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Maple Those who attended the S. S. convention at Thornhill enjoyed the different sessions. Quite a number went down for the evening meetings.

Rev. Mr. Logan, of Victoria University, preached in the Methodist church Sunday evening. Last Friday evening a sleigh load of young people went to the home of Mr. Geo. Watson, near King, and had a very pleasant time.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Institute was held here on Monday. At the evening meeting addresses were given by Miss Lillian Gray, of Toronto, on Domestic Science; Mr. Campbell, of Woodville, on "The Secrets of Success," and Mr. Carey on "Fruit Growing." The chair was occupied by Mr. Thornburn, and songs were given by Mr. O. Nixon and Mr. W. T. Cook. Mr. Cecil Keys has secured a position in the office of Mr. G. Teasdale, Laskay, and started to work there on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McCallum, of Laskay, spent Sunday at Mr. W. Carson's. The Public Library Committee of Management have arranged for a concert in the Masonic Hall on Saturday evening. The programme will be given by Mr. J. H. Cameron, Mr. G. Smedley, and Mrs. W. Ramsay of Toronto. A good time is expected. The funeral of Oliver David, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Shunk, of Toronto Junction, and formerly of this place, took place last Friday at Maple cemetery. Many of the deceased's young friends followed his remains to their last resting place, where the burial service was read by Rev. W. G. Back. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all, in their great loss.

Headford Mrs. Geo. Dean who had been very ill is better. Miss Retta Leek is at present visiting friends in Toronto. Mrs. Welman was visited on Sunday by her sister Mrs. Wice and her husband, Mr. John Wice, Thornhill. Mr. Stevenson of Toronto, preached a missionary sermon here on Sunday. He is an able speaker and his discourse was well received. Mrs. Tripp of Toronto, is visiting her parents here. We are pleased to note that Miss A. Lilley who was very ill is able to be out again. Mrs. Chas. T. Brodie was visited by her brother, Mr. Thos. Doan of Parry Sound, last week. Mr. Barker and family who had a severe attack of la grippe are again better. Miss Laura Leek visited friends in the City last week. Mrs. Alison is very ill at present. A social evening was spent at Mr. C. Horner's home last week, Mrs. Horner having entertained a number of her young friends. Mr. Henry Phillips still suffers from his severe illness. Mrs. Soules also is on the sick list. Mrs. Geo. Padget has returned home from her trip to Buffalo. Mrs. G. Caldwell is quite ill. The flinch club is progressing favorably at Headford. Miss Ella Mapes is visiting at her home here. Miss Gertie Bond entertained some of her friends at her home Wednesday evening, and a pleasant time was spent.

A Question in Farm Economics. The passing of the cedar swamp, together with the rapidly rising value of ash, oak and other timber in the older parts of the Dominion, a number of years ago, the question of fencing our farms appeared to assume a serious problem. We had grown accustomed to the use of wood, and wood only, in the surrounding and dividing of our land, and it seemed as though nothing could take its place. A ray of hope seemed to appear with the introduction of the planted hedge in many districts, but this proved a very expensive and quite unsatisfactory mode of fencing. Many were compelled to resort to the use of barbed wire, but this proved a very expensive and cruel barrier, more especially to horses and cattle, since the animal losses from it proved enormous. Then came the woven wire structure, which, though inadequate at first, gradually became a satisfactory solution to the whole fencing problem. Through the wisdom of the Dominion Government the grades of wire needed for its construction were placed on the Free List. Keen competition between powerful United States factories reduced the price of wire until it became quite inexpensive. Canadian fence factories sprung up and began to turn out fencing of excellent quality at a price in keeping with the low value of wire—their raw material. This proved an excellent thing for the fence companies, but a better thing for the farmer, as he could use up his decaying, weed-encouraging rail fences

for summer fuel and replace them with wire structures which answered the purpose infinitely better, were easy of erection and required practically no repairing for many years.

Farm fencing has reached a satisfactory basis. If left alone, farm improvement, so far as fencing is concerned, can continue to go on as it has been doing for some years, with comparatively little expense. But a check is threatened. A number of manufacturing concerns in Canada would like to engage in making the grades of wire which are admitted free of customs tax, but they cannot do so profitably unless the price of wire goes up. To accomplish this an effort is under way to have a duty put on these wires. If they succeed there must be one sure result—the price of wire must rise, which would seriously interfere with farm improvement, and throw the fence factories into confusion. Many of the old fences, with all their unsightly appearance and inconvenience, would have to remain a few years longer; stock keeping and dairying in the prairie country would receive a setback, and nothing but loss and confusion would be the result.

The present situation in regard to fencing is satisfactory. Let every farmer and farmer's friend urge upon his representative at Ottawa the importance of opposing any movement in the direction of placing galvanized iron or steel wire Nos. 9, 12 and 13 upon the dutiable list.

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MARCH CANADIAN MAGAZINE. For interesting illustrations and variety of contents, the March Canadian Magazine is noteworthy. The beautifully tinted pictures of the Russo-Japanese war show considerable care on the part of the publishers, and set a high standard for Canadian printers. The article on the Cornwall Canal Lightning Contract should attract considerable attention. The case is well stated, from a purely business standpoint, while the illustrations add to the illuminating explanations. Frederick Hamilton's sketch of Professor Robertson will no doubt be widely read, for it is well done. The article on "Agricultural Progress in Quebec," with its striking portraits of families of thirteen and sixteen children, is pleasing as well as informing. It may surprise the average reader to learn of the magnificent development which has recently taken place in a province which is often unfairly said to lack the progressive spirit. Alan C. Thompson, a brother of Seton Thompson, writes on "The Taxation of Franchises." Douglas Kerr has a message for the public in his "Future Calls upon the Empire." Albert R. Carman deals with the universal practice of "Tipping." The stories are five in number, the authors being W. Victor Cook, H. M. Johnston, Mary Stewart Durie, James W. Falconer and Eric Bohn. The frontispiece, "To the Memory of Brave Men," presents a famous incident in the Metebele wars.

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