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Balsam Valley.

After a long rest owing to snow blockades, the people of this vicinity are out at their work again and enjoying the fresh air, as the weather has come to another settlement.

We regret very much to have to report the death of Mrs Sacket, who passed away on Jan. 20th, at the age of 84 years. She was the mother of Mr Geo. Sacket, of Brownsville, and Mrs Jewels, of this place, the deceased having lived with her brother Geo. Haw, during the last two years. A large number of friends attended the funeral, which took place on Thursday last.

Mr Orchard and his beavers are gnawing down the trees at a swift rate, we expect to see a string of cordwood all the way from here to Proton Station, by next spring, a distance of 8 miles, and if Jack Ferguson continues hauling, we'll see another one hardly as long.

The young people of this place attended the tree entertainment held in Boothville school last Friday night, and also took part in the programme along with the Boothville and Brownsville people. The programme was lengthy and highly appreciated by the large crowd that filled the room, and we are sure that they will be back again to hear us on Friday night, Feb. 6th. Admission, a song.

Jack is either going to take heavy tug harness after this, or allow only one in the cutter.

The young fellow that lost two home girls after taking them last way home is feeling gloomy, but we think that just as good as taking one the whole way home.

Mr Jas McDonald is home from the Soo and looking well. Dugald Ferguson and Peter McDonald, of this place attended the wood-bee at Jack McQueen's last Saturday.

PRICEVILLE.

In last week's Flesherton Advance I noticed a letter from a historian going back as far as 85 years ago. This aroused our feelings and this week we give a short sketch in the shape of a history going back from forty five to fifty years ago and compare with the present. Fifty years ago there was no such place as Flesherton and to-day it is a thriving little town. Fifty years ago Priceville had its name given to it and consisted of two or three small log houses, now it is quite a lively town with brick churches and schools in the County of Grey, save Owen Sound, to-day we find one or two almost in every small town in the county.

Fifty years ago it was nothing for a good healthy man to carry 100 of flour from Edge Mills, Durham Co. 15, or sometimes 20 miles as the case might be and other necessities besides, to-day a young man would have to hire a rig or some other conveyance to carry himself that distance. The poor settlers after working hard clearing and putting in a small crop the fore part of the summer would in harvest time leave for a couple of

months for the older settlements and walk to Woodbridge, Milton or some other part of Ontario. To-day we would walk two or three miles to the station.

Fifty years ago wherever there would be two or three gathered together in the shape of a bee, whiskey would be there also and to-day there is no such a thing in use at any kind of work. There was no market nearer than Guelph, Collingwood, Toronto and other points and now we have only to go a few miles, to Cayton, Markdale, Durham or Dundalk and get the highest price for our produce. Fifty years ago from Priceville to the Toronto line was pretty much settled with colored people and now there is none to be found. Forty-five years ago the man that could afford to have a team of horses and a big lumber wagon to go to church was considered among the aristocracy, to-day the young man that hasn't a top buggy to drive in cannot persuade his girl to believe that his father used to drive his mother with a yoke of oxen in a horse-drawn cart when they were cutting.

Fifty years ago schools were scarce in the County of Grey and the young rising generation had to go without any education and now there are numerous schools and education at a higher standard with all other advantages. The farmer that had a good cradle to take off his harvest was considered well off, to-day the farmer that hasn't a binder in some instances lets his crop go to waste before taking off. The open cylinder threshing machine was hard to find in the County of Grey and wherever in use they were driven by oxen, but now nothing will do but steam threshers, quite a contrast from the poverty stick of fifty years ago.

Forty-five years ago Norman McEwre, when a boy of 12 or 15 years, drove one horse stage from Inlet-see, Toronto line to Durham, 3 times a week, and to-day he is mayor of Durham, and a good citizen of that town.

Those that were in the prime of life 50 years ago and bore the burden and heat of the day clearing off the forests and making provision for the younger generation, are to-day, if living, feeble, old and gray, and soon will bid adieu to the labors of their hands and all earthly scenes, to join the innumerable throng in the world's recollections of the time they lived on the 18th con. of Egrement. He said they appreciated the presents very much and whenever they looked at them they would be reminded of this occasion. They Mr. Trax being appointed to the chair made some preliminary remarks and the next hour or more was given to music and song, reading and recitations, after which the ladies provided a splendid repast and all went home pleased with the evening spent.

Forty-five years ago ladies used to wear immense hoops, now the smaller they appear the more lauded they are.

Fifty years ago people who settled in the woods lived in log houses chinked with moss, and never had the slightest attack of cold or influenza. Now they live in fine brick or stone dwellings, and are generally afflicted with a bad cold or something else. 50 years ago the dead had to be carried on spikes by 6 men to the grave yard, to Durham, Rocky Sangeo or other cemeteries. To-day they are borne to their last resting place by a grand hearse and black team of horses.

Fifty years ago a person would be almost safe to greet anyone he would meet between Durham and Priceville with the salutation "Canar the sibil an ding to day it is "How do you do to-day." 15 years ago we had good flour mills in Priceville and Flesherton. To-day there are nothing but the ruins that mark the spot of their once existence.

Forty-five years ago, the late Wm. Ferguson, Esq., was appointed Local Superintendent of schools for South Grey. N. W. Campbell, Esq., who was not in existence then, is now Public School Inspector for South Grey. 50 years ago a boy of 15 years of age could use the axe in chopping down a fallow equal to a man. To-day a boy of that age hardly knows what side of the axe to use in chopping down a tree.

Forty-five years ago we had no doctor in Priceville, now we have the eighth since. 50 years ago there were but very few cook stoves in use throughout the County of Grey, now there is no shanty without one. 40 years ago the old fashioned stone flour was in use, and no such thing as rollers in existence, and people were far healthier than nowadays, where there is no stone mill to be found hardly in Ontario. 50 years ago one of our citizens, Arch. Butters, Grocer, crossed the Saugeen River to the family homestead, Lot 40, con. 2, N. D. R., Gienelg, on a bridge composed of two trees fallen across the river, one from each side, which was annually taken away by the spring floods. To-day there are no less than 20 bridges from Priceville to Durham on said river, and in some instances, steel or iron ones at that. 45 years ago the first grave was dug in our cemetery here, to-day it is nearly all covered with monuments and head stones of all descriptions.

Forty-five years ago there were no less than 7 or 8 whiskey huts between Priceville and Durham and were all pretty well patronized, to-day there is only one, and the proprietor does not depend on it for a living. 45 years ago Ministers occasionally walked from Durham at Priceville, on a Sunday morning and be there in time to preach at eleven o'clock. To-day there is no necessity for them to act in like manner, for there are more horses than one between Durham and Priceville.

YEOVIL.

Mr Hugh Neilson, who has been ailing for a long time with a sore leg, is no better. His friends do not expect that he can survive, as he is now upwards of 85 years of age and quite feeble.

A Ross purchased a pair of horses at Messrs. Roberts' sale on Monday.

Mr and Mrs J Swanson entertained a number of friends on Thursday evening last.

The home of Mr J F Durrant, ex-councillor of Egrement, was the scene of a pleasant social gathering on Monday evening last. Mr Durrant has sold his farm and is moving into Mt Forest for the present. About sixty of their friends and neighbors met and presented Mr and Mrs Durrant each with a gold watch accompanied by following address:

To Mr. and Mrs. Durrant, Dear Friends,

Having learned that you are about to leave this neighbourhood we have assembled here to-night to express our sincere regret at your departure from our midst. During the years you have lived amongst us we have found you kind and obliging neighbors and true friends. You will be greatly missed in the community and we assure you that our best wishes will follow you and your family wherever your lot may be cast. As a tangible token of our regard for you we ask you to accept these gold time pieces, hoping that when our time is ended here we will all meet where we'll never say good-bye.

Signed, Thomas Weir, Mrs. George Haw, John Sinclair.

Mr Durrant, although completely surprised, replied to appropriate terms, referring to the many changes that had taken place in the quarter of a century he had lived amongst them and thanking all heartily for kindnesses received he assured them that he and Mrs Durrant and family would ever have the most pleasant recollections of the time they lived on the 18th con. of Egrement. He said they appreciated the presents very much and whenever they looked at them they would be reminded of this occasion. They Mr. Trax being appointed to the chair made some preliminary remarks and the next hour or more was given to music and song, reading and recitations, after which the ladies provided a splendid repast and all went home pleased with the evening spent.

Quite a number from around here attended the opening of the new Durham Baptist Church.

Mr P Pemick, of the Centre, bought from Agent Livingstone, of your town, a new cream separator which appears to be giving satisfaction.

John Fallaise purchased a fine two year old colt from T McComb of the gravel. It's a dandy.

Joe G Beaton is going into wood selling this winter pretty lively. That's the way to pile money.

John Melnis, of Manitoba, brother-in-law of D McInnis, was visiting at N McGillivray's latter part of last week. J looks well.

Dannah Mor MacArter visited your town lately.

Miss Maggie McGillivray, of Buntinck, is at present visiting friends in this vicinity.

Owen Beaton, of the Summit, paid a friendly visit to W McDonald's last Thursday.

Can any one give us any information as to the location of the Smith & Co., Est. Limited?

Jack McG & K Matthews, who have been cutting wood for G Binnie have moved to another town.

J Leith has been slightly under the weather lately.

ZION.

Once more the grim visitor death has visited our midst, this time he has taken from our side one of the old pioneers in the person of Mrs Graham Timmins, who departed this life on Jan 28th. Our dear old friend was one of the first settlers in this part and the struggles and privations that she could tell about would scare most people nowadays. The deceased had

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not been well since fall but had not been seriously ill until a few weeks before death, when the changeable weather appeared to effect her, and at the last she sank into a peaceful sleep to wake up in the great beyond. She was a good and kind neighbor and hundreds of times has the dear old body crept out of a warm bed to drive miles to aid some sick person. Acts like this have endeared Mrs Timmins to all the surrounding district for miles around and there is not a person in the whole district that has a hard word to say of her. So we can most truthfully say that the heartfelt sympathy of the people of this district go out to the sorrowing family. The day of the interment turned out very stormy, so much so that only a few of the many who intended to be there were able to get. Rev Wray Smith conducted the service in church and cemetery and spoke very feelingly of our departed friend.

We are very pleased to report our friend Mrs William Greenwood being over the grippe and able to be around again.

It is reported that Miss Mary Glen-cross is about to leave for a few months. We have not learned her destination there will be some lonely persons when Mary is away.

Mr Duncan McGillivray is hustling things round the Falls these days while W L is on the road as agent for the J C Winstan firm of publishers, of Toronto. Duncan has many friends in these parts and one or two special ones.

Mr John Colbert sold a two-year-old colt the other day. The price realized was ninety dollars, the purchaser being Mr Michael Kenny, who will now drive a fine span of bays. We would like to know whose sister will have the pleasure of the long drives. Well Mike is a nice young fellow and now he has commenced to farm again he will want company. Look out girls.

Mr George Ewen, of Rocky Sangeon, accompanied by one of our fair ones, spent last Sunday evening with Mrs William Timmins. Come again G., those greys are dashing drivers.

We understand Mr William Kenny has purchased a new cutter from Mr Allen Bayd, who is leaving for West Superior, U. S. A.

The friends of Miss Hanna Kenny will be glad to learn that she has got to love the ways of the Queen city and now feels entirely at home in her new surroundings.

Several of our bachelor friends look very gloomy these days since Hanna went to Toronto. We hear say that Jim is going to start off walking some of these days and we dare to say Tom will be a good second.

Mr James Falkingham, of your town, visited friends here on the 28th of Jan. Uncle Jim looks well and enjoys a drive once in a while.

What we would like to know - If Zion Choir is taking a rest?

Who is the regular attendant at Baseline Avenue these days?

What is the matter with Vincent these days?

Is Winnie going to West Superior.

Where the little greys go these nights?

What has become of the violin teacher?

What the clerk of the weather will send next.

WEDDING CHIMES.

The Methodist Parsonage, Durham, was the scene on Thursday Feb. 3rd, of a quiet but pretty wedding when Mr F E. Sanderson, of Town, was united in bonds of matrimony to Miss Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of Mr Archie Wilson, Bentinck. The bride was attired in a travelling costume of blue broad cloth with white trimmings and white picture hat. She was attended by her sister Carrie, the groom being supported by Thomas Wilson, brother of the bride.

After congratulations the happy couple left on the afternoon train for an extended tour. We wish our young townsman and his bride happiness and prosperity through life.

HONOR ROLLS.

Report of Hutton Hill School, Con. 4th—Alice Lawrence, Della Petty, Essie Petty, Joe Reid and George Hutton, eq., Dollie Hopkins. 3rd—Janie Milligan, Will Morice, Selina Hopkins. Sr. 2nd—Chas. Lawrence, Bessie Stillman, Willie Noble, Edna Reid, John Picken, Jr. 2nd—Florence Mountain, Sadie Langrill, Willie Wells. Sr. Pt. 2nd—Fred Cuff and Percy Aldred, eq., Arthur Morice. Jr. Pt. 2nd (a) —Bessie Welber, Jr. Pt. 2nd (b) —Lena Jay Vollet and Jean Picken, eq., Jr. 1st—Nina Noble, Jr. 1st—Hattie Noble. JOHN A. GARDNER, Teacher.

Honor Roll, No 10 (Glenelg & Egrement) for Jan 1903. 5th—Hector McDonald, 4th—Bertha Hooper, John McKinnon, Sara McKinnon, Louisa Hooper, John Samuel McDermid, Bertha McIntyre, 3rd—Joseph C Harrison, Mary McQuig, Edna Chislet, Lennie Grasp, 2nd—Juo McEachern, Isaac Hooper, Willie Hooper, Nellie Sullivan. 1st—Kate, McCaig, Eddie Sellivan.

VARNEY.

Miss Nellie Wallace was the guest of Miss Lizzie Allan, on Sunday last.

Mr and Mrs N. Eden were visiting Varney friends last Sunday.

Mr A. Clark moved to Durham last week. Arthur having got employment on the G. T. R. here.

Miss Mary Wallace called on Miss Maggie McNece on Sunday last.

Mr Geo. Petty spent Sunday with Mr Richard Allan.

Mr D. Gordon was the guest of his sister, Mrs R. J. Eden, on Monday last.

Quite a number from around here went up to the opening services in the Baptist church on Sunday.

The Quarterly board of the Varney Methodist church met at Mr J. Aldreds on Monday last.

DON'T SLEEP

And let such bargains in Clothing pass by. We haven't very many Men's Suits left nor do we want any. Our Spring Suits will arrive this next week and all our tables must be clear of Suits. JUST NOTE THE PRICES ON A FEW LINES. ALL SPLENDID VALUE.

Table with 4 columns: Item, Price, Item, Price. Includes Men's Fine Black Serge \$6.50, Men's Fine Can. Tweed \$5.00, 4 Men's Overcoats \$6.50, 1 Boy's Overcoat \$4.75, etc.

We haven't many lines left "Just a few sizes". Boys' 3 piece Suits cut down to exactly wholesale price from \$3.00 to \$5.00.

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