

# SEED FAIR

A Successful Beginning.

Last Saturday the Farmer's Institute held the first of their Annual Seed Fairs, and the society, especially its energetic President, R. Morice, and efficient Secy. Geo. Binnie are to be congratulated on its success.

With roads at their worst a large attendance was not looked for, yet that 27 entries were made shows that a want has been supplied. Not only for the competitive benefits is it a valuable move but it is also of great value as furnishing opportunity for the exchange of seed grain, potatoes, etc.

Following is the Prize List: 1st prize always \$2, 2nd \$1.

Spring Wheat—1st Rich. Barber, 2nd Sam L. Scott.

Barley—James Watson Thos. McGirr. White Oats—Alex. Hobkirk, Wm. Smith.

Peas Small white—Dan Edge, Thos. McGirr.

Early Potatoes—Thos. Pollock, D. McCrie.

Late Potatoes—Thos. Pollock, Sam L. Scott.

There were no entries in Goose Wheat Black Oats or Blue Peas.

The judges were Messrs Adam Robert, son, and Geo. McKechnie, two competent men, Richard Barber as usual leads in wheat.

A sample of Big 4 Oats grown by Louis Brusso, Normanby was vouchered for by Reeve Morice to be the best looking crop he ever saw growing. Mr Jas. Watson has long been a successful harley grower. Thos. Pollock took home two firsts in potatoes.

We venture to say next year will see a keen competition.

Priceville.

Intended for last week.

Again we are reminded of the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death. In viewing our cemetery we find the aged, middle aged and the youth laid side by side, all levelled by the cold and merciless hand of death. On this occasion we are called upon to write on the death of one of our fair and beautiful young ladies, in the person of Miss Isabella McArthur, daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald McArthur, of this town, on Saturday morning the 16th March after a long period of sickness at the age of 19 yrs. Not many months ago Miss McArthur bore the picture of health and beauty on her cheeks but disease took hold from the effects of a cold which terminated in death. She was a young lady beloved by all who formed her acquaintance, which was manifested by the large funeral, in fact the largest ever seen in Priceville, with the exception of the late Rev D McLeod's. The Presbyterian Church where she remains were taken during service was full almost to its utmost capacity. The Rev Mr Matheson preached from the beautiful words "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, &c., as the subject which brought so many together to pay a last tribute of respect to, was a young person who was mindful of remembering her Saviour in her youth. The preacher said it was a most fitting text on the occasion, for youth is the proper time to prepare for old age and eternity. What a comforting thought it is to the broken hearted father, mother and family to know that although their lovely one has been taken from them that she had the full assurance of knowing that she was only passing away from a world of troubles, pain and sickness to enjoy the realities awaiting the just in an unseen world. Miss McArthur will not only be missed in the family circle, but in other respects as well for she was a useful member of Christian Endeavor and Sabbath school where she attended regularly in the days of health. To the bereaved family the community extends their heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow and bereavement. The remains were laid to rest in the graveyard in this town.

Sacrament will be held in the Presbyterian church next Sunday. Rev Mr Thom of Flesherton, will preach on Friday at 11 o'clock in the forenoon. Services Sunday at 11 o'clock in the morning. Gaelic Communion last Sunday was poorly attended.

Roads are getting bad on account of the thaw.

Murdoch.

Mr Geo Sharp, of Dundalk, spent a few days last week visiting Murdoch and Holstein relatives.

Mrs D Coleridge Jr and Miss Rena Sharp returned home Saturday from their trip to Michigan.

Miss Ethel Elen is spending a few days with her friend, Miss C Webber, of Bentinck.

Mr Wm Johnson is seriously ill. His recovery at present is doubtful.

Mrs Jas Gordon is at present looking after the interests of a little grand-daughter at Mr D Loug's.

A little son arrived at the home of Mr S L Chapman on the 23rd.

Mr and Mrs C Ector gave a farewell party Friday evening. All who were present enjoyed themselves immensely, as there were different games and amusements to suit all parties. Although living but one year in the neighborhood Mr and Mrs Ector have gained many warm friends who are truly sorry at their leaving. The children will also be much missed by their companions, as they were faithful attendants of both day and Sabbath school. They leave this week to take up their residence in Durham followed by the best wishes of their many friends.

Some parts of the roads are at present almost impassable. On Monday evening while driving home from attending a

# THE BIG STORE

## J. A. HUNTER

Easter time suggests Spring. Even the Robins are out which is a sure indication. Spring suggests new Clothing. We are all tired of our long winter and our heavy clothing and in order to satisfy the taste of the most fastidious buyer. We have purchased a very large range of Spring Dress Goods and Clothing. We have the opinion of many who have already bought Dresses from our New Stock that we have the prettiest lot ever shown in Durham. Really they are beautiful. We have engaged Miss Hughes as Dressmaker, who with a large staff of able assistants is busily engaged upstairs making up the goods as fast as we sell them.



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patient Dr Brown's horse got down and in getting up again got its leg so badly sprained, it was unable to be taken home and had to be left in Mr Joo Sharpe's stable until it was able to go on the road again.

Edge Hill.

The severe storm of the past week caused the roads to be blocked along the second for the first time this winter.

Mr Wm. Bourne, returned home last week after an absence of some months in the lumber woods at the Soo.

Pleased to hear of Mr Fred Staples, able to be around again.

Mr and Mrs Little, of Proton, visited the later's parents Mr and Mrs Ector, one day last week.

Mr Wm. McFayden, and sister Kate, visited friends in Egremont, last week.

Mr Thos. Turnbull, was the guest of friends on the avenue, last Sunday.

Mr Andrew Lindsay and sister Miss Margaret visited at Mr W. J. Firth's last week.

A number of Mr Thos. Whitmore's brother Orangemen assembled at his home last Monday, and presented him with a Past Master's Jewel, and Mrs Whitmore with a 1/2 doz. of silver knives and forks. We understand Mr and Mrs W. and family intend leaving for the West, about the first of April. They will be missed as they are kind and obliging neighbors.

Mrs Wm. Davie, of Egremont, is visiting at her parent's for the last week. Sorry to say she is very poorly but hope we may soon hear of her able to attend to her household duties again.

Miss Kate Ector, is visiting her sister Mrs Little, in Proton, at present.

Mr Johnnie McCracken, was the guest of his sister Mrs R. Adams of Holstein, last week.

Mr W. J. McFayden, visited Dornoch, friends last week.

Miss Martha Firth, who has been in Toronto, the last few months is expected home this week.

Mr Joo. Firth has got the contract of building the school woodshed.

Said Frederick The Great, "Facts are Divine Things."

Such was the saying of a master mind, and what applies to things of state applies with double force to matters concerning health. When it is said that Dr. Pitches' Backache Kidney Tablets can, it intelligently used cure all kidney and bladder troubles, and such other diseases as can be traced to a sluggish or imperfect kidney action, it is always backed up by the positive proof and testimony of some reputable person, some one who is glad and willing to tell the world the result obtained. The following testimonial of Mrs. W. Eaton, 10 Feussing St. Toronto, has the ring of truth, and bears out the claim that it is a cure beyond a doubt for the young, middle aged, and aged.

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Muloch.

Mr Hugh McKinnon, who has been spending a few months visiting relations and friends, returned to Manitoba on the 19th of this month. We will miss him very much.

Mr Willie Currie has returned from Walkerton where he was attending High School. Will says he is home to stay now.

Mr Jas MacIntosh, of Durham, spent a few days visiting his old friends here. Glad to see his smiling face again.

Mrs Robt Currie has returned from a week's visit to her daughter in Walkerton.

Miss Amy Campbell spent a few days with Mr Archie McLean's last week.

As the ladies find it difficult to get out, owing to the state of the roads it is almost impossible to catch anything worthy of note, but you may look for better when navigation opens.

Several of the Mulockies went to Durham to see the return of "the boy in khaki."

Miss Jennie O'Neill visited friends in Hanover last week.

Scotch Town.

Mr Hugh McInnes we are pleased to learn is improving from a severe attack of Sciatica. His praise for Dr Boyle is worthy of note.

Arch McMillen, who has been suffering with neuralgia in the head and other aches is we are pleased to mention on the mend.

Mr A. Kelly was away in a hole on the Black estate last week. He and R J had several sharp sayings, fortunately he found water and Randal was glad.

Mr Alex Murchison, Warden, has let his farm of 150 acres to Mr H McInnes on shares for 1901. Mr Dan McInnes will work his own property this year known as the McMillen farm.

Mr John Morrison sold his little team of bays recently to Mr J G Wilson of your town for \$200.

Its raining this morning. Monday and we expect some good weather soon.

Mrs G K Heartwell and master Georgie intend visiting Hamilton and Buffalo friends this week.

Miss Jessie A McInnes leaves this week for the Queen city to remain for a time.

Mrs Archie Black, from Dumfries, in company with Miss Maggie and George Black of Poma, were guests at Mr Neil Black and family on Sunday week.

Mr and Mrs. Charlie McLauchlan leaves this week for their home in Sandon B. C. Their parents and friends in the Grove will certainly miss them.

We could say something about the man that was wearing the snow shoes last week, but being he is a jolly good fellow we will leave him alone and wish him nothing but success.

We extend good wishes to Mr and Mrs Thomas Jackson, Mr and Mrs Arch McArthur (black Archie), also Mr and Mrs Jim Raily, of Haily Corners.

HOLSTEIN

The weather for the past two weeks has been lionlike, but has now changed to be more like the lamb, the roads running north and south are in a bad state from the recent storm, the railroad being blocked, there was no train here for four days, the snow plough with three engines passed through on Friday evening for Durham. Not being any mail for three days, there was a team sent to Ayton to bring it from there which came about midnight on Thursday to the delight of many, as they were in need of their daily reading matter.

Wm. Rutherford, a former resident of Holstein, but now of Toronto, is this week visiting his brother-in-law Mr Alex Aitken and other old neighbors after an absence of sixteen years.

Arthur Hunt, of Riverview, is visiting his parents here this week.

Mrs H. Tucker, of Ceylon, spent a few days of last week with friends here.

George Sharp, of Dundalk, was the guest of his brother here, W. J. Sharp the latter part of last week.

Mr. Nelson Main received a telegram on Monday, from Grenfell N. W. T., informing him of the serious illness of his daughter (Edith) Mrs George Fleming. Mr. Main left on Tuesday morning for the West.

Miss Nettie O'Connell is at time of writing seriously ill from that dreaded disease consumption, as soon as the facts were known her brother Stanley was telegraphed for, who was in Minnesota and came home on Monday. The sympathy of the people of the village go out to them. Mrs O'Connell seems to have a double share of trouble.

John Garton left on Tuesday for Michigan to try his luck. John will be missed at home.

David Cameron and family move this week to Listowel. Sorry to lose them as they were kind neighbors.

Jacob Smith took a business trip to Chesley on Tuesday.

At a meeting of the W. F. M. S. on Wednesday of last week, the ladies of the society presented the wife of Rev. J Miller with a life member's certificate and the following address.

To Mrs. J. Miller.  
Dear sister,

As the ties that have bound us during the past eight years in social friendship and labor of love are about to be severed by the unerring hand of Providence, we bow in humble submission to His Divine will, but we cannot allow this bond of union to be broken without expressing our deep regret at your departure from our midst, you have always manifested a deep interest, not only in missionary work but in the temporal welfare of our church, your counsel and aid were always freely given and your social relations to the congregation have been of the most endearing character. We therefore beg you to accept this Life Membership Certificate for the W. F. M. S. as a humble acknowledgement of the esteem and affection with which you are held in our midst, praying that the divine blessing may accompany you and your family to your new home and that you may be long spared to co-operate with him who has ministered so faithfully to us in spiritual things during his stay amongst us.

Signed on behalf of the ladies of the congregation of Holstein.  
Mrs W H Rogers, Mrs H M Reid, Pres. Secy.

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Perhaps this idea of circulating libraries may yet be extended to cover a great many places that are not contemplated in the scheme. Projects of this kind grow of their own accord. It is gratifying to observe the vigor and all around enterprise of the Ross Administration. It is not to be denied. It is the feature of politics, and most disquieting to those who had hoped to see the overthrow of the Liberals in Ontario. The Toronto Telegram, a Conservative paper, but never afraid to tell the truth, stated a fact when it said recently that Hon. George W. Ross has already made his party much stronger and his opponents much weaker than they were a year ago.

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