

FARMERS' INSTITUTE IN ELMWOOD.

On the 19th inst. a meeting of the S. Grey Farmers' Institute was held in the village of Elmwood, in the extreme west of the county. In the afternoon the hall was filled with a large number of farmers from the surrounding country, who listened attentively to the addresses and took an active and intelligent part in the discussion which followed.

The meeting was opened by President Irvine, who occupied the chair, explaining the objects and aims, as well as the working of the Institute and the benefits to be derived therefrom.

He then introduced Mr. Thos. McMillan, of Seaford, who gave a very able address upon "Breeding and tending beef cattle." He advised every farmer to devote his energies to some special line and make all his efforts centre upon that. Success depends largely upon the man, his knowledge, management, industry and attention.

To breed good cattle the first requisite is a few good cows. Always keep increasing the quality of the herd by keeping only the best heifers and using the best sires, good individual and good pedigree. Bulls do not reach maturity until they are three years old and should not be used in a first class herd before then.

It does not pay to feed anything but good cattle—scrubs are a losing investment.

Early maturity is the first requisite and to obtain this the animal must be fed well from the first. A young animal should never be allowed to lose in flesh. It is not only a loss in time, but also a loss in feeding qualities afterwards. Feed calves plenty of warm milk, never cold, and a little ground oats as soon as possible, give them good pasture with shade, teach them early to eat corn ensilage, roots, etc., namoles are best and are sure to provide shelter from the cold rains and frosts of the fall. Give roots, ensilage and a little grain, along with feed the first winter. Keep them growing and gaining so that they will be finished for market when they are about two or two and a half years old, and weigh from 1200 to 1350 pounds.

Many farmers sell their steers when two years old as store cattle, but it never pays them. The only way to feed cattle to make it pay is to finish them on the farm.

A lively discussion followed, and numerous questions were fired at Mr. McMillan, all of which he answered satisfactorily, the direction being chiefly along the line of corn growing and the silo, which is being brought into prominence by the experience of the last two seasons.

Mr. W. S. Fraser, of Beauford gave a very interesting address upon "clover growing and curing." Clover is the mainstay of the farm, the more it is grown the soil will become richer and thus more grain can be grown and the manure pile will be larger and the farm will become better in ever increasing fertility. There are different kinds of clover. The Lucerne, whose tap roots, it is said, will go thirty feet deep. It makes hay if cut green and properly cured, but it is inclined to be woolly, and is better adapted for silage purposes. It can be cut three or four times a year. The alsike is adapted for damp soil and useful for pasture. The mammoth red is also a good one for either pasture or hay, but the small red clover is the best. Have the soil in good condition, seed down after roots or corn, sow 8 or 10 pounds per acre and sow in front of the drill. The best grain to seed with is wheat or barley. Plaster sown after clover has a beneficial result, producing a heavier growth. Clover should be cut when dry, shaken out well next day, a tedder is a great help, raked and cold and allowed to stand some time before taking to the barn. He strongly advised farmers to grow as much clover as possible. He also advised the practice of sowing rape with spring grain, a produce a large amount of pasture for fall use.

The evening meeting was held in the large school house, which was filled to overflowing. Addresses were given by Messrs. McMillan, Fraser, and D. McNeil, M. P. I., and music by the Lanflesh string band.

[We shall next week give a brief notice of the speeches of Pres. Irvine and Mr. James Allan.—Ed.]

ZION NEWS.

Mr. Editor, news is a very scarce item and here just now. The hard times and poor roads make everyone out of spirits, but one thing noticeable is that there is no feed cry this winter. Last winter it was every one's pass word: "How is your feed hanging out?" And "Nearly done" was the reply.

Our new mail carrier is fairly well broken into the business and appears to give every satisfaction. The post few weeks were filled for brightening the rungers of his new cutter.

A surprise party had a very good time at Mr. W. Kennedy's on the 15th inst. William is a kind hearted fellow and loves to see people enjoy themselves, hence, the party after trying two other doors went to his ever welcome abode as a last retreat.

Friends from Manitoba and Collingwood visited Mr. Wm. Greenwood's on 14th January, when on their way from Collingwood to Mt. Forest.

Mr. Goodfellow the Miller, is more than bustling things this winter and quite a few logs are already tumbling in.

Mr. H. Ridley says he intends having another try the big saw log in the side road. Success Harry.

The longest way around is the shortest way home sometimes. So one of our young men went a distance of 5 miles round after the party at W. Fenny's. Not so bad after cutting wood all day.

We notice that Mr. J. Robson is also amongst the Prophets (wood drawers).

Mr. Sam Edwards believes in having his implements hosed to protect them from the hot sun and drying winds, so is busy taking out timber for a drive shed, which is to go up this next summer. We hope and trust that Sam will have better luck with his logs than his own drawing experience and not d.a. them up and down the Zion hill so often.

The new teacher, Mr. Park, we understand is making marks.

BRITISH SUBJECTS STARVING BY THE MILLION.

India needs our help; the famine is upon her, and according to the estimate of the highest authorities, the lives of six millions of people are in danger—a British population greater than that of all Canada. Both the Imperial and Indian Governments are moving in the work of relief; but this is a case that cannot be left to government alone. It appeals to humanity generally. The people of Britain have taken up the work of relief, and their example is being followed in other lands. Even the Russians are sending money and food to India.

Canadians cannot turn a deaf ear to the cry of their fellow British subjects in the far East, and the means of sending effectual assistance has now been provided. A Relief Fund—the first to be started in Canada—has been opened by the Montreal Star newspaper, and its publisher has headed the subscription list with a donation of five hundred dollars. Premier Laurier has written the Star a letter, in which he expresses hearty approval of the relief movement, and he contributes a handsome cheque to the fund.

A joint memorial signed by all the Protestant clergymen of Montreal has been received by the Star expressing approval and support of the Relief Fund movement.

Every subscription to the Star's Famine Fund, great or small, will be publicly acknowledged.

HOPEVILLE.

Last week we mentioned of Mr. McKivicker's daughter being sick. She was married to Mr. Bosworth and lived near Hamilton. She went into a decline some two years ago and her mother brought her up here thinking a change of climate would do her good, but not so, she died on Wednesday morning the 20th and was buried on Thursday after noon in the Episcopalian cemetery. There was a large funeral the Rev. Mr. Harrison officiating.

A young man named McPhail, of Glenelg, who was timbering here with Beaton and McArthur, got his leg badly jammed by a tree falling on him. He was brought home to Glenelg.

Another timber man in the field, a Mr. Hodgins of Proton Station is around buying timber.

Adam Scarlett's eldest child is sick. Mr. W. Hall's two sons have rented a farm on the 6th con.

TOM.

YELLOW VALLEY.

Miss McMoore of Inistioige is spending a few weeks with friends in Priceville.

Mr. Wm. Reid who has been laid up with a sore leg is able to be at work again.

Mr. S. Henderson returned to Toronto last week after spending a few days with his relatives near Priceville.

A few young people from the gravel, spent an evening at Mr. Mr. T. Nicol's lately.

Mr. Jno. McPhail returned home a few days ago after spending a few weeks in the woods with his companion Mr. James Reid.

Mr. Robert Reid is busily engaged in drawing wood with his new horses, Bob is a hustler.

One of the most economical farmers who owns two pigs for which he has but little feed has decided to feed them in brouse for the remainder of the winter, the pigs are doing well but will soon need false teeth.

SCOTCHTOWN.

Snow, snow lots of it at present and no mercy on horse flesh. Nearly all if not all in our neighborhood are busy teaming to your town, principally all wood.

Miss Saddle Black has returned home after spending several months with her brother near Brantford.

Miss Mary McMillan has gone to Toronto for the good of her health. We hope she may be much restored and return in much better health.

Miss Maggie McQuarrie, from the Grove, spent a few days pleasantly with Miss F. McLellan and other friends on the 6th last week.

Miss Mary Wilson, from Traverston, was the guest of Miss Black one day last week.

Miss Mary F. McLellan has recovered from a severe attack of toothache and neuralgia, while Mr. John Black has but is much improved. Also Mr. Donald McLellan Jr. is under the weather with ear ache and sore throat.

Messrs. Donnie Graham and Donnie McKeche are wood contracting in this burgh at present and offers to challenge any two stalwarts, don't care who they be or where they come from.

Wood bees and hooedowns we learn are booming at bachelor's corners.

We understand by reports that Dugald would have gone astray coming home from Flesherston Station the other evening were it not for his companion.

FAIRWELL CORNERS.

Mr. Duncan Muir is busy teaming poles to Durham. D. is a hustler.

Mr. Angus McLellan visited friends at the Corners last week. Angus has still a smile and a laugh for all.

Mr. Neil Calder has traded off one of his farming horses for a fleet footed blood horse. Look out, boys, for race courses next summer.

Mr. Duncan Calder, of Fairbairn, who had his shoulder put out of joint, is we are pleased to hear, about all right again. He visited at his son Neil's here recently.

Mrs. James Muir is not very well. We sincerely hope she may get all right again.

Mr. Allan McKinnon, of Durham, spent a few days at his son's here lately.

Mr. S. Box, of Drumore, but formerly of this burgh, visited his old friends here one day last week.

Mr. Will Coleridge spent a few days in Brantford last week.

PRICEVILLE.

We are having lots of snow now, which makes things lively. The farmers are busy teaming out hay, grain, wood, logs, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mrs. McAuley of Holstein, visited friends here last week.

Mr. Hugh McArthur has moved from the South Line into Mr. J. McKinnon's house beside the School house.

The Sons of Temperance marched from their hall to the Methodist church a week ago Sunday and Rev. Mr. Humphries preached an excellent temperance sermon to them. Mr. Humphries is a very enthusiastic temperance worker.

Mr. Findlay McPhail met with an accident last Saturday while engaged with Mr. M. K. Beaton making square timber in Proton a tree falling on his leg and pinning him to the ground. He escaped without any bones being broken but is badly bruised. We hope to soon see him around again.

Mrs. Arthur Taylor returned to Toronto after a three weeks' visit with her parents.

Miss Kate McPhail returned home to Collingwood last week accompanied by J. McKechnie.

The Sons of Temperance are preparing for an entertainment in the near future. Messrs. Jas. Burnett, Donald McLean and Lachlan McMillan returned from Michigan last Friday.

Married, at the manse, by the Rev. D. McLeod, on Friday, Jan. 22nd, 1897, Mr. Neil McLean, of Artemesia, to Miss Christie, of Egremont. Congratulations Neil.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard leave this week for their new home in Batavia. We wish them a happy and prosperous journey through life.

The Flesherston and Priceville Baptist congregations had a social gathering at the home of Mr. John McLean on the South Line last Friday evening.

At the special meeting of this school section last Saturday was decided to grant the Agricultural Society the privilege of building a hall on the School ground.

MERRITT.

Mr. Wm. Brown who has been laid up the past week by inflammation of the lungs but, under the skilful care of Dr. Sneath of Drumore we hope will soon be all right again.

Mr. Luskster of Toronto occupied the pulpit in Amos church last Sunday.

Miss Adelaide Wilson was visiting friends down around Balsam Hill last week.

Mr. Fred Foote who has been engaged cutting wood the past two months with Mr. Jas Brown of Yeovil returned home.

Mr. Will Henry has purchased a new cutter and robe from Wm Calder we expect Will intends taking some long drives up around Edge Hill.

Mrs. Joseph Derby and her son Tom of Hamplien visited friends on the 20th for a few days last week.

Mr. Morceland Matthews who has spent a number of months down around Galt returned home last week. He looks well and his many friends are pleased to see him among them again.

Who were the two young ladies and the young man who drove to Holstein Thursday night in search of a farmer's Concert, we hope they had a good time.

PROTON CENTRE.

Mr. Editor, I thought I would send in a few more items for fear you may think that Proton Centre was dropped out, but times being so dull news is scarce.

Mrs. M. Patchelor has returned home after a week's visiting with her friends around Swinton Park.

Miss J. Campbell, of Hopeville, has been visiting with her grandpa, Mr. A. Bryce.

Sorry to say that Miss Tena McTaggart is very ill at present with inflammation of the lungs, but under the care of Dr. Sneath we hope soon to hear of her recovery.

Mr. P. Fonnans' little girl, who got scalded some time ago, glad to say is recovering.

Also Miss Egan, who has been ill is recovering.

Mr. C. Jack, who has been laid up with a bad cold is recovering slowly.

Mr. A. Bryce had a wood bee last week in which he got about 20 cords out. Well done for the Proton Centre boys.

Mr. Sam Batchelor has purchased a fine horse from Mr. —. I guess that means business, Ah! Son.

Also Mr. Luther Vert purchased a fine horse from Mr. Doyle this week.

MABLE.

SOUTH EGREMONT.

Another very sudden death occurred here last week; this time it is a young man named James Ward 25 years of age, he was subjected to fits and while doing chores for his employer Mr. Hugh Hunter of the 10th con, it is supposed he took one and died. He and one of Mr. Hunters sons were working in the barn feeding cattle. Young Hunter was putting down feed and Ward was down feeding the stock. Young Hunter on coming down found him lying in the passage face down and dead. He has one brother in this part who works with Mr. J. Ross of the 7th con. Young Ward worked for several farmers here in the last few years and was well thought of, the Dr. did not think it necessary to hold an inquest.

Rev. H. McKellar was away last week attending the funeral of his father, who was over 80 yrs of age and lives in Lambton County.

The Concert by the Woodland E. T. of T. was not as successful as might be expected the night being rather stormy, we understand there was a good program something over \$8 being realized, the annual meeting of the Woodland Presbyterian congregation will be held on the 15th inst.

Keeping Up The INTEREST.

Although the holiday season is over, we are not going to rest quietly on our oars and wait for things to pick up again.

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