

FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE

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FERNSLEIGH.

Jan. 29.—The recent snow storm has left the roads in a bad condition. School has re-opened with Miss Cox as teacher. Many of the boys are being called to service. The quilting bee at Mrs. A. Martin's was well attended. Visitors: Stanley Lyons, at H. Lloyd's, Plevna; Mr. and Mrs. E. Martin spent Sunday at Ardoch; R. Hicks, wife and daughter spent Sunday at Mrs. Lyons; C. Fiebler, at S. Babcock's; Mrs. S. Babcock and daughter, at W. McKinnon's; W. Fiebler, at S. Lyons; H. Fiebler made a short call at E. Martin's on Sunday. We are all very sorry to hear of Donley Watkins being seriously wounded.

WILLETSHOIME.

Jan. 28.—A successful "pic social" in connection with Woodburn church was held on the 24th inst. at the home of G. E. Creamer, whose home is always open to both young and old. "Welcome" is the motto, and was well expressed. We all appreciated their kindness, and felt "at home." The spacious house was well filled, and a very pleasant evening spent. A programme given by the choir and friends was well enjoyed. Games were indulged in by the young folks present, and though some tears were entertained at first that provisions would not equal the demand they proved unfounded, as Woodburn ladies fully upheld their well-known reputation at making very ample provision, and there was enough and to spare. The effort realized over forty-four dollars.

LAKE OPINICON.

Jan. 26.—The roads are in fairly good condition again, but the weather continues a little stormy with the thermometer registering below zero. C. Tolson expects to have his mine in operation soon. K. Darling and F. Best made a business trip to Elgin this week. Frank Smith, who has been seriously ill under the care of Dr. Bracken is somewhat improved. Henry Smith is spending a few days at home prior to his leaving for overseas. F. Smith and J. McLean spent a couple of days in Kingston. The infant son of C. Ennis is ill. Miss Madal Darling and James Bailey, Odesa, spent a few days at the home of Mrs.

A. Darling, Lloyd Baxter and sister, Ella, spent Sunday at Linkletter's. Mr. and Mrs. J. Banks and Ella Smith at F. Smith's; Harry Smith at G. Gifford's.

ARDOCH.

Jan. 28.—Snow-shoeing is the order of the day. The funeral of the late Mrs. Kellar took place from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. R. G. Watkins to St. John's Church, Ardoch, the impressive sermon being preached by Rev. H. Fringe, Sharbot Lake. The remains were then conveyed to Plevna cemetery to be placed besides those of her late husband, who predeceased her several years ago. A few from here attended the memorial service at Corvair Friday evening in memory of Pte. Nathaniel Cox, who made the supreme sacrifice "Somewhere in France." Albert Myers left for Kingston the 22nd inst., having received his call to colors, and is now in khaki. The farewell dance held in his honor at J. G. Fraser's, Monday evening was well attended. Miss Grace Byam, Rochester, N.Y., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. G. Watkins. Donald MacGregor, Myers Caye, was a week-end guest at George Hamilton's. Miss Lucy Gray spent Saturday at W. J. Fraser's. M. L. Myers left for Kingston Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Lorne McDonald visited at Mrs. M. Munro's.

PERTH ROAD.

Jan. 28.—An old and respected resident of Perth Road, Serene Babcock, passed away at his home early Saturday morning after a short illness. His widow and one daughter, Mrs. H. Shales, and one son, Ernest, both of this place, are left to mourn the loss of a kind husband and father. The funeral service was conducted in the Methodist church at 1 p.m. Sunday by Rev. Mr. Babcock, Kingston, and Rev. S. Throop. The remains were placed in Wishmore cemetery. The funeral cortege was large. The weather is still very severe with no signs of a January thaw. The depth of snow in the swamps and woods makes it very inconvenient for the wood cutters. Miss Winnifred Wallace, who was ill with the gripe, is better. Mr. and Mrs. H. McCadden have been ill with the gripe. H. Guthrie and Mrs. Thompson and daughter, Hilda, spent Sunday at their mother's, Mrs. W. Guthrie.

CROW LAKE.

Jan. 28.—School reopened to-day, with Miss Evelyn Pines as teacher, to the joy of the entrance pupils. A number from here attended the

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party at A. McEwen's, of Bollingbrook, on Friday last. The Ladies' Aid are talking of getting up an entertainment on St. Valentine's Day. Mr. and Mrs. James McEwen are happy over the arrival of a grandson at the home of their son, Daniel, of Bollingbrook. The old Gemel form has been purchased by Charles Rose. He intends settling on in the spring. Joseph and Alexander McVeigh, of Oso, were the guests of their uncle, Joseph McVeigh. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hanson are visiting friends in Smith's Falls; Miss Frances Bain, at her sister's, Mrs. Knute Hanson; Mrs. D. Hartman is spending a few days here. Word has been received here that Robert Cameron, of Perth, was killed while working at a building. Pierce Harrison, of Sharbot Lake, at K. Hanson's, Thomas Gossage, of Kingston, is cutting a carload of wood at William Knapp's.

Lanark

Jan. 28.—Miss Annie Foxton, Sydneyham, has taken charge of

Milliken's school. Mr. and Mrs. MacGillivray visited at John Buchanan's this week. Rev. Mr. Ryder has taken charge of the Anglican parish of Maberly and Bathurst. The annual vestry meeting will be held in the vestry on Tuesday night. Miss Laura Munro and Martha Buchanan spent a week with friends in Bathurst. Frederick Gidding is renovating the inside of the Methodist church and making many improvements. Mrs. D. Millikin had the misfortune to fall and sprain her ankle. The people are hoping for a January thaw. The farmers are busy hauling pulp wood to Maberly Station. H. Buchanan, a respected resident of this place, passed to the great beyond on Monday evening. He had suffered an attack of pleurisy, then a relapse and on Sunday spinal meningitis set in, which ended his death. The funeral, a large one, was held on Wednesday, and was in charge of the Orangemen.

Leeds

CAINTOWN. Jan. 28.—The roads are in a bad condition owing to the snowstorms. There was no service in the Methodist church here on Sunday last on account of the anniversary services in Mallorytown. W. H. Franklin, Juncton, is using wood in this vicinity. Thomas Hodge is in the stock list. Miss Alma Dickey has returned home after spending a few weeks at Mallorytown. Wesley Love has sold his house to William Eaton, Lyn. Frederick Tennant is drawing wood for Caintown Union cheese factory. Miss Leona Dowseley has returned home after spending a couple of weeks at Juncton. Mr. and Mrs. James Coley attended the dance at M. Pady's, Lyn, on Wednesday evening last. Miss Elsie Wilcox, Pooles' Resort, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Bert Poole. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mills spent Tuesday last in Brockville. Wesley Hodge is home from Smith's Falls.

Prince Edward

BONGARD'S. Jan. 28.—Mrs. Ireland will entertain the Ladies' Aid at the parsonage the first Thursday in February. A. Blackburn has gone to Coe Hill for a short visit. Mrs. D. T. McCormack has returned, after spending a week with friends in Pictou. Mrs. Locklin and children, who spent a few days with her brother, C. Jamieson, have returned to their home in Belleville. Many from here expect to attend the poultry show in Pictou this week. H. Storms has gone to New York to visit friends.

INDIA IN THE WAR.

Part Taken in Struggle by Wealthy Empire. From time to time vague reports have come that Great Britain was training and equipping a great army in India, to be used on the battle-fields of Europe. Ruling a country which contains almost one-fifth the total population of the world, it was considered likely that Great Britain would not overlook the opportunity of drawing upon so great a reservoir of man power. That a huge Indian army did not make its appearance either in France or in Turkey was puzzling to those unfamiliar with the difficulties which the British faced in India. Recently, when the Indian imperial legislative council met at Simla, the extent of Indian participation in the war was announced, and the figures given will serve to set at rest any rumor of a horde of warriors from India. Since the war began 375,000 combatants and 40,000 non-combatants have been recruited in India, and of the fighting men 155,000 came from the British province of Punjab. When it is considered that the population of India is more than 300,000,000, it will be seen that the force is really very small. At the outbreak of the war the 75,000,000 Mohammedans in India were restless at the difficulties which their co-religionists faced in Turkey, Germany, with the purpose of starting a holy war throughout Islam, sent spies and secret agents to foment trouble. These efforts were notably unsuccessful, and generally India was loyal. In the United States German agents, working with discontented Indian natives, undertook to lay the ground-work for an Indian mutiny, and the trials of the offenders are now in progress. We are accustomed to refer to all natives of India as Hindus, which is due, perhaps, to the fact that the great majority of Indians practise that religion. The term Hindu serves to distinguish natives of India in name from the North American Indians. The Hindus are as distinct from the Mohammedans as the Christians, and there are not fewer than 217,000,000 of them in India. As a fighting man the native of the northern province of India, and particularly of the Punjab, has no superior in the world. Undoubtedly, if Great Britain found it expedient to arm several million Sikhs or Hindus whose loyalty could not be questioned, the effect on the war would be enormous. The Turks in Mesopotamia and in Palestine would be rolled back and quickly put out of the war. However, judging from results so far attained, the difficulties and dangers are insurmountable. Arming India's millions doubtless would be a desperate undertaking, which will be reserved only for the remote crisis when it appears that Germany will have its way in ruling the world. The fact that only 276,000 Indian soldiers have been recruited indicates that Great Britain does not wish to invite further trouble when the present war is ended. This is to be the last war, and it is considered unwise to arm and train a great force which later might be directed toward disturbing the world's peace. Men are seldom as homely, or women so handsome, as they appear the first time you meet them.

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