

FROM COUNTRYS DE AND HAMLET

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Again we remind our friends, the correspondents, that the war tax stamps is NOT necessary on any letters containing news and addressed to us. Simply fold in the flap, put a one-cent ordinary stamp on it, and let it go. Postmasters have no right to refuse these letters, though some of them have been doing so. The Whig has taken up this matter with the Post Office Inspector's Department, and they have advised us that the Postmasters in such cases have been at fault, and that they have been given further instructions.

Many of our correspondents are still placing two cents on unsealed letters addressed to us, and many of our letters are being held up or sent to the Dead Letter Office. If the instructions are carefully read, these delays would not occur.

Mrs. J. Whan is with her sister, Mrs. T. Bauder, Verona.

PITTSBURGH.

Pittsburgh, May 4.—Seeding is about completed in this vicinity. The exceptionally fine weather has enabled the farmers to make good progress. A large supply of milk is being received daily at Granite Hill cheese factory. The "Rehearsal" was launched on Tuesday from her winter quarters where she has gone under considerable repairs. It is much larger than it formerly was. D. Breckenridge is captain. Miss Stewart, Toronto, formerly teacher in this vicinity, spent the past two weeks here renewing acquaintances. A "shower" was given in St. John's church on Tuesday afternoon from two to four o'clock in aid of Queen's Stationary Hospital. The requests for pillows, pillow-cases and towels were responded to very freely by the ladies of the church. Mrs. (Rev.) Stevens served a very dainty lunch at the close.

BATTERSEA.

May 3.—The passing away of the late Henry Thomas at Rosedale, near Sydenham, on the 20th ult., was of more than passing interest to the older residents of this community. The late Mr. Thomas was born on the old Thomas homestead, near here seventy-two years ago, and spent his youth and young manhood here until he was twenty-eight years of age. He was a son of the late John Thomas, and a brother of the late Charles Thomas, who continued to occupy the homestead here up to the time he removed to the west. The subject of this sketch after leaving here moved over into Pittsburgh Township, where he resided for thirteen years, afterwards removing to the vicinity of Sydenham.

KILBERNIE.

Kilbernie, May 5.—The "shower" given by Mrs. Steers, "The Mansie," Kilbernie, in aid of Queen's Stationary Hospital, was largely attended by the ladies of the congregation. The guests were met at the door by Mrs. Steers and ushered into the drawing-room, which was tastefully decorated with potted plants. After a few hours were spent in planning work for the Red Cross Society, the hostess led the way to the dining room, where a very dainty lunch was served by Misses Allison, VanHorn and Eva Atkinson. The donations were thirty-one pillows, seventeen towels, six pillow cases and \$2.10.

Lanark.

May 3.—Wilfred Elliott has returned from Herron's Mills, where he has been working on the drive. Miss Kate Elliott returned to her home at White. William Crawford and H. B. Gray made a business trip to Caldwell's Mills. Mrs. Clayton Curran, Belleville, Samuel Russell, Deseronto, Jesse, Belleville, and Wilson, on the homestead at Rosedale.

Lanark.

May 3.—The people have nearly completed their seeding of grain now. The April showers are giving a promising outlook. The weather for the past weeks has been very favorable for spring work. Several of the people here are peeling pulp. Rev. Mr. Crowe conducted prayer-meeting in this place on Tuesday evening when a goodly number had assembled. William Munro made a business trip to Portland recently. Mrs. James Erwin, Sharbot Lake, called on friends here recently. The cheese factory is expected to open Monday with Mr. Orr, as cheesemaker. Miss Jennie Kirkham is spending a few days at Maberly. Mrs. J. Palmer, Maberly, at William Palmer's; Mr. W. Duffy, sr., at T. W. Duffy's.

Leeds.

SHELDON'S CORNERS, BASTARD.

Sheldon's Corners, Bastard, May 3.—The death occurred to-day of Mrs. Sherman, wife of Glenn Sherman, aged thirty-six years. Death was due to childbirth. The baby died at birth. Deceased was a Methodist and a member of the Athens church. She was much beloved by her many acquaintances. The funeral took place on Wednesday from her father's residence. Interment took place at Plum Hollow cemetery.

SAND BAY.

May 3.—Charles McDonald is building a pump house and intends to install a gasoline engine. Miss Valda Webster, Lansdowne, who has spent the past three weeks with her sister, Miss Euclid Webster, teacher, has returned home. Miss Ena Ruppel, at R. Ruppel's, Lansdowne, and Mrs. J. A. Lappan spent Saturday in Kingston. Donald Patience and sister, Annie, Dulcemaine, are at W. McDonald's. Miss Vera McDonald returned home after spending a week at P. M. Lappan's, Melcombe.

panied him home. Little Frederick Halebrand is seriously ill. A number of new autos are to be seen in the village. S. Seaman, Toronto, is spending a few days here. Mrs. P. A. Topping is moving into the Birch house. Mrs. William Godkin, Oak Leaf, is visiting friends here. Mrs. Robert Chant is confined to the house, ill of bronchitis. The Public School observed Arbor Day on Friday last, cleaning up the ground and putting out trees. A number from here attended the Patriotic Concert in Elgin last week. A. Halliday is erecting a garage on Main street. H. Furzer still continues quite ill.

WILLOW BANK.

May 4.—The meadows and pastures look luxuriant after the rain, and a good many farmers are finishing seeding. It has been an exceptional spring time for seeding as the ground was in good condition for working. The cheese factory is working every day now under the management of Stanley Tattershaw, formerly of Pittsferry. Miss Helen Haig is learning dress-making in Gananoque. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Juniper, Marble Rock, were at George Ballock's Wednesday. The teacher, Miss Henderson, had to and a boarding house in town for the remainder of the term as lodging is scarce in this section. Robert Gries, caretaker of the cemetery, is kept busy renovating the grounds and every place looks nice and neat.

CAINTOWN.

May 4.—Some of the farmers have finished seeding. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Graham and daughter, Velma, spent Saturday and Sunday in Athens. Gordon Brown has returned from Kingston College. Little Rosalie Cobey, who was at Kingston for treatment is quite well again. Services on Sunday evening in the Methodist Church were largely attended. Mrs. Etta Hogeboom and son, Gordon, have returned home after an extended visit at her old home. Sherman Dowseley has hired with S. L. Hogeboom for the summer. Holmes Morrow has engaged to work this summer in Lansdowne. T. G. Tennant was in Brockville Monday.

CHANTRY.

May 5.—John Gibson is around again was to be called home from Calgary on account of the illness of his mother, Mrs. William Gibson. Mrs. Harry Talbot is under the doctor's care. Frank Seeds has placed a new steam-curd-mill in his factory and is improving the interior of the factory in other ways. He believes in keeping things up to date. Farmers are still busy getting their seeding done but feel there is no rush this cool weather. Charlie Wier is able to be out again after a severe attack of rheumatism. Miss Clara Chant is again home for a few days accompanied by a young friend from Kingston.

ELGIN.

May 3.—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hayward Blype a son. Mrs. William Sly is receiving congratulations on her success at Queen's. The patriotic concert drew a large crowd both nights. Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Kerr a daughter. William Kelly, New York City, was a recent guest in the village. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Merriman, a daughter. Stanley Morgan, Queens, is home for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, Chantry, were guests of her parents. Miss Kerr is confined to her room with tonsillitis. Mrs. George Howard still continues very ill at her home. Mr. Horton and family expect to take possession of their cottage at Sand Lake.

FALL RIVER.

May 5.—The death occurred at her home here on May 1st of Mrs. Halliday, wife of Sidney Halliday. Death was due to heart trouble. Deceased was born in this city, her residence being a short distance from the village. Two sons and two daughters survive, besides her husband. They are Lewis and Arthur and Miss Hazel, a recent graduate of the Athens High school and Ruth a student at this school.

LANSDOWNE.

May 6.—The ladies of the Benevolent Society met at the home of Mrs. Joseph Heaslip on Tuesday evening. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. George Phillips; Vice-president, Mrs. Bigford; secretary, Miss May Phillips; treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Hutchison.

The hostess served refreshments. Mrs. Eliza Dixon was taken to the Brockville General Hospital last week for treatment. Dr. Meikle, Morrisburg, spent Thursday in town. Rev. Mr. Scanlon, Brockville, took the services for Rev. Mr. Smeil Sunday last. Sheppard Bros have purchased a handsome delivery auto. A. W. Birch has started the foundation for his new residence next his store. Frank Earl, Women River, is visiting his brother, Percy Earl. Harry Ferris has opened a butcher shop on Main street. Dr. Stevens has purchased an auto runabout. Archibald Tedford who has been dangerously ill in Kingston General Hospital is now considered out of danger. Miss Mae Steacy entertained a number of young people on Tuesday evening at Dr. Wallace Steacy's cottage, Charleston Lake. John Hostler who works for D. B. Johnson, was removed to Kingston General Hospital on Sunday and operated on for appendicitis. Messrs. Mooney and Phillips have bought a car which, besides being used for delivery purposes, will be run to and from the river and other places. The Women's Institute meeting will be held on Friday. Another car is expected soon for Messrs W. G. and L. D. Johnston.

Charles Mathews who was reported drowned some time since, paid a visit here Saturday last to bid farewell to his friends as he expects to leave shortly for the front.

Prince Edward

PICTON.

Picton, May 3.—Walter Collier, who has been quite ill, is able to be around again. Archibald McConnell is our new milk drawer. Mr. and Mrs. William Grooms have returned to Picton after spending the last two years in British Columbia. W. R. Bass has sold his farm to James A. Powell, Edmonton, Alberta, just outside of the corporation. The purchase price is said to be \$23,000. Mr. Powell takes possession immediately. The Edward McCaw canning factory is being rebuilt.

Township Councils

LOUGHBORO.

Sydenham, May 3.—Council met and approved minutes of last meeting. Accounts paid: A. Blakesley, overseer, breaking stone on Wheatley and Cross streets, \$67; F. C. Martin, burial expenses of Manley Timmerman, \$20; H. Amey, job on road between 9th and 11th con., \$15; Mrs. F. Keeley, opening winter road near her place, \$5.10; W. Brewer, jobs on North Shore road, \$25; Thomas Woolsey, overseer opening winter road, \$10.57; Red Cross Society, expenses, \$1; Wilson Silver, shovelling snow on 5th line, \$6.75; William Sharbot, 273 rds., on value of sheep killed by Edward Hills, bonus on 42 rods of wire fence, \$4.20. On the petition of W. S. Gordon and others, it was resolved that the material taken from the plank walk on Mill street should be used to lay a walk on the west side of Wheatley street between George and Cross streets. Moved, Ennis-Walker, that by-law "69-A" receive its final reading and be signed by the reeve and clerk, and H. M. Shales and Edward Stitt be appointed overseer under said by-law. Council adjourned to meet for Court of Revision at 10 a. m. Monday, June 7th.

War as a Money-Maker.

New York Tribune.

Prussian militarism has been a business of money-making, institution as well as an agency for territorial aggrandizement. In the past 120 years among civilized nations was indemnities in money have been exacted in the total amount of \$1,447,000,000, and of this total Prussia's share has been \$1,045,000,000, or 72 per cent. The wars fought by Prussia under Bismarck had for their avowed motive the consolidation, if not the extension, of the German states. But Bismarck never forgot the Prussian war machine as also a business institution, and its crowning stroke as a money and prosperity maker for its people came in the plundering of prostrate France of \$1,000,000,000 in cash, made from territory taken and exactions made in the march on Paris.

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