

Pricerville.

Mr Editor, What would be the harm if the usual course of correspondence would be deviated from once in a while and confine ourselves for a time in giving something of more interest than is usually done. We have been of late interested in reading letters from Truisteecker and it stirred us up somewhat and now we are trying to set on his advice as near as possible. We haven't many plains around Pricerville nevertheless we have some of the finest and best class of people that can be produced anywhere for what could be expected from English, Irish and Scotch, but sociability. Of course had we the power of deciding as to the best of these nationalities we would naturally give the preference to the latter class, for we believe there are more of them in the vicinity of Pricerville than there are of any other section, but Mr Editor it is not always safe to go with the multitude although we can give a sure guarantee of safety in this case as being an exceptional one, but to leave off this course of writing our minds are directed away back as far as our memory serves us and that Mr Ed is quite along ways out of sight to the young and rising generation of the present age. Although the age is farther advanced than that of fifty years ago, yet we must admit that more sociability existed in the days of our fathers than there are now but old things are done away with and perhaps there are better things substituted instead nowadays. Now we will endeavor for a while to gather all the particulars we possibly can and compare notes of the past and present as well as possible and to do so we must depend to a certain extent on the truthfulness of our predecessors from whom we gathered some of the incidents that we are to take note of at this time. In the olden times the social glass was used more freely than it is now-a-days for instance at logging bees, raisings, chopping bees and such like. We remember an aged person who we could rely upon as telling the truth and who resided in a neighboring county some sixty years ago and whose remains are now laid in the cemetery in this town, that on a certain occasion when having a logging bee which consisted of ten or twelve yoke of oxen and enough hands to keep the business going lively, but unfortunately the habits of these days were that nothing could be done without the glass and as sure as two or three were gathered together in the shape of a bee the glass was sure to be there also, not to bless them and do them good. We are getting away from our subject. The gentleman in question had to go five or eight miles for a keg of whiskey and not getting it till the morning of the day the work was to be performed he set out early in a June morning about 3 o'clock expecting to be back before the hands were in the fallow, but not finding it at the first shop he had to go away further three miles and by the time he got back carrying a five gallon keg on his back it was nearly dinner time and to his loss and astonishment he found all hands were on the grounds at seven o'clock in the morning but nothing yet done. All sat on stumps and logs waiting the arrival of the whiskey and not a single log went together until all had a good bumper. Such conduct would not be tolerated now-a-days and it is a great blessing to humanity that such habits are done away with, for there are no such things to be found now at bees of any kind and the work is done with more ease and safety than when made mad from strong drink. We are old enough to remember that the man who had no whiskey at a funeral was counted as mean and stingy and such expressions were often made as "the dog he hadn't a drop of whiskey at his wife's funeral."

And while we are on this subject another story suggests itself to us, which we heard from an old gentleman whom we could rely on as truthful, who is gone the way of all living many years ago, that while at a funeral in the old country, we are not going to say what part he in England, Ireland or Scotland it matters not; the manner and their custom there was to carry the corpse on spikes by six of the most stalwart of the country and then exchanging as the distance was from ten and fifteen miles, not on gravel roads as we have in Pricerville, but on roads as they came from the hands of the Creator. The habits of this country were to have a good supply of provisions by way of oat cake, cheese and such like and a large cask of good old Irish or Scotch whiskey of course, all packed on horseback and led by one of the party. On one occasion while paying a last tribute of respect to the remains of an old lady, the funeral party sat down for refreshments and before proceeding on their journey they partook largely from the cask which soon made them feel like young Samsons and soon loud talk and self boasting were indulged in by the most notable characters of the party, which ended in one of the most British fights ever witnessed and a horrible scene was enacted when in the row the participants broke the coffin, which contained the remains of the old lady, all to pieces causing a horrible spectacle to be witnessed by those of the party who did not indulge in the melee. After ending the fight some with broken noses and puffed eyes, with shame they began to gather up the corpse and bound the coffin as best they could, getting to cemetery sometime before night. Returning homeward the supply of whiskey gave out and each made for their home as best they could, hoping soon to meet again on a similar occasion and have quite a justification over the remains of

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some other body. This is the story as we heard it and we believe it to be true. Quite a long ways to give a jump from Pricerville across the ocean for news, but your readers will excuse us this time Mr Editor we will stay at home the next time, the gu lore an sin air an an no.

Henry's Corner.
Mrs. Peter Brown, Holstein, is visiting her daughter Mrs. Wm. Hunter and son David Hamilton and other friends round the Lake.
Robert Aitkens is on the sick list at present with some rheumatic complaint. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Daley, Jr., left for Alpena Mich., last week, where they intend to make their home.
Mrs. Wm. Davis who has been ill for some months is improving we are glad to hear.
Henry Tucker has rented the Calvert farm on the 18th Con.
A load of young people from New England, visited at Jas. Matthews, beginning of last week.
Late word to the Henry family indicates that Mrs. Walker, their daughter, is recovering.
Victoria Day was anything but Queen's weather and a picnic planned for the Lake had to be postponed.
The prospect of Cement operations at the Lake promises to make it a popular resort this summer.
A prayer-meeting held last Tuesday evening at Mr. D. Hamilton's was well attended. Rev. Mr. Campbell conducted the services.
Willie Hunter is the proud possessor of a new wheel of the "kacycle" style secured from Mr. Gordon of your town.
Arbor Day was duly recognized by teacher and pupils here and some nice improvements made.

Boothville.
Boothville is a very stirring place this spring especially white Archie is around.
Our blacksmith had a few calls from Peter Hamilton, of Peterboro. He was in company with our councillor McIntyre. He gave us to understand that Peterborough was the greatest place for foundries, factories and manufactures in Ont.
A few from here attended the raising of Herman Haw's barn. Mr. Neil McPhee, of the 6th con of Egrement, was the framer. Mr. Haw raised his barn by block and tackle and everything went well. The block and tackle was owned by Wm Haas and his first experience in the business. He got on fine with the work, also with the men and is a very fitting man for the business. I would recommend him to anyone that is raising a building of that kind.
Mr. Willie Wilson was teeming his grain to Dunaik all last week. Oats 31 cts a bus. Willie is visiting his sisters Mrs. Hugh Wilson's of Singhaup on the first of this week.
W. Kinsman and T. Wilson have had had looking eyes one would think they had been fighting, but it happens to have been an accident.
R. Parslow and his sister Alice visited at W. J. Wilson.
Mr. and Mrs. James Hopkins, Mr. Broughton and his sister called in the burg this week.
Mr. Sam McMurdo commenced the fence business at D. McCannel's. Sam is a good fence builder.
Mr. Davidson, of Toronto, Volunteer Student will preach at Swinton Park next Sabbath.
Miss Mary Eccles is dangerously ill at time of writing, with an attack of appendicitis. We hope she will soon be well again.
Mr. Matheson gave the Eccles family a call last Sabbath.

MUST BE VACCINATED.
Every soldier or other person accompanying the volunteers to the summer camps must show signs of successful vaccination. The militia orders contain the following paragraphs one relating to this subject, the other to the formal period of mourning for the late Queen:
"Owing to the existence of smallpox in certain parts of the Dominion, none but individuals who have good vaccination marks or who can show evidence of having had smallpox, will be permitted to come into or remain in camp. Officers commanding units will be held accountable for the return to their homes of individuals found unvaccinated.
District officers commanding and commanding officers of units are reminded that by the King's command all the military forces of the empire are still in deep mourning for her late gracious majesty, Queen Victoria, and that such mourning does not expire until 24th July. In these circumstances ceremonial displays such as salutes, feu de joie, trooping the colors, reviews and other military exercises, except such as for tactical instruction or for rifle practice, would be an act of serious disrespect to the memory of our late beloved sovereign."

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