

THE COMMISSIONERS BEND.

Hotel closing extended to 10.30. and the blinds to be up on Barrooms only.

A CHECK FOR THE MORAL FORCES.

That the laws of the License commissioners are not as the laws of the Medes and Persians was very evident last Monday when they changed at the request of the hotel keepers and a portion of the town, the regulations made but two weeks before.

The buzz of excitement pervading the town from the time the hotel keepers asked the good offices of the town council culminated at Monday's meeting where in addition to the request of the council, the commissioners had petitions for and against change before them. A number of the W. C. T. U. ladies were present and were supported by an influential part of the town, while the other side also had prominent adherents. Naturally they divided into two groups, but which were the sheep and which which were the goats Inspector Harris did not say. It was in some respects a painful division, and one which we would not like to see perpetuated.

It was a question of morality and business, and for the time being the "business" achieved a triumph.

The facts are that at the regular meeting of the License Board in April 10 o'clock was made the hour of closing bars, and during prohibited hours the windows of barrooms and public sitting rooms were not to be obscured by blinds, frosting or other obstructions. At this meeting the same body have lengthened the hour to 10.30 p. m. and ordered the blinds up only on the barrooms.

The morality side was championed by Mayor Calder, and Messrs Laidlaw, Campbell, Jno. Brown, Grant and others the Mayor making an exhaustive presentation of the subject. The business side was championed by no less a personage than County Crown Attorney McKay, of Owen Sound, who was engaged by the hotel men, Messrs Knopp and Gait of the lower town, hotels also putting in their claims. We could not attempt to give an idea of the extreme lucidity of Mr. McKay's efforts. Perhaps the presence of so many ladies helped to disturb the usual eloquence of the distinguished advocate. Hoping that the Commissioners would retain the 10 o'clock clause, the offer was made on behalf of the morality forces to forego the raised blinds on sitting rooms: and the commissioners were ungallant enough not only to close with the offer, but to give the bars half an hour longer besides.

THE NEW TOWN OF "DRYDEN."—When Ontario's Minister of Agriculture Hon. John Dryden, first undertook to establish his pioneer farm near Lake Wabigoon, eighty miles east of Rat Portage on the C. P. R., few would have predicted that within two years we should see three townships taken up by settlers at that point. Probably Mr. Dryden himself is as surprised as any one that the development should have been so rapid. In this, as in everything else he has undertaken, Mr. Dryden has evinced his usual good judgment.

Such is the desire for information regarding the locality that the following letter from the farm superintendent, a copy of which has been sent us by Mr. Dryden, will be read with interest:

Dryden P. O., April 24th, 1897.
DEAR SIR:—
The fall wheat came through the winter in good style: apparently none of it winter killed. On 18th and 19th we had some cold weather which checked its growth badly. The clover is commencing to grow again, and I cannot find any of it killed or heaved out. There are now only two lots for sale in Dryden. Three representatives of English capital from Australia and S. Africa have purchased lots, two of which are probably 300 or 350, including visitors. There are a lot waiting to buy town lots as soon as more are surveyed. The saw mill is running night and day and cannot furnish lumber as fast as is needed. Board lumber shipments can be had for about \$16.50, and B. C. cedar shingles at \$3.75. Our stores are reasonable. I have sown clover on the fall wheat. The land will not be ready for about a week.

A. E. ANNIS,
Superintendent.

TOP CLIFF.

Seeding has been very much prolonged owing to the continuous showers we were having some of the farmers have had to give up active operations on account of the ground being in such a wet condition. Mr. Amos Chislette and Mr. A. McLeod have gone to Rainsy River district in search of work they were accompanied by Mr. James Burnett of Ardena who has returned, he informs us that McLeod and Chislette have got work.

Miss Annie Chislette has gone to the Queen City for a sojourn, she will be very much missed as she was a favorite among all acquaintances.

Mr. Angus McDonald intends leaving for Alaska this week his brother Archie is also there, Angus is a sober industrious youth and will with respect and accumulate wealth wherever he goes, we wish him success.

Mr. Chas. McArthur of Rob Roy paid Mr. Hugh McDonald a visit last Sunday as also did Mr. Dan McDonald and Alex. McD. the same day.

If it keeps as fine as it is today seeding will soon be a thing of the past.

Mr. Will McLeod has engaged Mr. Herb Pepper for the summer months.

A young man from Hanover called for a certain fair one in this district but she happened not to be at home and he turned to go in haste but fate willed otherwise for as he was in the act of turning his horse right about face he over-turned his rig upsetting everything movable out of it himself included, these seven dollar horses are not to be trusted Johnnie.

Misses Catherine Eckhardt and M. Hooper paid Mr. Donald's, of Balaam Valley, a flying visit one day last week.

LUCY JIM.

MAPLE GROVE.

The weather has been favorable for seeding this last week and a large quantity of grain has been sown. If it keeps fine for a few days the most of the farmers around here will be through.

Miss Hannah Sullivan visited friends at Top Cliff and Priceville for a few days last week.

Miss Mary Ann McArthur, of Priceville, visited her aunt Mrs. McDonald and while in her burg she called on Miss McPherson.

Mr. John Campbell purchased a set of spring tooth harrows from Priceville's popular agent, Mr. M. Reilly.

Miss Mary Ann Muir has taken her departure for Fiesherston Station. She will have further to go now to meet her appointments.

Messrs D. G. McLean and W. J. Nelson, of Priceville, visited the Groys on a fishing expedition on Thursday of last week combining business and pleasure together. The catch was small but purchased some potatoes.

Mr. James Henry is under the weather at present with sore feet. No doubt it was caused by the run he had after his horses. Where is the Scotch Town "con doctor" now? Here is a chance for him to experiment with his cure.

Freddie Kennedy is busy preparing his fast horse and no doubt we will hear of some fast races before snow flies again unless he happens with another accident such as befell him in Priceville recently. Only Freddie being an expert with the reins there might have been a bad smash up.

Mr. John McArthur, of Priceville, has a gang of men fencing and improving the halfpenny farm. John is a hustler and does not like to see things untidy.

We hear of another hat deal. This time an outsider was trying to get the best of one of our citizens but we think Pat got the worst of the deal this time.

Mr. Fred McArthur is in the employ of Jos. Cairns until the farmers get their sheep washed and then he will follow the old employment of clipping sheep.

What we would like to know: When Mike is going to the Irish Lake P. O. for more grass seed.

If Sadie got the rooster home yet.

When George is going to gather more leeches.

SOUTH EGREMONT.

We have this week to record the removal by death of another of the old settlers of this locality, in the person of Mr. Malcolm Sinclair, who died last Thursday morning. Mr. Sinclair had been ailing for some time and some three weeks ago went to New York for treatment, but it was of no avail his body arrived home on Friday night and was buried on Saturday in the Woodland Cemetery.

Mr. Sinclair was of Highland Scotch descent. He moved here some 42 years ago with his parents. He was married to a Miss Betty of St. Vincent township, who died some 9 years ago. He leaves a family of 10 children, 6 boys and 4 girls, the youngest being about 12 years old. Mr. Sinclair was about 65 years of age and was well and favorably known in this township. He was a Reformer in politics till the last two elections when he went Patron. In religion he was a Presbyterian and an elder of the Woodland congregation. This is the third of the old settlers living with in 1 1/2 miles of each other that have been removed within three weeks.

Rev. J. Davidson and wife are visiting at the latter's father's, Mr. H. McDougall, this week.

We see by the last meeting of Egremont council that they ask for tenders for the McNair bridge. Angus says she'll get a bridge now and it is none too soon too.

Seeding is well on now and expect this week will wind it pretty well up with the exception of a few late cats.

Holstein creamery begins operation on the 11th inst.

DROMORE.

From an occasional Correspondent.

We missed our budget last week on account of seeding operations which are nearly finished around here, with the exception of a few wet places.

Our popular young blacksmith, Walter Lothian, now plies his trade at Mr. Robbs at Crawford's Mill, he intends staying for some time.

Miss Maody, from Boothville is visiting her sister Mrs. Collin McMillan, at present.

Mr. Karstok spent Tuesday night at the house of Mr. Isaac and was hospitably entertained no doubt.

Mr. John Hastie of Knox College is home on a visit to his parents before proceeding to his mission station.

The Rev. Mr. Mitchell preached in Amos Church the last two Sunday's, to appreciative audiences.

The people of this villa observed Arbor day by planting trees, and otherwise improving their property.

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In The Surrogate Court of the County of Grey.

In the matter of the guardianship of the infant child of Francis Twamley late of the township of Glenely in the County of Grey, yeoman—Deceased.

Application will be made to the Surrogate Court of the County of Grey before the Judge in Chambers at the Court House in Owen Sound, after the expiration of twenty days from the first publication hereof on behalf of Robert W. Twamley at the township of Bentinck in the said County of Grey, yeoman, the lawful uncle of the said infant, for an order appointing the said Robert W. Twamley, guardian of Mary Ann Twamley the infant child of the said Francis Twamley, deceased.

Dated at Durham, Ont., this 5th day of May, A. D., 1897.

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