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WHOLE NO. 1169

Local and District News.

ANOTHER FILLED.—The residence lately fitted up by Mr. Thom. Aljoe has been kept by Mr. R. E. Burn.

Dandruff is easily cured by using Diamond Brand Renewer as advertised in this paper. See page 5.

The Lutheran body of Ayrton, has erected a fine new church which will soon be ready for occupation. It is a neat and substantial building.

The census recently taken in United States, promises to show a population of 77,000,000. In 1890 the figures were 62,000,000.

Mr. Arch. Blue, well-known as a statistician in several departments of Ontario public life has been employed by the Ottawa government to take charge of the census next year.

COUNTY COUNCIL.—How the time does fly! We notice in our exchanges already aspirants for the County Council presenting themselves to the public for support next January.

OUT OF DEBT.—The Wroxeter Star, announces that the village is out of debt, and editor B. H. Townsend no doubt reflects the sentiments of his fellow citizens when he speaks of it with "proud satisfaction."

A BIG FIRE.—Last week Southampton suffered the biggest fire in her history. Bowman and Zukan's great tannery works were entirely consumed throwing 100 men out of employment. Loss about \$150,000 and not half covered by insurance.

Dr. Easton, who had charge of Dr. Meikle's practice during the latter's absence has bought the dwelling house, office, drug business and premises of the late Dr. McLean in Ayrton and will continue the practice of his profession there permanently. Dr. Easton's many friends in Mount Forest will wish him prosperity.—Confederate.

AT MULOCK.—A number of the members of the Baptist congregation here met last week and vigorously set about manse improvement. The building has been raised and a stone cellar built, and when all is completed further improvements on the church are contemplated. Rev. Mr. (and Mrs.) Campbell will no doubt thoroughly appreciate these improvements.

A NEW BUSINESS COLLEGE AND SHORTHAND INSTITUTE.—Last week's Lasterlow Banner contains a long and flattering account of the prospects of this new College now occupying fine new quarters under the Principalship of our old friend C. L. Hart, who conducted successful classes in Durham last year. We regret space forbids reproducing the many excellent features recorded in the Banner "write-up," but all the information as to these, cheap terms, &c., can be got on application to the Principal who will send the first Annual Announcement. Anyone calling at this office can see for themselves in the paper referred to.

A former Normanby resident in the person of Mr. James Thompson was recently acquitted of the charge of murdering last spring a man named McLain at Brimley, near Saint Ste. Marie. The facts are that on the 28th day of April last Thompson and McLain engaged in a quarrel. McLain, who was a powerful man, approached Thompson in a fighting attitude. The latter warned him back but still McLain came forward, Thompson knew McLain's great strength and terrible temper. He felt his own weakness and incapacity to contend or struggle with his enraged and powerful opponent and in sheer desperation and fear drew a gun and fired a shot that killed his assailant. These facts were clearly brought out by the prisoner's counsel, and the jury, after an hour's deliberation, returned a verdict of "not guilty." The prisoner was at once released and wept with joy as he received congratulations of many friends.—Ex.

20 MILLS.

Such is the rate for this year as decided upon by the council at its meeting on Monday night. The requirements of the school we understand needed a mill more than last year, of the town a mill less so the rate stands the same. A number of by-laws were put through in hot weather haste relating to sidewalk, &c. Mr. A. Davidson is appointed engineer of construction.

The levy, we are informed, will meet all liabilities in sight and leave about \$900 for contingencies, which is doing very well.

LOST.

Lost.—A Fur Collarette, on Friday, 27th July between Fellingham's Falls and Mr. Dan. Edg's house. G'enele F. Finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving it at this office.

LETTER FROM AFRICA.—We are sure our readers will read with pleasure the letter from Trooper G. W. Ledingham in this issue. To follow him in his graphic narrative over historic spots is almost as interesting as being there and a great deal safer. We wish our Dornoch boy well and if he can always keep the Boers trekking 30 miles ahead of him, his friends will be highly pleased, although it seems he wants to get nearer.

By a vote of 117 to 31 the village of Hespeler has decided to issue debentures for \$10,000 to take over the electric light plant and business and run it for the corporation. The vote to incorporate as a town was also carried by 151 to 75.

Dr. A. B. Taylor, of Hanover, left on Thursday morning for New York City, where he intends taking a Hospital Course for a few weeks. He has left Dr. C. L. Taylor an honor graduate and medallist of Trinity Medical College, in charge of his office and practice while he is away.

AT HAMILTON'S LAKE.—A big picnic party of over 30 are today, Wednesday, off to Hamilton's Lake in search of social pleasure and cooling breezes. The party was organized by the Misses Arrowsmith and a good time is assured. Half a dozen Mt. Foresters are to meet them at the lake.

The Paisley Advocate knows a good thing when it sees it and copies word for word the article we had two weeks ago headed "Durham High School," changing the names of town and assistant of course. The Advocate however gives due credit which is more than some of our exchanges do.

BAPTIST GARDEN PARTY.—On the fine grounds of Mr. B. Warner, the best in town for such purposes, a gay and numerous company spent a pleasant hour or two last Thursday evening. The band furnished excellent music and were generous in quantity also while round the numerous tables and among the electric lighted shrubbery obliging waiters fitted with toothsome viands.

REFORM CONVENTION.—Last Thursday, a full meeting of the executive of the South Grey Reform Association met in the Knapp House. A convention has been called for Monday, Sept. 3, to nominate a candidate in the Reform interest for the next Dominion elections. The Convention will be held in the Town Hall, Durham at one o'clock. After the business meeting a public meeting will be held and it will be addressed by prominent members of the party. Watch for further announcements.

Last week's Owen Sound papers contain lengthy accounts of the re-committal of Wm. Burt, on the old charge of intimidation. He jumped his bail last year and on his reappearance in Toronto early last week was discovered and arrested again and taken to Owen Sound. Here made an attempt by fleetness of foot to escape incarceration, but after an exciting chase he was recaptured and placed in confinement. The trial in which his wife is largely implicated will come up in September.

OUR BRIDGES.—An exchange says: "Constable McMahon saw a farmer driving sixteen head of cattle over the Teeswater bridge at once on Monday morning, and lodged an information before a magistrate. It cost the farmer four or five dollars for his neglect to divide the bunch." Similar precautions to our Durham bridges are urgently needed, now more than ever, tickets should be affixed prohibiting the racing across with teams, &c. Anyone watching the "swing swing" of the Garafraza St. bridge even with a buggy trotting over it will see a danger to stability.

ALL TOO TRUE.—The following brief and truthful funeral sermon was delivered recently by a Kansas preacher: "A word to you all. Post mortem phrases are in the air. People kiss their dead who never stoop to kiss their living; they hover over open caskets in hysteric sobs, but fail to throw their arms around their loved ones who are fighting the stern battles of life. A word of cheer to the struggling soul in life is worth more than all the roses of Christendom piling high over casket covers. The dead can't smell flowers but the living can; scatter them broadcast in their pathway therefore and pluck out the thorns before it is too late."

YOUR LABEL.

We have carefully made all changes additions, and corrections on our mailing sheets and it being possible to overlook some, we kindly ask every reader to examine his or her label. If not as it should be and our fault, notify us at once and we will rectify it. If it is your neglect, will you kindly attend to it at once. Our last request received a fair response: there are some yet who need this reminder and we trust they will attend to it.

Mr. Albert Eva, Detroit, is visiting his father, Mr. Philip Eva, in town.

Miss Margaret Crawford, Toronto, came home last week for holiday time.

Mr. John Vollett, Sarnia, came up last week to attend the funeral of his father. This was his first visit in 15 years.

Rev. Mr. Farquharson, and two sons, Charlie and Willie, left Wednesday for a visit to Mr. F's old home in Kent Co.

Rev. Mr. Smith, Methodist minister will take for his subject next Sunday evening, Easy Chairs and Summer parlors.

On Sunday next no service will be held in the Presbyterian Church in the morning. Rev. D. L. Campbell, Dromore, will conduct the evening service.

IMPORTING STOCK.—Mr. W. L. Dixon and two sons, George and Chas. passed homewards through town last week with a drove of year-old cattle which he bought on Manitoulin Island where he has been for the past three weeks.

Considerable sickness exists in town at present, attributable, no doubt to the long continued drought. No fewer than three of Lawyer McCaul's family are sufferers at present. We wish for all restored health. Miss Jessie Hunter, who was quite ill, has recovered.

GREAT HEAT.—Our leaders here need no thermometer or our quill to inform them that it has been hot this week. From Sunday the thermometer has been playing itself up in the 90's, making manual work a burden, human life an anxiety, and sound sleep a dream. The drought has brought again on rapidly and harvest near Durham will soon be over, though in the east of the riding it is later. Pastures are suffering too, and man and beast would rejoice greatly in a lower temperature and a heavy rainfall.

ALMOST FATAL.—On Saturday last as Mr. John Stewart, Welbeck, was driving a Separator up a lane the high wheel lurched into a rut and in a moment the big thing was on top of him crushing him into the ditch. But for a log which arrested some of the force it is hard to see how he could have escaped alive. He was soon got out and strange to say was able to walk home with support. Dr. Smith was soon in attendance and found the collar bone broken, ribs driven into the right lung, and other internal damage. A hemorrhage set in Sunday and Dr. Freeland was called in consultation. At latest accounts he is likely to recover.

A FINE DEBATE.—The Y. P. S. C. E. on Monday night last had one of their periodic debates as part of a literary and social evening. Solos were sung by Misses Frankie Black and Margaret Gun and the fair contestants in the debate were Misses L. Laidlaw, M. Gordon, M. Hunter and J. Ireland. The question was "Resolved that Education by Books is superior to Education by Travel." The affirmative was championed by Misses Laidlaw and Ireland while Misses Gordon and Hunter ably sustained the negative. The debate was most excellent, and the young ladies acquitted themselves greatly to their credit and much to the pleasure of the audience. Misses Annie and Maggie McKenzie visited friends in Dornoch the latter part of last week.

THE LATE JAMES VOLLETT.—Last week at the advanced age of 81 years, he passed away at the home of his son W. B. Vollett, another of the men who took a share in the first development of this country. His last illness which was of brief duration seemed to be a break up of the system from old age. About 12 years ago he met with a serious accident by being thrown from a building and since then has not been strong, though constitutionally vigorous. His family were the very first to pierce this wilderness of bush having settled on the lot now owned by Mr. Wm. Mountain, away back in 1842. Jas came there a few years later and worked at his trade for many years in Durham. He moved to Toronto and other points and until within the last three years lived for about 18 yrs in Stratford. Of his generation there remain now only two brothers Aaron and Thomas, and as chief mourners he leaves his aged partner to whom he was married over 68 yrs ago and three sons, W. B. in town, John in Sarnia and James in the North West. He was buried in the English Church cemetery on Sunday, Rev. Mr. Ryan conducting the services. He was a man of more than average intelligence, a splendid conversationalist, and gifted with a fine memory.

LIBERAL CONVENTION

At a meeting of the executive of South Grey Reform Association held in Durham, on Thursday, Aug. 2nd, it was decided to hold a nominating Convention.

The date fixed upon is Monday, September 3rd, next. The Convention will be in the Town Hall, and all the local organizations will between now and that date meet and elect delegates, the number allowed being one for every 50 names on the Voters' List of their municipality.

The official meeting will be held at 1 p. m. and all delegates and party friends are requested to be on hand. At the conclusion of the business, a public meeting will be held about 2-30 p. m. and addresses are expected from local men, the candidate elect, and two prominent speakers whose names will be announced.

South Grey as constituted for Dominion purposes consists of the municipalities of Artemesia, Bentinck, Durham, Egremont, Glensel, Hanover, Markdale and Normanby.

The date chosen will not interfere seriously with seeding operations nor run in contract with fall shows and we hope to see a large turnout to select a candidate and hear discussions on public questions.

South Grey in the Dominion, though it is later. Pastures are suffering too, and man and beast would rejoice greatly in a lower temperature and a heavy rainfall.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Turner, Orangeville, is visiting at Mrs. McRae's.

Mrs. Jas. Redford visited Allan Park friends last week.

Mrs. Thos. Livingstone, Mt. Forest, is a guest of friends in town.

Mrs. Simmons, of Toronto, is visiting her brother Mr. Alex. Gordon.

Mrs. Sutherland and daughter Miss Gertie, are guests of friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Reid, and family, of Owen Sound, are visiting friends in town.

Mr. Harry Hunter, Real Estate Agent, Minneapolis, is holidaying at home.

Miss Hazel McGregor returned to town after a few weeks holidaying in the country.

Mr. Rogers and family and Mrs. Alexander, Toronto, are visiting at Mr. Robt. Lawson's.

Misses Annie and Maggie McKenzie visited friends in Dornoch the latter part of last week.

Miss Mary Watt after a month's visit with friends in town left Monday morning for Fergus.

Messrs R. McCracken, Jas. Park, John Cochrane and Norman McIntyre are camping on the Sauguen.

Mrs. Jas. Patterson (nee Miss Stella Spence) of Colorado, spent a few days in town visiting the friends of her youth.

Miss Belle McDougall returned home after a lengthy visit to her brother in Williamsford accompanied by her sister-in-law Mrs. Allan McDougall.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Burt, Hamilton, mourn the loss of one of their twin children, which died at Wingham, last week, where Mrs. Burt was visiting.

Mrs. Boyd, (nee Mabel Sutherland) is visiting her mother Mrs. Sutherland, and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Burt, where her little boy has been for some weeks.

Mr. Norman McCrae was given a farewell party at the home of Mrs. Elliott on the eve of his departure from town after a sojourn of four years here, during which time he was employed with Mr. W. Turper, druggist. The party was largely attended by the young people and during the evening he was presented with a handsome watch chain and a nicely worded address, expressing the regret felt at his departure and their wishes for his future success. Norman left on Wednesday morning for his home in Durham, where he will holiday for a while before leaving for Toronto to attend the pharmacy.—Markdale Standard.

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