

Correspondence.

TOP CLIFF.

Wood bees are the order of the day. Mr. N. McIntyre got 15 coris out one afternoon last week, and Mr. Patrick Sullivan about the same amount.

Quite a number have commenced plowing. D. McDonald had 5 acres plowed on the 7th inst.

Everybody seems to be into the sugar making this year. Mr. C. McKinnon and Mr. Patrick Sullivan are in the middle of it at present.

The Balsam Valley cor. seems to have been in a very apologetic mood last week, we did not think that our little difference required an apology, remember we are not slighting it, but will accept it with good grace and surrender to the inevitable.

We are sorry to hear that she, (the B. V. cor.) is about to have her name struck from the list of cor., but hope to hear occasionally some of the items of interest from her versatile pen, and we extend our well wishes to her successor as we well know that he is a master hand at poetry as well as prose.

Miss Carrie Waters of Yellow Valley was visiting Miss Crisiss B. McPhail, last week.

Master J. McDonald left for the old settlement on the 1st inst where if fickle fortune smiles on him, he intends to remain for the summer months.

The fields are rather soft to travel, at least so says a young lady who attempted to accomplish the feat last week and failed.

Miss Sarah Black, Scotchtown, was visiting at her sister's, Mrs. Pat Sullivan. She also paid a visit to Top Cliffe singing school as also did Mr. Archie McArthur of the Grove.

Miss Hattie Stonehouse and sister paid Top Cliffe a flying visit last week and it must have been gratifying to them to hear the rhythmic beat of the hearts of some of the sterner sex when they appeared on the scene.

Miss Christy McPhail and sister of the gravel paid friends around here a visit before leaving for the city.

There must be some secret organization against the wearing of Monstaches. Mr. Henry Eckhardt is the latest addition to the crusaders, he is as barefaced as Tom or Jack.

The entertainment held by the Cliffe Singing School, was a decided success as regards the program, but, owing to the inclemency of the elements the crowd was naturally small, but those that did attend went away perfectly satisfied. The program was a lengthy one, it consisted of vocal music by the glee club, represented by A. McDonald, T. McDougall, C. McKinnon, Bass. The soprano was Misses M. McCannel and Hooper, Mr. T. McDougall and C. McKinnon. The program was a recitation, and two good dialogues were rendered. A dancing contest, and club swinging by Miss McCannel, were each excellent and well received. A reading by J. Hinks, non could be claimed as perfect. John A. McDonald also gave two good songs. T. McDougall, C. McKinnon, J. McDonald, and T. Daley gave excellent instrumental music. Dan McDonald made a speech on Philosophy followed by a reading, and Misses Hooper and Hinks showed ability in a recitation each. Mr. T. Daley on the auto harp and mouth organ was good, and was appreciated. Mr. A. McCuagie, occupied the chair to perfection, while doorkeeper Eckhardt took in \$25.00.

LUCKY JIM.

HOPEVILLE.

I went into our Post Office a few days ago, and saw a copy of a new paper, sent up from Montreal to our Post Master as a sample copy, with a printed envelope to return his subscription in.

This paper, La Presse, was printed in French and contained a photograph of Mr. Merry Del Val, the Papal delegate to Canada, from his Holiness the Pope to settle our domestic affairs, (such as the School Question,) also, proceedings of his reception in the large Cathedral in Montreal, but it appears our P. M. here will not take any stock in this French paper, nor Merry Del Val, for Joe is not backward in saying that he can get the foreign news in the Sentinel of Toronto, and the Grey Review, that will suit his taste better.

We believe our Reeve, Mr. P. Shaw has succeeded in settling a law suit, originated by some petty little scandalous story that got about here.

A snow storm here on the 9th. A taffy pull at Mr. John Dezell's, on the 9th inst.

Mrs. Scatlett has been on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. McEachnie, of the new hotel in Cedarville.

Our Township Council sent a deputation to Dandak Council, asking the latter Council to repeal their by-law that compels farmers to have their meat inspected by an inspector; they did not succeed. We admit, as the by-law stands at present it will give farmers a lot of trouble, but some times it is required, for we have known people to have beasts injured by accident or disease, then they would kill them. Nice meat, that.

On the move: Mr. U. Kells from Peel township has moved onto his farm adjoining the village.

Mr. Wm. Parris has gone to the old survey.

Mrs. Parris, widow, is gone to Stratford.

POST.

BALSAM VALLEY.

Ho for Balsam Valley every time and season of the year! "We never sleep" when interesting items are to be had.

The sound of the tapping gouge is heard far and near and the little boy is almost covered with taffy already.

Mr. Dan McEachnie left for Klienburg last week where he intends to remain for the summer months.

Also the younger Jack has engaged with Mr. Marshall at the cheese factory for a year. Jack will be the boy to dish the whey out.

Mr. Faugur McKinnon, formerly of Bussanau, has moved onto the 19th and

is engaged with Bill Stewart for the summer.

We are sorry to state that Mrs. John Ferguson is very low at present, but under the care of Dr. Hutton we hope soon to hear of her recovery.

The population of Balsam Valley is steadily decreasing for one by one they have all cleared out thinking to better themselves, no doubt.

Miss Lizzie Earnest is at present undergoing a serious operation on her eyes at Owen Sound Hospital.

Mrs. Joseph Campbell is at present attending to her mother who is very ill. Joe is hatching it and having a high time.

Also Mr. George Hawjis keeping batch hall at present. This is a good chance for some lady.

A certain young man, from the South Line on route for Proton Station had a terrible experience last week while passing through the 3 mile swamp he went to a place where the water was very deep and he did not know whether to swim or drive across. He decided to drive on but the water being too deep drifted and drifting until he landed right at the Station hotel, where he was cared for and the gentleman remarked that he never would go that way again to see his best girl.

What we would like to know: If the young man shot the fox on All Fools Day? If the German lady is to be introduced into Balsam Valley? What became of Barnett? If the wedding will come off pretty soon?

HOLSTEIN.

Herbert Dome and Mort Brown left on Friday for Kirkton where they have both secured situations for the summer.

Miss Mable Cameron left on Wednesday last for Vassar, Michigan, where she intends staying for some time with her sister, Mrs. F. Greenough.

James Rogers put up a neat picket fence in front of his lot last week, which gives it a better appearance.

On Friday evening last the teachers and scholars of the Presbyterian Sunday School met at the manse and presented the Rev. J. M. Miller with a beautiful clock and nicely worded address.

What we may expect: April showers and May flowers. James to like his daily walk. Another taffy pull and another law suit.

Jack to drive South to see his best girl.

ZION.

Once more spring is here, and the farmer is all activity and at his wits end to know how to be in several places at once.

Quite a few of our farmers are plowing, but much of the land is very wet and cold yet.

Mr. Graham Timmins took the lead of sowers in our part, sowing on the 7th of April. He says he intends being ahead of the Hoppers.

Zion will be quiet this summer as nearly all our young men have got situations out of the district and several more intend going after seeding.

Master Hugh Firth has gone to the lower settlements. This is the third time in the same place.

Master Tom Timmins is engaged with Mr. Hunt of Traverston for six months. It is Tom's second term with Mr. Hunt. The girls will get to chafe in this summer, you bet.

Mr. Henry Bulley is domiciled in the cottage, in the Traverston Mill yard. His employer who is A. Goodfellow says that Henry is a good fellow. So we think there must be two of a kind.

Mr. Nevill F. Kingham is also with his old employer, Mr. Hall, of the 19th cor. of Glenelg.

Master William Firth is driving one of Uncle Joe's teams at Edge Hill.

Letters have come to several of our young friends from Mr. James, and Misses Mary and Annie Fairbank, who lately left Zion for Minnesota, stating that they like the domain of Uncle Sam very well so far. We understand that all three are getting good wages.

The worst of it is, that some of our boys are jealous because they get no letter and one says that he jokes Mary better every time he thinks of her, well no doubt, they say that absence makes the heart grow fonder.

We have great talks of Sugar making this year. The only good run for years, say our makers. Mr. W. Firth and family have made upwards of twenty gallons, while Mr. Timmins and family come up good seconds with twelve gallons. Others are kicking themselves for not bringing home pails and tapping tools. Others vow they will be ready for next year. Sure to have several good years under the Grits, says one; well we hope so.

Visitors have already begun to take in the sights of the laughing waters of Munie Ha Ha Falls. One person taking in the sights by moonlight, in the early part of the week. Awful, yet grand he says.

SOUTH EGREMONT.

W. A. Fraser and family left last Wednesday for their home in Whitby.

J. E. Roland has rented the Fraser farm for three years for the sum of \$850 a year while D. Stewart has rented Mr. Roland's farm on the townline.

A few of the farmers have started to turn the soil once more.

Mrs. G. McEachnie, who has been in town under the Dr.'s care for some time returned home on Wednesday last some what improved in health.

One night last week four of our young men thought they would have a taffy pull, so after dark they struck for a sugar corn, everything went well and their notes were beginning to water with the thought

of a fine feed when one of them suggested that if they had a rail of the fence it would hurry the fire. So Tom who is always ready and anxious struck for the fence, but on his way he ran against the prop; rictor who had noticed the light from the barn. Tom took to his heels but Jim was too nimble for him and before he went far he caught the sucker. (A very common word with Jim.) The other three in their hurry to get away forgot their overcoats and some other articles so they thought they might as well give themselves up. Jim invited them all to the house but they pretended to be in a hurry home. They went part of the way and saying they would take a short cut but Jim got tired. Now they thought it too bad to be fooled out of their feed and then Jim would be blowing how he fooled the boys so they took a circuit around and landed back in the bush where they finished their job about 4 o'clock in the morning and left some in a pad with a ticket marked "for Jim and the baby." The result is that both have been laid up with what he calls the Grippe ever since. We have not heard how Joe and — stood the racket.

Mrs. C. W. Ross, who has been ailing is not improving as fast as her many friends would like.

On the sick list this week we have to name J. Robb and D. and J. McDougall.

C. Gillies, Jr. left for Manitoba this week.

PRICEVILLE.

We do not know if we have much of importance to note concerning our contribution. Our stock of news is somewhat scarce, consequently the space occupied by your valuable Journal will not be large this time, Mr. Editor. However, we will make all endeavors to collect as many facts as possible and pen them so as to appear in a kind of a decent order for the reader to peruse.

Fire weather by all appearances. Good sugar making season. Some have made a lot of syrup.

Mr. John Pierson moved to the Henderson farm north of this place as he has rented it for a term of years.

James McDougall rented the Hunter place along side of Hendersons. So people are on the move.

The Rev. Mr. Harrison, of Dandak, occupied the Presbyterian pulpit last Sunday. This Rev. Mr. Neely, of Honting's Mills will officiate next Sabbath when he will administer communion in the English language at 11 o'clock. Preparatory services on Saturday at 2 p. m. Rev. Mr. Matheson, of Erin, is expected to preach on Sunday, the 25th April, in Gaelic and English, will be more definitely known by next Sabbath.

The entertainment at Top Cliffe on Friday last had rather a small attendance on account of the snowy evening. However, those that came out were well entertained as the young people who took part in the program acted most ably.

Mr. Arch. McCaugie was ably occupied by well. The chair was ably occupied by Mr. Arch. McCaugie who spoke at intervals. The Top Cliffe Society requested us to report, but we think it is only presumption on our part to accept of his request as he is an exceptionally talented youth and probably more capable of doing justice in giving the correct information than we are. However, we will give a synopsis of the program as far as we know. Singing by Glee Club. Instrumental music by Angus McDougall and Thos. Daley. Dr. D. McCaugie, recitation, reading and step dance by Dan McDonald. This young man has an extraordinary good talent as a reciter and would make a good platform speaker if the talent he possessed were put to use.

On Wednesday, the 7th inst. a happy event took place at the residence of Mrs. McLean, South Glenelg, when her daughter, Miss Flora was united to matrimony to Mr. McPeerson, of the township of Arden, by the Rev. Mr. Thom, of Fiesberton. The happy young couple have the good wishes of their many friends on their new journey in life.

Mrs. Hugh McPhail, of Arden, has been under medical treatment for the last week or so. We hope to hear of her recovery soon.

Mr. Woodman, Deputy organizer in the O. U. W. will visit Priceville Lodge 140 on Thursday next. Great inducements for young men to join this society now. Every young man should avail himself of the opportunity. Settlement of a few pounds of tobacco will pay the fee of \$2.00 for one year. Try it.

MURDOCH.

Mrs. D. P. C. Leriche, Drumore, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. D. Sharp.

Miss M. Lechin intends spending her Easter holidays at her home in Ferguson.

Mr. Wm. Johnston has engaged with a farmer near Ferguson for the summer months.

Mr. Wm. Allan, we are pleased to be able to report, is able to walk round again.

Mrs. R. White returned to her home in Arden a week ago Saturday accompanied by her brother. S. L. returned home on Monday.

Miss Eliza Firth spent a few days of last week in Mount Forest, visiting her sister Mrs. W. Chapman.

We extend best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McEachnie and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Suenk and may they have every prosper; it and happiness in their new homes.

Mr. Geo. Pollock has the contract of carrying the mail between Holstein and Murdoch.

Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Lunny's mother, is in a very low state of health and so; count of her declining years little hope is entertained of her recovery. Dr. Park is in attendance.

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Editorial Note and Comment.

The new tariff is promised for the 22nd inst. and intense interest prevails as to its character.

The estimates were brought down last week. They show a reduction in nearly all points. The outlay for capital improvement being the only large increase.

Mr. McMuller, M. P. has introduced a bill to put the civil service on the same non-partizan footing as the Auditor-General is at present. It will be remembered this officer on several occasions was successful in stopping large and unwarranted expenditure.

Sir Oliver Mowat is preparing the Plebiscite Bill, and it is alleged is considering the necessity of a poll tax of \$1.50 per head all over Canada, to replace the loss of the 7 or 8 million dollars revenue, at present derived from the liquor traffic. This, of course to be dependent on the result of the vote.

The Duke of Leeds, spoken of as next Gov. General is interested in grain manufacture, and therefore persona grata to the large class opposed to prohibition. We think it is not quite necessary to get wild over this fact as the "Templar" does, though it is unfortunate at a time when a plebiscite is on, and a fair expression of opinion should be secured, to give the prestige of high places on one side.

An arrangement has been made by which the M. P. S. will be carried free by the railroads. This obviates the use of the objectionable passes. The mileage allowance was allotted by the government however; take it or leave it. We note by the "News" that only Mr. Haycock and Mr. Caven left it. The others no doubt packing their scruples and the cash at the same time. Grit, Patron and Tory are much alike after all.

The opposition seems bound to oppose the abolition of the expensive franchise act. Keep it Mr. Laurier and give them a taste of how it works. Of course Sir Charles' party object to its abolition as it would mean handing over the Dominion franchise to the provinces, seeing Provincial lists would be used. Surely we have Statesmanship and confidence sufficient to overcome all little difficulties for the sake of the immense saving involved.

Greece will soon have to be reckoned one of the Great Powers of Europe Her every movement has been made regardless of all prohibitions, and the "concert" is like to fall to pieces. The trouble now is not in Crete but on the boundary between Turkey and Greece where bands of Greek insurgents or brigands have crossed into Turkey. Blood has been shed on both sides though neither power has declared war. Greece is most anxious that Turkey would give her an excuse, as she wants to do her fighting while her funds hold out. Turkey knows this and gains by waiting. Russia, Austria and Germany are surely drawing together against Greece's attitude, and it will be no surprise to see Britain France and Italy unite if need be to oppose the schemes of the three Emperors.

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23rd DAY OF APRIL, A. D. 1897 to deliver or send by post, prepaid to John P. Telford, of the Town of Durham in the county of Grey, solicitor for Donald Smith Sr., J. L. Smith M. D., and Duncan McArthur, the Executors of the estate of the said deceased. A statement of their names and addresses, and full particulars of their claims together with a statement of the security (if any) held by them.

And notice is hereby given that after the last mentioned date the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been given as above required, and the said Executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose claim notice shall not have been received as aforesaid at the time the said distribution is so made.

Dated at Durham the 31st day of March A. D. 1897.

J. P. TELFORD of Durham Solicitor for Executors.

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