

BALSAM VALLEY.

Mr. Editor, news and wood are a scarce article around here.

The Misses Nester returned home last week. Some one looks glum now.

Miss Maggie McCormick, of Toronto, is spending her holidays at her father's.

Mrs. D. Ferguson accompanied by her son, was down to Minto attending her brother-in-law's funeral.

Mr. F. C. Lake paid the Valley a flying visit last week.

Mr. T. Frook is busy hauling brick for a new house. He means business all right.

Mr. Ed. Burnet has all his hay in. He is the youngest farmer in the Valley but he beats some of the older ones.

Mr. Jas. Hemstock put up a hay fork in his barn last week. He will find it a lot easier to unload his hay now.

Miss Mary McDougall has returned home from Maple Grove where she has been for the last two months.

Miss Sarah Ferguson spent Sunday visiting friends here.

Messrs Neil and Archie McLean and Jas. McDougall, carpenters, are busy at work at Mrs. D. Ferguson's.

Mr. Ed. Burnet, accompanied by Mrs. Joe Campbell, attended the L. D. S. meeting last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierson visited at her father's last Sunday.

Jimmie says that Mike will have to wash and paint his own buggies after this or visit his friends of the Irish Lake less frequent as Mr. McGrogan reports seeing a newly painted buggy out that way quite often of late.

Mr. Angus Kennedy intends leaving for Kingston in a few days to join his better half. We are sorry to lose Angus, he has been a favorite among his many friends and neighbors.

We would like to know where Mr. Angus McPherson got his two wheeled vehicle with which he passed through the grove Friday evening. Angus looks sweet upon the seat of a bicycle built for two. What do you think Jamie?

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Carson visited the old homestead in Tyrone last Sunday.

Miss J. Carson and Mr. J. Henry were the guests of Mr. and Miss A. Carson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. M. Henry and Miss K. Sullivan passed through the grove on their way to Dundalk, where they attended service in the R. C. Church.

Rev. D. McLeod paid his many friends of Maple Grove a visit last week.

Mrs. J. S. Bliss accompanied by her sister Miss Anna McLean, of Cleveland, are visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. Allan McLean.

Misses Lizzie Campbell and Mary Conkey visited Mrs. Alex. Carson Wednesday evening of last week.

We are glad to hear that Miss Maggie McQuarrie who has been ill has recovered.

Miss Hannah Sullivan was a guest at the home of Mr. John McLaughlan on Thursday of last week. We would advise her to leave her wheel at home after this, as S. cannot keep up.

A number of our young folks took in the dance at Mr. Donald Black's, of Pomona, one night last week and report having a good time.

Pat is getting to be quite a scout now, he caught two mermaids at the town line bridge last Thursday night.

Mrs. J. Henry, who is now in Guelph is recovering from her illness and expects to return to the Grove next week.

We are glad to see that Mr. Fred McArthur has recovered from his injuries as he passed through the Grove one evening last week on his bike.

There was a buffalo seen passing the Grove enroute to Priceville one evening last week.

Miss Sarah Morrison, who has been living at Flesherston Station for some time has returned home.

Dunk has not been seen crossing the river on his raft for some time.

The Salvation Army passed through the Grove enroute for Flesherston Station, one night last week.

BOOTHVILLE.

Haying is about over and most of the farmers have a little more than they thought they would.

Messrs Noble Wilson and Alex. McQueen has the barley cut. It is a good crop.

Mr. Hugh McMillan is home from Algoma. He was assisting his brother to build a house. He reports the crop a fair one.

Mr. Malcolm McCannel was presented with a young son on the 16th.

The Campbell Bros. are building a driving shed at Mr. J. Campbell's.

Big Dan, the champion stone-thrower, is building the brick work of Mr. J. Kinsman's house.

Miss Armstrong, of Dundalk, visited Miss E. Booth last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hopkins, his mother-in-law accompanied by Mrs. George Lawrence visited at Mr. J. W. Wilson's last Sunday.

Miss Maggie McCannel visited at Mr. J. Marshall's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Taylor, Dromore, attended service at Swinton Park last Sunday.

Phoebe Moodie and Willie Wilson were successful in passing the entrance. Mr. D. McCall's mother has had a second stroke of paralysis and is not expected to live long.

FAIRWELL CORNERS.

Miss Annie Cushnie, of Flesherston, is at present visiting her many friends in this part. Alare pleased to see her as she is well liked by young and old, who knew her when the family lived in this part.

One day recently the girls gathered together around the quilting frames at Mr. Amos Chislet's and before night had finished as the a quilt as ever you set eyes on. It dark brothers and friends dropped along to praise and appreciate the fair quilters and see them safe home, which they did after spending the night in games and other amusements.

Among the teachers spending their vacation at home are: Misses Maggie McCannel, May Scott and Selena Coleridge; Messrs Neil McCannel, Jim Coleridge and Frank Colridge.

Mr. Jim Watson, of Durham, is at present employed at the mill here.

Mr. Archie McQuarrie visited friends at Minto recently.

Mrs. Badjon, of Artimesia, was visiting relatives around here for a couple of weeks recently.

Mr. Duncan Muir is busy this summer drawing poles to Durlam. Duncan is a worker.

Mrs. Wm. Burnet is visiting the parental home at present.

Mr. George Hargrave leaves for the old settlements this week.

Mr. W. L. Dixon raised his building Wednesday. Mr. George Moore is the contractor.

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PREMIER LAURIER.

At St. John's—Iberville, Quebec, the constituency in which Mr. Tarte is seeking election a great demonstration took place on Saturday. The Premier was present and made a public declaration

food for man and beast in the vicinity of Priceville with very few exceptions. Potatoes in some instances have failed to grow whether from the effects of grub or bad seed we do not know, but taking the crop in general they are by all appearance going to be good.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch. McCannel, of Arran, and Mr. Alex. McCannel, of Port Elgin, visited their friends on the South Line Guelph, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch. McCannel were down to Collingwood attending the funeral of the late Hugh McCannel, who died of apoplexy.

Miss McKenzie, from Durham, is applying for our school in this town, caused by the resignation of Miss Bull. We do not know whether she received the appointment or not yet.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lamb, one of Guelph's councilmen, were the guests of Mr. Duncan McDonald, D. Road, Guelph, on Saturday and Sunday last. They attended the Presbyterian service on Sabbath and listened to a good sound sermon preached by the pastor, Rev. D. McLeod.

The Sabbath School picnic in connection with the Presbyterian Sunday School will be held in Ferguson's grove on Wednesday the 20th inst. A good time may be expected and a good programme will be given. No labor spared in making it a success.

We would like to know whether our new Dr's name is Boil or Boyle. We presume its the latter.

Our pathmaster, Malcolm McDonald, has spared no time nor labor in repairing our streets. He well deserves to be elected as premier of the new cabinet of our town.

D. K. McArthur, of Hopeville was the guest of his brother John one day last week.

We are pleased to notice that Mr. Robt. McGowan is getting better again. Mrs. McGowan came up to attend to attend to him and no doubt under her tender care he was well attended to.

We are informed that oats are 10 cents a bushel, wheat a price it will not pay for the reaping and thrashing of it.

We are pleased to see that Mrs. John Mather is getting better after her spell of sickness and that she is now able to do about her household duties.