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Sickness and death have been in the house of Mr Geo Wideman, a farmer three miles east of our village and on Saturday April 1st his son Lewes died, age 5 years, of Diphtheria. The funeral was on Monday 3rd to Ventry Cemetery. Mr Beard pastor of the Hopeville Church officiated. Mr Wideman and family are members of this church.

Again we mention of the death of an old settler of about 85 years in Proton, in the person of Mrs Satiria Gobeen, wife of Mr Joseph Gobeen of the 15th con. who died Friday April 7th and the funeral was on Sunday, the 9th to the Methodist Church near Dundalk, (Bethel) and was very large. The Rev Mr Welwood of Dundalk officiated at the house and preached a very appropriate and feeling sermon in the church referring to Mrs Gobeen's faithful christian life and the benefit that Mr and Mrs Gobeen had been to the church. Mrs Gobeen was the eldest daughter of the late Robert Scarlett Sr who was one of the first settlers in Proton, where Hopeville now is. They came from the township of Hamilton, a few miles from Port Hope where they were raised. Mrs Gobeens age was 75 years and 6 months and was married 56 years. Their family consists of five sons George, Robert and Henry all farming in Proton, John in Western States, and Ezra in Michigan, a daughter at home. All the sons and their family except John A. were at the funeral.

And still another Death—Mr Alex Russel went down to Fergus with his wife and family to visit some friends and one of his children a boy about 3 years old, got the Scarlet Fever and died on Saturday the 8th. They brought the body to the Esplin Cemetery for interment, on Monday 10th,

We hear that the measles are in some houses here. Mr Wm Dingwall has had a sick spell but is getting better.

Assessor Snider was in town on Tuesday, not in his official capacity but that was council meeting day. He is making valuations of lands in the southeen part of the township. The captain relates some funny experiences he is having with people trying to hide their dogs till his valuation is made and he passes on, the canines themselves, in many instances, being instrumental in flatly contradicting their masters. By the time he gets round he will have sufficient material with which to write a book of funnyisms, that should sell well. It will be some time before he will get to our village, however, and the danger is not immediate enough to frighten us into putting our pets into the cellar just [illegible] Proton Advance.

Chancellor Whitney is paying one of the penalties of greatness. He is now a victim of the autograph quilt craze. In one day he had eight requests which cost him his signature and an enclosure of a dollar each. Could not our public men be freed by ridicule from that sort of black mail? Why should prominent men be fleeced by all sorts of persons for all sorts of objects? No wonder there is talk at Ottawa of increasing the indemnity of members from $1500 to $2000. Ex.

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