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DURHAM CHRONICLE

W. IRWIN, Editor and Proprietor.
Durham, June 1, 1905.

SANCTUM SIFTINGS.

Applicants are now canvassing the County Commissioners for the position of School Inspector of East Grey, rendered vacant a few weeks ago by the death of Mr. Andrew Grier, who for nearly half a century had been connected with the schools in that part of the county. East Grey being the home of our boyhood and early school days, we are anxious to see the vacancy filled by the very best material the Council can procure. It is not our intention at present to say anything in favor of any of the applicants any more than to wish the commissioners to be guided by their own best judgment, as well as the opinions of those in a position to know the comparative merits of the applicants. The Inspector in any county, or any division of a county, has much to do with the progress made in his inspectorial division along educational lines. A good active, intelligent and properly educated Public School Inspector has an inestimable value in imparting his own peculiar educational enthusiasm into the teacher with whom he comes in contact. We are pleased to feel that in South and West Grey our teachers are in capable hands, and we have every reason to believe that the schools are doing well, and the teachers are alive to their duties. It is not our desire to reflect on the capabilities of Mr. Grier, but, being a man living on borrowed time for some years past, he would naturally be looked upon as a little behind the times along educational lines. The schools of East Grey, if we have correct information, do not stand high, and now that a change is to be made, we hope to see a man put there who will so enthuse the teachers with a progressive educational spirit, that our own native portion of the county may outstrip the other two inspectorates. Mr. Huff, of Meaford, and Mr. Mowatt, a former successful principal of the same institution, are mentioned to us as two of the applicants. Besides these we have heard mentioned the names of Mr. Baines of Warton, and Mr. Laton of Chesley. The question will likely be settled at the June

session of the County Council. We have just learned that a portion of the Council is in favor of dividing up East Grey between Inspectors Campbell, and Burgess, in which two men will be doing the work formerly done by three. This move would be all right if it doesn't overtax the ability of the Inspectors, by the additional work called for by three additional townships.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

FRUIT DIVISION.
Ottawa, May 27, 1905

FRUIT CROP REPORT.

The general conditions for fruit of all kinds are excellent. The winter, though cold, has not resulted in exceptional damage to trees and vines. The only serious losses are from tree girdling by mice, and the mutilation of trees by the heavy snow fall in the Maritime Provinces. Minor losses by winter killing in Eastern Canada are reported in cases of trees injured but not killed outright by the winter of 1903-04, as well as in cases of trees that were overloaded in 1904.

APPLES.

Reports are almost unanimous that the show for bloom is excellent. It must not be forgotten that the critical period of "setting" is not yet reported over any large area. The weather has been very unfavorable for pollination for the past two weeks in Western Ontario. It is also too early to report on fungus and the most destructive insects.

PEARS.

Pear bloom is most abundant.

PLUMS.

The commercial plum sections all report the outlook favourable. The light crop last year as well as the good weather conditions for growth has placed the plum trees in excellent condition for a large crop this year, if insects, frost or fungus do not intervene. It is not too early to make preparations for an exceptional crop and prevent a repetition of the disastrous losses of 1903.

PEACHES.

The new plantings have scarcely balanced the winter-killing of 1899 and 1903 so that even with a favourable outlook for this season on healthy trees the aggregate crop will not be large.

OTHER FRUITS.

Cherries and bush fruits are all in good condition. Strawberries are reported in fair condition, but with some winter killing. The spring frosts to date have not seriously hurt the crop, except in very limited areas. Raspberries promise well but no over production.

SPRAYING

The spraying demonstrations of the Departments of Agriculture, Dominion and Provincial, together with the teachings of the fruit growers' associations are making an impression. Spraying is more general than ever before. Power sprayers operated by private parties for hire are reported in several sections.

FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

The report of the apple crop in the United States would indicate a medium to good crop. The English plum crop is medium with a prospect of being less than average.

STANDARD APPLE BOX.

Fruit growers and box makers should bear in mind the amendment to the Act regulating the size of fruit packages, recently passed, legalizing a minimum standard box. This box has a minimum size of 10" x 11" x 20", inside measurement. There is no specification as to the thickness of the material other than it should be strong and seasoned wood. It is recommended, however, that the ends should be at least 3/4 of an inch thick and the sides at least 3/8 of an inch thick and there should be no objectionable odor to the wood.

There are no specifications as to what grade of fruit shall be packed in boxes. The market reports, however, would discourage the shipment in boxes of anything but apples of the very highest grade, the rest of the fruit can be more economically shipped in barrels.

Darkies' Corner.

On Tuesday morning the 23rd. inst. born to Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Meenagh a daughter. Mother and babe are doing well.

Miss Bessie Atkinson recently arrived home from the Queen city, for the summer.

Mr. James McNally has recently improved the appearance of his dwelling house by a fine new balcony, and also a coat of paint over the outside wood work.

The illustrated lecture, held in lower Ritchie school house a week ago Thursday evening by the Rev. W. M. Bielby, was poorly attended the weather being most unfavorable. The views were clearly shown and the explanation given with each picture made it easy for every person to grasp the meaning. The subjects were the Russo-Japanese war British-Boer war and a variety of others.

The Rev. gentleman explaining everything as he went along. The lecture all through was amusing, interesting, and instructive to both old and young.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Ritchie visited at Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Meenagh's Sunday.

Corner Concerns.

Mr. Richard Morrison has the stone work of his new house built and is ready for the brick-work. When completed this will be one of the best houses in the neighborhood.

Mr. Robert Mead has been toning up his appearance until he fairly shines with B. B. B., that is a dandy Buggy Bought of Barclay and Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman, of Markdale, spent a few days of this week visiting friends in the neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sharpe are the proud parents of a little boy since a week ago Friday. Mother and son are both doing well.

The Rev. C. H. Buckwell, of Listowel, preached a missionary sermon to a large audience on Sunday.

Just as we predicted the young ladies of the section turned out and put the school-house in the very pink of condition, as neat and clean as a new pin. That neat bit of carpenter work they did in making repairs is, according to the opinion of the senior trustee, deserving of more than a mere passing notice, so we presume it means ice-cream for all at the first opportunity.

Your Crow, of Darkies' Corners reported last week that he had sold a horse and cow for the sum of \$80. That sounds strange with horses on an average of \$150, and cows \$40 each. These must be two he carried home from somebody's back field. People of his part should smear their cattle with coal tar to keep the crows from carrying them off.

Miss Binnie, of Glenelg Centre, spent a day or two last week with her friend, Miss Sara Tucker. These two young ladies have just about completed their education in the art of dressmaking and are, we presume, keeping their eyes open for a place to locate.

Thirteen, and not eighteen hundred was the price Mr. Morrison paid for his farm. We sometimes form our "threes" so neatly they might easily be taken for "eights."

Mr. Pete Black took the place of J. Park with the imported Percheron that forms one a procession of stallions that pass this way. We have seen three pass in twenty minutes.

Those who attended the sports at Holstein on the 24th report a nice time.

Mr. Ben Sharpe is working on the frame-work of Mr. A. Scott's barn. Mr. Geo. Schram has the job of the stonework.

Orchard.

Intended for two weeks ago, but mislaid.

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STOLEN NOTES FOUND.

Sequel to the Burglary of Hartman's Bank In October Last.

(Clarksburg Reflector.)

The notes stolen from Hartman's Bank on October 9th last were found below Moore's new dam, two miles south of Meaford on Sunday last by Mr. Murray, of the Meaford bank, who was taking an afternoon walk. Early on Monday morning he telephoned Mr. Hartman, who drove up and along with Mr. Murray and ex-Chief of Police Owens made a search on the spot where they were found and succeeded in recovering the whole bunch in fairly good order. The burglars appear to have known the locality fairly well it being a favorable spot for them to keep out of sight. They had been seen in Meaford the night previous to the burglary here, and must have gone straight up the gravel road past Meaford which would lead them to the spot where the notes were found.

The burglars when chased out of the bank evidently believed the box of notes contained cash, hence they took it with them. But on reaching a safe place they discovered their mistake and evidently deposited the whole, box and all, under a cedar stump on the west bank of the Big-head river. It is possible the spring fresher washed them out of the place they were deposited. Up to the present, however, the box in which they were stolen has not been found. Two of the burglars are known and can be recognized in Meaford. Chief Owens states that he was on duty the night after the Clarksburg burglary and is quite certain that an attempt on the Meaford bank was contemplated but the thieves were too closely watched, and the finding of the notes, so near the town shows that his theory is correct.

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The history of the case is still fresh in our reader's minds, and is briefly this: On the morning of October 9th last about 1.30, a number of our bravest citizens were awakened by sounds of explosions in the bank and believing the old adage that a live jackass is better than a dead lion the majority crawled under the clothes. Billy Haines, however, got up and with Mike Mangan they investigated, then fired a shot-gun at the thieves and rang the fire alarm, which routed the burglars out with only the box of notes. The electric alarm that had worked well for ten years had just been refitted by Mr. O'Connor, electrician, of Collingwood, who put in new battery cells supposed to be acid proof but one was defective and the battery ran down. Mr. Hartman knew of this but was waiting for the electrician to repair the damage and the thieves came along. It is confidently expected that the right men will be arrested before many days. The finding of the notes make a strong case against the men who have been suspected.

Mr. Hartman rewarded Mr. Murry for his trouble and care of the missing notes. They had all been paid, but he is glad now to be able to hand every man his own note again.

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Came Estray.

STRAY PIG.—CAME TO THE

Premises of the undersigned, on or about Sunday, the 28th. Owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses, and take the animal away.

Idpd MRS. THOS. BROWN.

The new rules for automobilists are certainly stringent enough to suit all except those who would like to see the "devil wagons" forbidden the roads. An automobile in approaching another vehicle must slow down within a hundred yards to a speed not greater than three miles an hour, and if an accident happens, the man with the auto must prove that he was not at fault. The latter clause seems to be un-British, and should not be applied to one class of men more than another. The numbers on the vehicles will require to be six inches in diameter, and illumined if the machine is running at night. The autos will look like travelling sign-boards, but perhaps smaller letters might not afford the man who has been run over an opportunity to trace the motorist who did it. Perhaps unusual stringency is required until people get accustomed not only to meeting these machines, but to running them, and the automobilists will have themselves to blame if by their rudeness or carelessness they keep alive the opposition which a few men swollen up with the idea of possessing a swift and costly vehicle have excited. Courtesy and consideration on the part of those running the machines will soon quiet the fears of the horses and allay the irritation of their drivers.—Warton Canadian.

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Continuing his evening sermons to young men Sunday night in Knox church Rev. Mr. Macalpine spoke some pretty plain words and brought out some pretty hard facts. A question was his subject "When is a young man safe? He said a young man is not safe if he drinks. He quoted Sir Frederick Treves, the king's physician, as saying that young men could not be fit for life if they drank, even moderately. "There is altogether too much drinking in Owen Sound," said Mr. Macalpine. "The crowds of young men thronging our bars and its effect is sickening. We cannot count our boys and youths safe with a bar-room at almost every second corner of our streets. Besides, one-half our hotels are little more than sink holes of hell. One half are hotels first, the other half are saloon-dives first and hotels second. Our young men are not safe if they gamble. Gambling is on the increase. Some of the men we count respectable are at it every day, not even Sunday excepted, and that right here in Owen Sound. It is more dangerous than drink." Here the preacher cited some convincing evidence to back up his contention. Bad company also rendered the young men unsafe. He will sooner or later catch the disease of his companion. Cashel on the gallows warned all young men to keep out of bad company, for it was the beginning of his own downfall. Evil women and especially some so-called respectable married women are the most deadly danger to young men, crushing out their every moral and religious instinct, and not in cities only but also in our own town. Shun their company as you would the deadly bite of a deadly scorpion. Are you safe outside of Christ? A thousand times no. Without Christ we are lost as sure

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