohibitory law would be sustained by a large majority of the people. It also hoped that the churches would cease to use for sacramental purposes intoxicating wine, that frequently has not a particle of the juice of the grape in it.

Since the last issue of the FREE PRESS the wasted form of 1888 has been buried, like its predecessors, in the cemetery of departed years. The past twelve months have brought to each and all of us a measure of experience. Sunshine and shadow have been blended, and joy and sorrow have in turn been tempered by the changing lights. Pleasure unalloyed has been the lot of few, while bitterness that comes from blighted hopes and crushed disappointments have entered into many lives. Weal and woe in unequal parts have been meted out, and the burdens they have been called to bear have weighed them to the earth. Yes! the year just ending has borne its fruitage, and not unlike the orchard's autumn crop, it has dropped to some the gold tinted pippins of pleasure, while to others only the gnarled, unhealthy fruit has fallen. But to what purpose do we ruminate upon the unhappy past? Let the dead year bury its dead, and let the hopeful angel of hope usher us into a new life in the new year, and forgetful of the past but mindful of the lessons they have taught us, we may make the future brighter than our past has been. That health, prosperity and pleasure may fall to the lot of all our patrons in 1889 is our sincerest wish, and may it prove to be in verity a Happy New Year.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Mr. Storey Again Re-Elected Reeve.—The list of Candidates Nominated for Councillors.

ELECTIONS ELSEWHERE.

The nomination of Reeve and Councillors for this municipality on Monday, failed to create any unusual interest. There was, however, a large attendance of ratepayers present, and the following nominations were made:—

FOR REEVE.

1. W. H. STOREY.—Nominated by W. P. Brown and William Ismond.

There being no other nominations Mr. Storey was declared re-elected by acclamation.

FOR COUNCILLORS.

1. JOSEPH SPEIGHT.—Nominated by A. W. Lambert and William Williams.
2. JOHN HARVEY.—Nominated by Rev. R. B. Cook and W. P. Brown.
3. DR. LOWRY.—Nominated by D. Henderson and Rev. R. B. Cook.
4. WILLIAM ISMOND.—Nominated by Thos. Perryman and W. H. Storey.
5. W. E. SMITH.—Nominated by William Williams and William Swackhamer.
6. W. P. BROWN.—Nominated by Joseph Speight and William Williams.
7. ALEX. SECORD.—Nominated by I. Francis and Thomas. Perryman.
8. ISAAC FRANCIS.—Nominated by William Smyth and D. Henderson.
9. GEORGE HYDE.—Nominated by D. Henderson and William Ramsey.—Declined.
10. A. E. NICKLIN.—Nominated by Jos. Speight and William Williams.
11. JOHN KENNEY.—Nominated by A. W. Lambert and Rev. R. B. Cook.

At the expiration of the hour for nominations, Mr. Thomas T. Moore, Clerk, took the chair and invited the members of the former Council and the candidates for the new to address the electors.

MR. W. H. STOREY was the first to take the platform, and in a speech of over half an hour made the finest address which he has ever delivered before the electors here. He thanked them heartily for the honor paid him in returning him by acclamation as Chief Magistrate of the Municipality. He referred in an interesting manner to the status of the Municipality as shown by the statement published on the 15th ult., and gave an interesting review of the work accomplished by the Council during the year just closed. A short preview of work which would be necessary for next year's Council was given and other matters of interest referred to.

MR. W. P. BROWN, chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented a report of the finances for the year showing the receipts and expenditures for all purposes. Mr. Brown also expressed a very decided opinion that an adequate system of fire protection should be adopted and put into operation. Not only would this be satisfactory as a protection to property but it would also largely reduce insurance rates.

MR. WILLIAM ISMOND, chairman of the Committee on streets and sidewalks gave a detailed report of the work performed by his committee in 1888. He showed that while the expenditure was greater than usual the improvements effected were also much greater.

MR. W. E. SMITH concurred in all that had been stated by the previous speakers, and was satisfied with their reports.

The meeting then adjourned.

Since the above was put into type, Messrs. I. Frances, A. E. Nicklin and W. P. Brown have withdrawn from the contest.

HALTON COUNTY.

BURLINGTON—Reeve—Dr. Richardson and John C. Smith. Councillors—James Mortimer, John W. Colling, Simeon Cline, Fred. Parsons, J. C. Campbell, Thomas Atkinson, Joseph Ackland.

GEORGETOWN.—Reeve—G. H. Kennedy, Dr. Wm. Freeman. Councillors—A. C. McKinlay, W. H. Kahre, Joseph Barber, W. P. Moore, L. Grant, R. Creelman.

MILTON—Mayor—S. Dize. Dr. J. E. Harrison. Reeve—Dr. Robertson, elected by acclamation. Councillors:—East Ward—M. Conway, Thos. McDowell, Jas. Lindsay, John White, R. S. Porter, Geo. Smith, Duncan McKay, Robert Ramshaw, Thos. Henderson. North Ward—Geo. Andrews, J. P. Roper, Geo. Hemstreet, John Ezard. South Ward—James Hume, Chas Jones, Wm. McKenzie, John Hunter, Dr. P. Stuart, Wm. Caldwell, Dr. C. Freeman, Wm. Bews.

OAKVILLE.—Mayor—John Urquhart, M. D. Reeve—M. Felan. Councillors—Ward 1—C. Armstrong, Arthur D. Chisholm and Wm. Whitaker. Ward 2—M. L. Biggar, E. H. Gulledge, Thomas Howarth and John Ion. Ward 3—Chas. A. Bradbury, Wm. Busby, C. W. Coote, Robert Hawes, Thomas Reynolds, Isaac Warcup and John Wales.

ESQUESING—Former Council re-elected by acclamation. R. Graham, Reeve; Dr. Webster, 1st Deputy; Dr. Cook, 2nd Deputy.

NELSON—Reeve—P. D. Scott, elected by acclamation. Deputy Reeve—G. W. Pettit, J. Miller. Councillors—A. Alton, Thos. Easter brook, W. J. McMaster, D. Hartley, G. Gastle, J. J. Fields.

Guelph—Thos. Gowdy and Geo. Sleeman.

Brampton—A. F. Campbell, T. Holtby and Mr. Treadgold.

ERIN.—Reeve—W. Conboy, by acclamation. Councillors—C. H. Walker, D. Spiers, W. Hall and C. Overland.

STEETSVILLE.—Reeve—W. Andrew and T. H. Goodison. Councillors—W. Madill, L. Scratton, T. W. Robinson, F. W. Morgan, R. Alexander, J. H. Dracass, J. Brookbank.

NOMINATIONS ELSEWHERE.

MAYORS BY ACCLAMATION.

Toronto—E. F. Clarke.
Hamilton—William Doran.
Brantford—C. B. Heyd.
Prescott—John Carruthers.
Pembroke—W. Murray.
St. Mary's—T. D. Stanley.
Galt—J. M. Lumsden.
Dundas—H. Bickford.
Perth—Thos. Code.
Waterloo—C. Kumpf.
Orangeville—John Gilchrist.
Owen Sound—Duncan Morrison.
Cobourg—Samuel Clark.
Paris—H. Stroud.
Cornwall—Dr. Hamilton.
Whitby—John Blow.
Berlin—L. J. Breithaupt.
Palmerston—R. Johnston.
Orillia—J. W. Slaven.

Burglary at Chesley.

CHESLEY, Dec. 30.—Late Saturday night or early Sunday morning M. A. Halliday's store in this place was broken into and about $600 worth of goods, consisting of furs, overcoats, velveteens and silk handkerchiefs, were stolen. Entrance into the building was made by prying up a window in the storehouse and then removing the lock of the door leading into the store.

—A Bed Room sett complete for $17 up a Speight & Son's Furniture shop. Other furniture proportionately low.

CONVENTION OF DAIRYMEN.

Proposal for Canada's Butter Makers to Meet at Ottawa, and Organize a Dominion Dairymen's Association.

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LETTER NO. V.

Our friends the newspaper editors, who have made heroic efforts to cram into their available space these letters (to the editorial eye, appalling in dimensions), deserve our greatest consideration, my reader. So I have bethought myself of the comfort of these good people, and I have anticipated a genuine satisfaction on their part in seeing this letter a short one. To do this I am interjecting between regular letters, a special message to Canadian farmers, which it was vainly hoped would have been given ere this in regular order for publication of letters. This message has reference to the need of

A DOMINION DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

In letters to come the reader will see that one of the factors in the improvement of dairying abroad has been organization. A knowledge of the history of Canadian dairying will teach him that organization has been most effective here. Among the suggestions of needed action, which were the outcome of foreign investigations, there was none that pressed itself forward more forcibly than this need. Already we have excellent local or provincial organization. We lack only general or Dominion organization. The main idea of organization is a combination of the forces for legislature and executive work. Such organization involves meetings of enterprising, active and representative men from all parts of the country discussions of general questions, and such action as seems best to the assembled wisdom in the general interest. The most promising means of attaining these ends appeared to the writer to be a dominion dairymen's convention. The place for holding such convention should be Ottawa; and the time, this winter during the coming session of Parliament. The members of Parliament, agriculturally inclined—and there are a good many such—would take an active interest in the meetings and their services would be availed of by their constituents, to assist delegates, or even to act as such.

The cordial approval by many prominent dairymen, in all parts of the Dominion, has made the proposed convention a practical certainty. The desire to make the work of months productive of practical results has led the writer to commit himself to the idea of such a convention, which means doing everything in his power to make it a success. It is not too much to ask of Canadian dairymen that each one of them do his part towards making the success hoped for, and the writer has abundant faith in a hearty response to the opportunity here presented to perhaps give the dairy industry a great impetus.

I made an effort to secure the co-operation of the fruit industry in the proposed convention, which has resulted in a suggestion that one day, at least, be set apart for the consideration and discussion of such questions as will equally serve the fruit interest, say the questions of marketing, cold storage, transportation, etc.

THE QUESTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED

would naturally be of a general rather than of a local character, such as markets, marketing, packing, packages, storage, refrigeration, transportation, inspection, grading, butter v. cheese, co-operation, various systems of co-operation, educational work, dairy schools, technical aspects, etc., etc.

It is to be hoped that anyone interested and possessed of valuable ideas in this connection will be prepared to offer them; not necessarily in a long paper, but rather written or spoken in sharp, crisp form, and to the point.

While abroad I made a few purchases which promised to possess for such an occasion a certain interest, and perhaps value all of which will be freely placed at the use of the convention; notably, in this collection a milk-testing apparatus, which I found in successful use in the Copenhagen Milk Supply establishment, and only there.

There are many dairymen who may contribute something in this way to the needs and usefulness of such a convention. Even the contributions of manufacturers and dealers would be of value; and these would serve their own interests, legitimately, in offering anything in their respective lines.

Were it earlier in the season, I would further propose that butter-makers in different parts of the country send in samples of their product, especially where these samples could be accompanied with full particulars of their manufacture. These products would serve several important purposes. They would indicate what are the

VARIOUS METHODS ADOPTED

throughout the Dominion in butter-making. They would be put, as prepared, to the test of transportation, comparison and valuation. They would afford contrast of the different methods in vogue, and, by bringing into view the best, would afford suggestion of what might be adopted more generally. They would afford object lessons for the convention, of greatest possible value. These samples, also, would afford immediate means of carrying out certain experimental work in transportation abroad and marketing. It is possible that there may be available some few samples of this character, but the suggestion must not be lost sight of in future years.

Low railway fares will be secured, and if possible reduced hotel fares; all to be duly announced.

It goes without saying that in an effort of this kind, any attempt to bring about so very desirable an organization should be seconded by every well wisher of agriculture. Let us hope that many valuable suggestions will be offered, either through the press or by private correspondence. I also hope that the various subjects which shall be brought forward in these series of letters will evoke thorough discussion, and so bring out much valuable truth.

Wishing readers the fullest joys of this happiest season, and future prosperity in their noble calling.

W. H. LYNCH.

Danville, Que., December, 29, 1888.

WHAT IT COSTS

To Imprison a Canadian Without Legal Authority and Identification.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—Mr. A. E. Hatheway, a Canadian, was arrested and imprisoned at Fort McKinney, Wyoming Territory, in February, 1885, on the supposition that he was a deserter from the United States army. Mr. Hatheway brought the matter to the attention of the Dominion Government, and a claim of $500 for indemnification for false imprisonment was made on his behalf through the Imperial authorities. This sum was considered hardly sufficient under the circumstances and Mr. Hatheway, through the Ottawa authorities, pressed for a larger amount. The correspondence has been going on for some time past, and has finally resulted in the United States Government acknowledging the justice of the claim and increasing the indemnification to $1,000. A despatch to this effect has just been received from Lord Salisbury.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION.

The Men who will Transact the Business of the Public School next Year.

The election of trustees to fill the three vacancies on the Board caused by the expiration of the terms of office of Messrs. Lowry, McCarvin and Nicklin took place yesterday. Considerably more than usual interest was taken in the matter, but notwithstanding, the utmost good feeling prevailed. Before the election Mr. James Matthews withdrew from the contest and this left six candidates in the field, and the following is the result of the voting:—

CANDIDATES.	No. 1.	No. 2.	TOTAL.
W. H. Storey	56	38	94.
A. E. Nicklin	51	43	87.
T. H. Harding	45	41	86.
Dr. Lowry	29	41	70.
Dr. Stacey	35	21	55.
John Cameron	5	29	34.

The Board of Trustees for the present year will consequently be composed as follows:—I. Francis, George Hyde, W. H. Storey, Thomas Ebbage, A. E. Nicklin and T. H. Harding.

ROCKWOOD NEWS.

From our Own Correspondent.

The usual watch-night meeting was held in the Methodist church on New Year's Eve.

Owing to the slight demand for lime in the holiday season all the Rockwood kilns are shut down for the present.

Mr. Daniel Strathan preached most acceptable sermons in Knox church, Elora, last Sunday morning and evening.

A very successful social was held in the Presbyterian church on Wednesday evening, 26th ult.

A Tea-meeting with distribution of prizes, in connection with St. John's church Sunday School, was held in the town hall, Friday evening. A magic lantern added to the pleasure of the entertainment for the little folk.

Some of the young men around town have unwittingly got into trouble with the Salvation army. Wishing to leave the town hall where a meeting was being held, they were confronted at the door with the brilliant idea of the officers that they could lock in as their discretion any casual visitor. However the idea failed to materialize.

I clip the following from the Rockwood *Advance*:—

On Christmas night a very enjoyable time was spent at Lee's Hotel. The friends and acquaintances of Mr. R. A. Ramsay gathered together to show him the respect in which he is held and bid him farewell before his departure. About 10 o'clock some forty ladies and gentlemen sat down to an excellent supper. After full justice had been done to the viands, Dr. Dryden, who occupied the head of the table, made a few appropriate remarks expressing his regret at the departure of the guest, and wishing him all good luck in the future. A short address by Mr. Strachan was followed by the parting words of Mr. Ramsey, who thanked his friends for this expression of their good will toward him, and assured them that the most difficult part connected with leaving the many friends he had in Rockwood and surrounding country was in bidding good-bye. Mr. Ramsay intends spending three months at the Veterinary College in Toronto and then visiting Manitoba.

X. Y. Z.

January 1st, 1889.

LITERARY NOTICES.

The Montreal *Witness* is offering a great inducement to its subscribers for the *Daily* and *Weekly Witness* for 1889, by giving them a copy of the $120,000 picture, "Christ before Pilate," the most notable picture ever brought to America, for only twenty-five cents. The different departments of the *Weekly* are attracting much attention, and are to be found full of valuable information to the farmer, merchant and house-wife. The *Witness* is unequalled as a family payer. The *Northern Messenger*, the pioneer paper, is greatly improved and should be in the hands of every boy and girl, who will find most instructive reading therein.

Ayer's Almanac for 1889, published by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass., comes to us in the shape of a neat presentation book of about five hundred pages, being made up of numerous editions calculated for the latitudes of many lands. A score or more of nationalities are addressed in their own languages in this volume, and could they all be heard clamoring together for Ayer's Sarsaparilla and Ayer's Pills what a Babel would break forth! Ayer's Almanac in its familiar yellow cover, has long been known as the most accurate and reliable of its kind; and if any one is ignorant of the superior merits of Ayer's medicines, and suffers in consequence, it is not the fault of this enterprising firm, who scatter their "leaves" by the million, "for the healing of the nations." Ask your druggist for Ayer's Almanac.

A bright and spicy journal is "*Maxwell's Illustrated*" monthly. It is devoted to News, Literature and Rural Homes. It is well edited. An account of a trip "Round the World," by W. E. H. Massey, is very interesting. This journal should become a general favorite with the farming community in whose interest it is specially devoted.

A new paper has made its appearance published and edited by H. B. Donovan, editor of the *Canadian Poultry Review*. It is called *Pigeons and Pets*, and as its name implies, is specially devoted to pets, both birds and animals. Fanciers and breeders of pets generally should hail it with pleasure. Price 50c.

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Steer Astray.

STRAYED upon the premises of the subscriber, lot 19, con. 7, Esquesing, about the 8th of August, a yearling steer. The owner can have him by proving property and paying expenses. WILLIAM MILES.

Esquesing, Dec. 11th, 1888.

Black Terrier Lost.

A SUITABLE reward will be paid for the recovery of a black terrier pup, six months old, has long hair and a white spot on front foot. To be left at JOHNSTON'S HOTEL.

House & Lot For Sale.

THE house and Lot on Main street, opposite Thos. C. Moore's residence is offered for sale. Possession given at once. For full particulars apply to James Burns, Acton, or to the owner JAMES BUTLER, Highgate, Ont.

$20.00 REWARD.

THE above reward will be paid to any person furnishing information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the persons who destroyed the fence on our property, corner Mill and Main streets, Acton.

J. P. SECORD, Drawer 69, Orillia.

STEERS ASTRAY.

STRAYED to the premises of the subscriber, lot 26, con. 4, Esquesing, about the 1st of October a pairs of steers—one red the other spotted, rising two years old. The owner is requested to prove property pay expenses and take them. PETER MANN.

Esquesing, Dec. 1st, 1888.

Fruit Trees, Small Fruits

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REV. B. B. Cook, Acton, has been appointed sole agent for this section for the well known Old Rochester Nursery, S. Moulson, proprietor, and is prepared to take orders for any of the fruit trees, small fruits or shrubs which are shown in the illustrated catalogue of the nursery. The products of the Old Rochester Nursery are known to be generally reliable and correctly named, and I can promise satisfactory results to all who purchase stock from me. Prices reasonable. REV. B. B. COOK, Agent.

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