

## NOTE & COMMENT

The New Year brought into existence Greater New York, and the new city welcomed itself with great enthusiasm.

German and Russian manoeuvres on China's borders have as usual caused a great British fleet to spring from the sea right on the spot. Curious how it happened to be there!

Dr. Grant is receiving hot shot on his prohibition attitude and in refusing to debate the matter publicly in Toronto, has agreed to do so in Kingston. Rev. Mr. Lucas is the challenger.

The humiliation of China by Japan, has made European nations bold to step in and get slices of her territory. If the carving up of China takes as long proportionately as Turkey has done, she is safe for a century yet.

### FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Great Interest—Large Crowds—Fine Addresses.

Tuesday afternoon last the Town Hall was filled with a fine looking crowd of South Grey Farmers, met to take advantage of the provision made by an intelligent government for advancement in their most important calling.

The speakers sent this time were Mr. C. Zavitz of the O.A.C., a gentleman well read, observant, and a fluent talker, with a strong resemblance to Mr. Wm. Allan in voice and appearance. He has one fault however, which printers are pained to observe, that he has no idea of brevity, for when he sends them "brief" items, which must "go in," it generally means about a column or more.

He was the first speaker in the afternoon, and he is nothing of an enthusiastic in his work in the experimental department. He first dealt with the cultivation of roots commencing on the different varieties of potatoes. He gives the palm the "Empire State" having yielded on an average of 7 yrs. 213 6 bas an acre. Advocates level culture, putting seed 5 inches apart and cultivating shallow with scuffler.

The variety of turnips called "Hartley's bronze Top" showed up best in their experiments. He also advocated level culture for turnips, a process which struck many as a novelty and many questions were asked. The importance of first class seed was dwelt upon, and by a fine chart he showed results of planting good or bad seed. He strongly urged thorough cultivation "Egans Improved Mammoth Saw log was the champion tester among Mangels, closely followed by several others. He made a strong point of early sowing as soon as free from frost. A question elicited the fact that they prefer twisting the tops off to cutting them.

Carrots were looked at as to their keeping qualities, their feeding qualities. Mangels better than carrots for cows. Proper seed was most important here too. His address was practical and the audience helped to make it so by questions.

Mr. W. L. Dixon next spoke on the "Cultivation of the Strawberry," time spent on which would be well repaid said the speaker. As we intend to give this paper in a future issue, we merely remark here that a visit to Mr. Dixon's strawberry patch in summer or to his model buildings and their fittings in winter will well repay the farmer anxious for improvement.

Mr. Thompson, St. Catharines, on growth and cultivation of small fruits, would select the best spot on the farm as none too good for them. Asbes is a good fertilizer on light soil. It was a mistake to have too many varieties, they should be planted in long rows. He does not advise growing currants on the tree shape but have shoots rise every year cutting out the old.

Mr. Wm. Irvine touched an inviting topic in "Beet Rings" viz: the system of farmers uniting to the number of 16 say, and each supplying a beef in rotation keep their table in fresh meat as well as town people. This is worthy of consideration in localities where it has not been tried.

An address on "Good Roads" followed, in which it was advocated that Genesee hills should many of them be levelled into the valleys.

Mr. Gokey gave a really interesting address on the various diseases and accidents that farmers' stock often meet with. He spoke of bloating, its causes and cure, the use of turpentine being recommended, only in severe cases would he resort to puncturing, Gorging, Dry Murrain, Diarrhoea among calves were each dealt with and the Society must feel indebted to Mr. Gokey for his assistance.

### THE EVENING CONCERT.

No evening Concert is more popular with Durham pleasure seekers than that of the Farmers' Institute.

As on previous occasions the Town Hall was filled, platform and all to the crowding point, and Chairman Mayor Calder, seldom faced a more enthusiastic and expectant audience.

Mr. Zavitz of the O.A.C., spoke of the pleasure it gave him to meet the intelligent people of S. Grey, as well as some of the friends he had met in the College. His topic was "Agricultural Experiment Stations and what they were doing for the farmer," and of course he gave an instructive outline of the work and methods of the O.A.C. Guelph. This mixed with a dash of humor made him an attractive speaker.

Mr. Thompson, St. Catharines, spoke on City v. Country Life, and his conclusions pointed to the superiority of the latter.

Mr. Gilbert McKechnie called on unexpectedly, made an impromptu speech, showing the advantages of such meetings to the farmer, and especially the value of membership in the Society and acquaintance with Agricultural Literature. He showed how the intelligence of French farmers were enabling them to rival the Danes in their butter products.

Dr. Jamieson made a reference to his farming experience during the dry years, and thought when he quit farming and to cultivate votes the drought followed him. The doctor's speech was a very happy one, and he was well received.

But the musical features of the evening were the chief events, and the singers and musicians seemed to be duly appreciated as almost all got encores.

The Jones—Sutherland—Galbraith—Carson Orchestra gave some pleasing selections, and experts say they were at their best.

A new star on Durham boards is Miss Jean Renwick, Drumore, whose "Canada the gem of the Crown," evoked a rapturous expression of loyal gratification, both for its sentiment and its execution. Her encore "Jean sat at her spinning wheel" showed her equally at home in a different line. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Agnes, and the compass and parity of her fine voice made a treat which will have to be repeated before long.

Mr. Jas. A. Hunter's abilities will be apt to bring him too many engagements soon, and he has seldom showed to better advantage than he did in the "Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond."

Old favorites were Messrs Wm. Ramage and Jas. Mather, the latter showing that married life had enhanced his musical powers by two fine songs, the ever touching "Jock O'Hazel Dean" being pleasingly rendered. Mr. Ramage sang the stirring "Land of the Maple" in his usual vigorous and effective way, keeping the same sentiment in his encore "Our Dominion for ever."

Mr. Galbraith as a comique entertained the audience, and the generous applause he received showed their marked appreciation.

Mr. Wm. Isaac, Drumore, made his first venture before a large audience, and gives promise with practice of achieving some fame as a pleasing singer. His selections were made with good taste.

Altogether a most profitable evening was spent, and the excellent record of former years has been maintained.

God Save the Queen closed the meeting.

### THE TOWN ELECTION.

The Clerk has been served with a notice pointing out that the nomination is illegal, and that this town has no present neither Mayor nor Council!

The complainant is Mr. Wm. Gorsline, at one time reeve of this town, and no doubt he will be able to show that it is for the best interests of the town that the matter be re-considered.

He complained that the Clerk acted illegally, that Mr. R. McFarlane bulldozed the large audience, and that he objects to one man nominating the whole council!

Mr. McFarlane as is well known is not of the full dozing kind, and his action, taken at the instance of many ratepayers there, met with the hearty approval of the audience.

If it is one hour in the year that every ratepayer is King and under no council, or restraint, it is the nomination hour, and if the blanket motion was so terrible a thing why did not some of the many present speak out.

The truth is that the town was highly gratified at the prospect of an acclamation. Mr. Laidlaw, no doubt wanted another test of the Mayoralty fight but we feel certain that Mr. Laidlaw and every other good citizen of this town will protest against the stirring up of further trouble over a matter that is settled in the best interests of the town.

The council, every man of them, should show this, and shun a course which will cast a cloud over the rays of hope which this town is rightly indulging in for the future. They can do this by falling into their places harmoniously, resting assured that they never, were more the choice of the town than they are now. We say this because we hear some think it not safe to take their seat.

If Mr. Gorsline's action as to the helmets and other matters had been as harmless as Clerk Russell's slight informality, the town would have been deeply gratified.

We hope we have heard the last of it.

### PRICEVILLE.

At the regular meeting of A.O.U.W. Lodge 140 the following officers were elected for the year 1898: C. C. James Master Workman, M. Reiley Foreman, N.

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The old year has gone and the new one has come and we now have to date our letters 1898.

We have had good sleighing for the election this year which was much appreciated besides the knee deep mud of last election day.

The Presbyterian Sunday School anniversary, Wednesday evening of last week was a brilliant success notwithstanding the stormy day, the church was well filled.

After doing justice to the good things provided by the ladies which was served in the basement the crowd went up stairs.

The superintendent Mr. Donald Currie occupied the chair and a lengthy and well prepared program was given. The officers of the S. School were very fortunate in securing the services of Miss Richardson of Fleberton, who is a very popular elocutionist and was much appreciated by the entire audience, she gave over half a dozen recitations and as many of the scholars had never heard an elocutionist before it is needless to say that they were delighted. The choir furnished excellent music and a number of prizes were awarded to the members who took the highest marks in each class for the year. Rev. Mr. Humphries addressed the audience briefly also Mr. Richardson of Fleberton made a short address on S. School work.

A ribbon drill by 14 girls received much applause. The following gave recitations: Donald Gillis, Annie McLean, John McArthur, Nathie Grier, Annie Hogarth, Jeanie McArthur, Maud Reilly, John Cameron, Myrtle McArthur. The receipts of the evening amounted to \$50.00.

Mr. Walter Nichol visited Mr. T. Colinson of Aberdeen last week.

Mr. Lachlan McLean of Niagara, North Dakota, is spending the winter with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Allen McLean.

Misses Lottie Robertson and Edith Sutherland of Toronto spent Xmas with friends here.

Miss Jennie McAllister of Collingwood is visiting her sister Mrs. Thos. Nichol and other friends here at present.

Mr. Robert Shortreil spent New Year with friends in Galt.

Messrs John and Jesse McKechnie of Owen Sound visited their Uncle Angus McKechnie, last week.

Mr. J. Hogarth was in Walkerton, last week.

We understand that there is to be another tailor shop opened up here soon.

Mr. Wm. Chisholm of Adamsville, spent Xmas in Priceville.

Some of the inmates of our stores thought the other evening that it was a tramp that was making the racket at the door but on opening it they found that it was a young lady calling for her fellow to take him to the Xmas tree.

Malcolm McInnis purchased a fine horse in markdale last week; he is preparing to commence farming.

Robert Shortreil has rented Thos. Lawrence's farm, known as the Scott farm on the Durham road.

Mr. N. McKinnon now runs the noon mail from Fleberton Station and Mr. V. Trimble of Fleberton carries the mail to and from Durham.

### MERRITT.

Mr. John Allan returned home from Galt last week where he spent the summer. We are pleased to have John around again.

Mr. Geo. Henry left for Hepworth a couple of weeks ago where he intends to spend the winter with his brother-in-law, Mr. Thos. Reid.

Mr. Thos. Daily is working for Mr. James main.

Mr. Andrew and Miss Agnes Hunter spent New Year with the Laidlaw family, Glenelg.

Messrs David and Peter Daily, of Algoma came home last Thursday to spend the winter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Daily.

Mrs. Russell Wilder, of Orchardville, is spending a few weeks with friends around here at present.

Mr. Alex. Pollock of the South Line, gave the boys a wood-see and party last Thursday. Those from this part who attended the party report having a splendid time.

Miss Agnes Hunter and Miss Mary Scott of Drumore, united friends in Normanby last Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Peter Brown, Holstein, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Mather, Bentinck, and the Hunter family spent a very enjoyable Xmas at Mr. D. Hamilton's.

# Cut In Two

We counted up our stock of Trimmed Hats the other day and found we have still 25 (Twenty Five) on hand. Now we don't want to carry one of them into the stock book and there's only one way of doing it. Regardless of cost we have cut the prices exactly in half.

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| Hats that were | \$ 5 00 | now  | \$ 2 50 |
| 4 50           | ..      | 2 25 |         |
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| 3 50           | ..      | 1 75 |         |
| 3 00           | ..      | 1 50 |         |
| 2 50           | ..      | 1 25 |         |
| 2 00           | ..      | 1 00 |         |

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### DROMORE.

The holiday season is over and with it came in the New Year full of hope for the future.

Messrs. James and Frank Coleridge visited the old homestead, as did also Miss Salina during Xmas holidays, the two latter returned to their respective schools on Monday.

The amiable and sociable Miss E. Bell of Bells Lake is visiting the Isaac and other families on this line.

Mrs. A. Leslie of Mt. Forest spent New Year at Mr. And. Leslie's here.

The Misses Maggie and Georgie Kennedy of Toronto are visiting in the neighborhood with (Bamboro Hall) the hospitable residence of Mr. E.A. Henderson as headquarters.

Miss Ray Adams also of Toronto is enjoying a well earned visit to the home of her youth, and sheds a "ray" of pleasure among relatives and numerous friends.

Miss E.iza Wilson left one day of this week to attend the O. S. Coll. Institute.

Mr. John Hastie who is spending his holidays here before returning to College lectured to the C. Endeavorers last Sunday evening, his subject being "Chambers of Imagery." He spoke with a readiness and fluency that won from his hearers remarks of an appreciative nature.

Mr. John Snell returned last week with his bride, formerly Miss Scott from near Sarnia. Though not initiated in the art, Mr. Snell deserves praise for the excellent

carpenter work put upon the house lately erected by him. We hope they may lay in it a life full of enjoyment and happiness.

We notice the young man from Proton finds his way to the 1Cth of this township again. It does not require spring to turn a young man's mind to thoughts of love in those parts, but decency, who can blame him?

Messrs W. J. and Abe Jones lately returned from the neighborhood of Listowel looking hale and hearty.

A Soiree in connection with the induction at Amos Church is proposed to be held on the night of the 11th of January. Large committees are appointed who will make it a success.

The Mause is being put in readiness for occupation by a new coat of paper and paint, the artist is Mr. Jas. Benwick jr.

A sleighload of about two dozen with a tandem attached took a drive on Friday last to visit their onetime neighbor, Mr. Wm. Essie on the south line Proton.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Baird and family of Tracyton, spent Xmas at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Isaacs.

Mr. Wm. Scatter one of our own boys, but now of North Dakota, came home this Xmas to see old friends and school mates. And also we may hear of him having company on his homeward trip as it is not good for a man to be alone.

A large meeting was held in the hall here on Thursday by the township nominees, and a lot of personal matter was thrown out by some who ought to have

known better. The idea of a meeting is a good one but the people of Drumore want something more than coffee. Mr. Chas. McInnes deserves credit as an exception to this as also does Mr. Swanson who spoke with an eloquence and calmness under provocation that won him gold opinions that should be followed by voters. Mr. McFadden acquitted himself as usual and is on good terms with his opponent. Mr. Walter Hastie was accorded a hearty vote of thanks as an impartial chairman, filling it with honor to himself.

Miss Mary Scott, on leaving Yeovik school, was the recipient of an address and handsome silver cake basket from her pupils.

Misses Orchard and Culbertson of Durham and Joe, and Miss Sharp of Merceda, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. Coleridge jr. one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Snell of Winton H. School, Mr. and Mrs. George Binnie, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfre Tucker were the guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Snell of Drumore, for the purpose of a family reunion and welcome to the bride and M.J.H. Snell last Friday. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Bannock and family visited relatives and friends near here a couple of days last week.

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| Oatmeal per sack      | ..... | 1 80 to 1 80      |
| Bran per cwt          | ..... | 60 to 60          |
| Shorts per cwt        | ..... | 75 to 80          |
| Fall Wheat per bushel | ..... | 0 80 to 0 82      |
| Barley                | ..... | 0 30 to 0 30      |
| Peas                  | ..... | 0 44 to 0 44      |
| Oats                  | ..... | 0 24 to 0 24      |
| Dr'd Hogs, per cwt    | ..... | 5 00 to 5 50      |
| Hogs, live weight     | ..... | 4 00 to 4 25      |
| Lard per lb           | ..... | 10 to 10          |
| Tallow per lb         | ..... | 08 to 04          |
| Butter per lb, Tub    | ..... | 0 18 to 0 14      |
| Roll                  | ..... | 18 to 14          |
| Eggs, per doz         | ..... | 18 to 0 14        |
| Chickens, per pair    | ..... | 20 to 60          |
| Potatoes, per bag     | ..... | 0 50 to 0 50      |
| Ducks                 | ..... | 40 to 50          |
| Turkeys, per lb       | ..... | 07 to 08          |
| Hides, per cwt        | ..... | 06 to 07          |
| Calfskins             | ..... | 25 to 35          |
| Sheepskins            | ..... | 50 to 75          |
| Hay, per ton          | ..... | 6 00 to 8 00      |
| Straw                 | ..... | 0 00 to 0 00      |
| Apples, per bag       | ..... | 50 to 75          |
| Wood, 4 feet          | ..... | 1 75 to 2 00      |
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