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The public hall has been the scene of some lively times this season. Two weeks ago a box social was held to start a fund to place a piano in the Hall. It was a brisk affair and some sixty-two dollars was raised. A committee was put in to raise further funds and resolved on a concert night. The chief feature of Friday evening 25th was a comic debate "Resolved that Bachelors have more influence in the world than spinners" affirmative, H. Collard and G. Lyons—Negative, C. P. Sanderson and Jack Frisby. Their efforts were heartily enjoyed. There was a great deal of wisdom and a vast lot of humor displayed. The audience judged and the result was in favor of the spinners. Another feature was a Harmonica Contest, W. Freeland, G. Lyons, R. Cropper, J. Empringham and Jim Smith scattered some sweet strains from this now popular instrument. The judges decided in favor of Mr. J. Empringham who received a box of Olde Tyme chocolates. Miss Laura Gee gave a piano solo, Alan Lightfoot a scotch selection, D. Cropper a recitation while Miss Mae Meek brought forth rounds of applause for her reading. It was a great night and as everybody who came paid one-half cent for every inch in height, the measuring committee, Miss Caswell and Mr. H. McCague were quite busy and the victims as they passed under the rod were taxed accordingly, the result being thirty-one dollars. Some were accused of wearing low heels. Well why not? Mr. O. Brooke was master of ceremonies. Look out for April 8th.

Messrs. R. Nichols, O. Brooke and Jim Smith did their work with quickness and despatch in purchasing a piano. Their purchase was a fine square piano of the Heintzman make. Plans are being considered to enlarge the Public Hall. As it is too small for any considerable gathering it seems the time has come to make the building more convenient. Let everybody help it's for the community.

Mr. Oscar Brooke will take up residence in the town having leased J. Williams house.

Mrs. T. Frisby and Mrs. Walter Scott Senior are under the doctor's care.

An Abundant Flow Of Sap This Year

Fall Wheat And Seed Crops Wintered Well The syrup makers, Messrs. Anson Nichols and Harry Bennet are having a "sweet" time this week. Even though the evaporator is kept boiling day and night, the flow of sap is so abundant that the pans can scarcely keep pace with the supply. In fact the men are kept so busy that they haven't time to get on the road to fill their many orders.

Mr. Walter Collins made a farewell visit at the town butcher's on Sunday. He expects to be in Saskatchewan shortly. His many friends here hope to see him with us next winter to finish learning the trade.

Mr. William Boston is spending a week with his brother near Napanee. Mrs. M. Perkins is spending two weeks with her son, Mr. L. Perkins, in Toronto.

Mr. William Fraucy, one of our oldest agriculturists thinks he never saw fall wheat and young seeds come out in such an ideal condition as they have this spring.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Heise and family who spent about six months in the Sunny South returned by motor one day last week. Mr. Heise was delighted with his visit and his trip in the Chevrolet Sedan was thoroughly enjoyed. The only expense with the car outside of gas and oil was for two patches for the tube. Their many friends welcome them back to resume their duties on the farm.

The paper hangers and decorators are enjoying their harvest now, after a few weeks' rest.

Mr. R. Cunningham spent a day last week trying to put the fourth in shape to take care of motor traffic.

The trustees of No. 7 have a problem on their hands. The school population at present is more than the seating capacity of the school. In a few weeks they will need another room to accommodate all the pupils who desire to gain admission.

MAPLE

The house owned by the late J. Kinnee has been sold to Mr. Jesse Keffer of Edgeley and the present occupant Mr. J. Routley and family are moving to Richmond Hill.

Last Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Routley had a visit from their respective classes in the sabbath school of the United Church and were presented with a beautiful floor lamp and an address in appreciation of the interest they had taken in the young people. The presentation was made by Miss Frances Johnson and the address read by Miss Irene Leathersdale. Mr. and Mrs. Routley were taken by surprise and replied, thanking the classes for the gift and their good wishes. A social evening was then spent by all.

Mrs. W. Graham of Tara visited last week with her cousin Mrs. C. Norman.

Miss Sylvia McCallum has resigned her position as telephone operator and her place is being taken by Miss M. Ball.

Mr. T. A. Cousins returned on Saturday from a business trip to Hamilton and Buffalo.

Miss Laidlaw of Toronto visited over Sunday at the home of Mr. R. and the Misses Walkington.

Neglect of Lambs Is Costly Mistake

Buck Lambs So Drastically Penalized On Markets That It Does Not Pay To Raise Them.

According to a recent report from the Ontario Agricultural Department, the lambing season has already commenced, although the bulk of the new animals will not arrive before the end of the month. Hard on the heels of the lambing must come the job of castrating and docking if the farmer is to secure maximum returns. Buck lambs are now penalized so drastically on all the larger markets that one cannot afford to raise them, while tails on sheep went out of fashion when wet pastures came in.

With Care, Losses Negligible. "Farmers should not fear this job," states L. E. O'Neil of the Ontario live Stock Branch, "and if a little care is taken losses will be negligible, not any heavier in fact than is the case with young pigs. James Telfer who is in charge of the Dominion Government sheep improvement work in Western Ontario told me he had seen 4,000 lambs castrated last season without a loss, though of course this is a little exceptional. But with a little care in the way of disinfectant and shelter, there is practically no risk," continued Mr. O'Neil. "Both castrating and docking should be done in the morning and the sheep allowed to stay around the barn under shelter and observation for a day or two. In the case of docking it may be necessary to tie a string around the tail stump for a day if bleeding is excessive. In the average flock both jobs should not take more than a couple of hours, and should be carried out when the animals are from ten days to two weeks old.

Well Worth While With packers enforcing a cut of two dollars on all buck lambs up to the first of November and three dollars after that there is no argument

about the necessity of castrating, according to Mr. O'Neil, who pointed out in addition to this sufficient reason, the fact that an uncastrated lamb will not make the same gain as the other nor will his meat be of such high quality. Leaving the tails on, he also explained, results in dirty and often diseased hind-quarters, especially in the fall of the year.

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