

SEED WHEAT SCHEME.

A LIVELY BUSINESS IN FARMERS' NOTES SUDDENLY STOPPED.

One of the Gang is Corralled at Kennew and Remanded—The Excitement That Was Created in the Country Thereabouts—Threatening to Sue a Newspaper.

Kennew, Feb. 4.—Early last Monday a tall Yankee looking individual, wearing an iron-gray moustache, a wide-awake hat and a dark blue suit, stepped into the Mercury office, with a job for the man that had "just got into this fine new office."

The job was a blank form of agreement for the "Toronto grain and seed company, No. 4 King street, east, Toronto." Through a little suspicious of the phrasology of the form, and also of the address given, the printer took the job in, with the intention of investigating matters a little.

Several careful readings convinced him that if there was really nothing wrong about the form of agreement there was at least something he would not understand in it, and he therefore concluded to have nothing to do with it.

The man had given no name or address, but seeing the name "J. Plamont" written experimentally on one of the blanks, he telephoned to the Dominion House, intending to tell the stranger that he would not execute his order.

He was staying there, but was not around at the time, nor when telephoned a second time. After dinner he was told that it would not do the work.

He complained about the delay it would cause him, and gave expression to a rather dirty exclamation, but asked no questions. One or two of farmers were told to be on the lookout, that there was an individual abroad of whose designs on the farmers some were suspicious; and shortly afterwards Magistrate Eady, when told of the form of agreement, felt satisfied that the affair was one of the "Hayfork" kind.

After thinking the matter over Mr. Eady decided to take some steps to nip the cunning scheme in the bud so far as he could. With Constable Faichney and O'Gorman the three went up to the Dominion house, in order to buy some wheat from the stranger and ascertain his method of doing business.

THE CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

The Reports of the Government Inspector—The Grants For This Year.

From the governmental report we learn that the allowance made to the House of Industry for 1888 was \$1,170.25, that the receipts for 1888 were \$2,755.78, and the expenditure the same.

Mr. Hayes visited the institution on June 6th, 1888, he reported: "I regret I cannot speak very highly of the state in which the place was. No doubt with the class of inmates found therein it is very difficult to keep the house in a very neat and orderly condition; but still, I think, with a little more method an improvement could be effected."

The receipts of the House of Providence were \$6,838.95, and the expenditure, \$6,486.89. The governmental allowance for 1888 is \$1,524.18. The inspectors spoke in commendatory terms of the institution.

The revenue of the Orphans' home during 1888 was \$3,252.87, including the government grant of \$407.28, and the expenditure was \$3,103.04. The collective stay of the children was 21,188 days, entitling the institution to receive a sum of \$423.76 as government aid for 1888.

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INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

PARAGRAPHS PICKED UP BY OUR BUSY REPORTERS.

The Spice of Every Day Life—What the Public are Talking About—Nothing Escapes the Attention of Those Who are Taking Notes.

The new water tower is eighty feet higher than the city hall. Four sleighs were on the market to-day. And only one was from Cataqua.

Our correspondent reports teams crossing the bay at Deseronto and Hay Bay at the ferry. The Portsmouth villagers miss the penitentiary snow plough this winter to open the roads.

Prospects are very fair for an interesting meeting of the Kingston reform association this evening. Mr. Keeley has purchased a house located on Union street and facing Alfred street from Mr. Graham.

The carnival on the Big Royal Rink has been postponed until Friday week. Good skating to-night. R. Tommony, of Toronto, will sing at Westport to-night, and will appear here on Monday evening.

It is feared that the arm of Captain D. Bates, injured with a circular saw, will have to be amputated. The plan of the reserve seats was opened to-day at Henderson's for the Sydenham street Methodist church concert.

For dry oak and soft maple, soft wood and hard wood at lowest prices, go to Crawford's, foot of Queen street. Hay, \$14; oats, 80c; per bag; bran 90c; chop, \$1.25; flour, \$2.65; choice winter apples \$2 per bushel at W. F. Baker's.

Specifications have been made for the new dry dock. Tenders will be called for by the department of public works in two weeks. Brock & Booth have the best slabs, hard wood and dry blocks. You can get just what you want in the fuel line at their yard.

Hello! Where did you get that good hay? Baker's. Who is Baker? The man that sells the Manitoba bran on the Market Square. Students who need clothing will do well to patronize Lambert & Walsh, 110 Princess street. They can give you style, quality, and economy.

The Rochester yacht club has obtained plans for a handsome club house to be built at Ontario beach. The estimated cost of the structure is \$5,000. There has just arrived at J. Campbell's wood yard, Ontario street, the best stock of sawed or unsawed maple, also the best of dry slab wood.

The K. & P. R.R. morning train did not arrive to-day until after dinner. She was several hours late, and the delay was caused by the great snow storm. The old organ of the Sydenham street Methodist church has been sold to the trustees of the Morrisburg Methodist church for \$450. A new organ, costing \$3,000, will be purchased.

The regular meeting of the board of health, which was to have been held yesterday, did not occur. There were only three members present, Prof. Carr Harris, Isaac Simpson, and the mayor. A high endorsement—Your flour at \$2.70 is the best in Canada. 5 lbs. gran peas 10c, evaporated sweet corn 10c. lb., Cambridge sausages 12c, spy apples 2c, peck, spice roll bacon 12c. James Crawford.

At this time of the year many gentlemen find that they need a new pair of trousers to put them on until spring. We advise them to try Lambert & Walsh, 110 Princess street. They always give satisfaction. Where are you going my pretty maid. Going to Crawford's store she said—To buy spy apples 2c, peck, tomatoes 10c can, fresh haddock 5c. lb., green peas 10c, evaporated sweet corn 10c. James Crawford.

In his sermon in St. Andrew's church, Ottawa, on Sunday, Principal Grant used the following phrase, which is worth remembering: "The curse of Christ's church is the sectarian, the curse of the world in general is the partition." George Newlands has received the contract for the mason work on the front of St. Mary's cathedral, which amount to \$65,000. The total cost will be about \$80,000. Operations will be begun in the spring, and will be completed in two years.

At the Orange hall, Portsmouth, G. H. White, of London, England, gave a very interesting lecture upon the "Lights and Shadows of the Great City." He depicted the varied peculiarities of the metropolis, and interspersed his address with several solos and recitations, one in particular "The Fireman's Wedding," bringing forth loud applause. ENTERTAINED AT TEA.

A Jovial Company at the Third Methodist Church Last Night. The tea meeting in the Third Methodist church last night was very largely attended. After tea had been served the pastor, Rev. W. Timberlake, called the audience to order, announced a verse of a familiar hymn, which was heartily sung, and asked the Rev. W. Spurling to lead in prayer.

The pastor then stated he had pleasure in saying that Mr. Abraham Shaw had kindly consented to occupy the chair. The chairman, in his opening remarks, expressed his pleasure at being present, and warmly congratulated the pastor and friends of the church on the large number present, on the efficiency of the choir, and on the excellent tea furnished by the ladies; indeed he thought all present had already got the value of their money, to say nothing of the programme to follow, and which is here appended: Chairman's address; chorus by the choir; solo by Mr. Verbeck; address by Rev. S. G. Bland; solo by Miss Spence; quartette by Mrs. Carnovsky, Miss S. ratton, Mr. Middleton and Mr. Verbeck; solo by Mrs. Allen; address by Rev. T. C. Brown; address by Mr. Tashi Ikehara; chorus by the choir; God Save the Queen; and benediction.

All the singing was good. Some of the performers were encored, but owing to the lateness of the hour and length of the programme did not respond. The Rev. Mr. Bland said he would not commit the sin of making a long speech when others from a distance were to follow. In a few words, however, he said a "good deal on "making the best of things," calling attention to the folly of not doing what we can because we cannot do what we would. The Rev. Mr. Brown delighted the audience with his racy, interesting, yet without practical remarks on "mistakes." Boys and girls, young men and young women, men and maidens, fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, all came in for their share of exposure and advice. No one could help laughing at the mistakes pointed out, and probably none felt altogether innocent. The Japanese student, Mr. Tashi Ikehara, in his native costume, made a few timely remarks based on a Japanese proverb, the drift of which was that knowledge, success and safety are secured by right methods of looking at right objects. The proverb was very much like that of Solomon, "Let thine eyes look right on." Mr. Bland brought the very successful meeting to a close by pronouncing the benediction.

IN MEMORIAM.

The Late Mr. John Woods.

In the death of Mr. John Woods, who died on the 30th ult., at the residence of his daughter in Kingston, Pittsburg loses one of its oldest most respected, and most energetic residents. Mr. Woods came to Canada nearly fifty years ago, thirteen of which he lived in Kingston. Thirty-six years ago he settled on lot 35 in the seventh concession of Pittsburg, then a dense forest. By domitable perseverance, economy and industry he converted his bush lot into one of the best drained and best cultivated in the township. His dwelling house and outbuildings were excellent. He had probably the best orchard of select fruit trees in the country in which he took much interest. Outside of his real estate he was possessed of considerable other means. Taken all together he had one of the pleasantest and most comfortable homes in the locality.

Independent in thought and fearless in action he was never known to turn his back on danger in any form. In legal or other disputes he was firm, unyielding, and uncompromising, and never met defeat in any undertaking. He was truthful and outspoken, and treated with supreme contempt everything that savoured of shame, fraud or deceit, no matter how conventional or respectable it appeared.

He had a numerous family, several of which died young. He is survived by his wife and five married daughters. Two of the latter live in Pittsburg, two in Kingston, and one in Toronto. Though an adherent of the Church of England he was a regular worshipper in the Methodist church, of which all his family were members.

About five years ago he went to Ireland to visit the scenes of his youth, and with a view of eventually going to reside there; but he found everything so changed that it only added to his estimation of Canada, and he concluded to spend the rest of his days in his adopted country.

His death was caused by a cancer which first appeared on his neck about a year ago. He was 73 years of age, but looked much younger. His remains were placed in the vault at Cataqua, but will be finally interred in the Methodist cemetery, Pine Grove, near Brewers' Mills.

The Late Con James.

Mr. James received the sad intelligence to-day in a telegram that his son Con had died in New York. A few days ago a letter, which had been written five days before it reached the city, was received by Mr. James and stated that his son Con had taken sick in New York, and was transferred to the hospital, in which he died. He was 28 years old and was a plumber. He was a skilful mechanic, and found no difficulty in securing constant employment. His associates here thought a great deal of him and grieve to learn of his death. His father started for New York to-day and will bring the remains to the city for interment. His sorrowing parents are in need of the sympathy of the public.

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Whose Movements, Sayings and Doings Attract Attention. Miss Upham returned to-day from visiting friends in Montreal. Mr. Spencer is building a dock at the rear of the paint works on King street. E. J. Conroy, J. Ryder, and J. M. Campbell are attending the carnival at Montreal. Michael Flanagan, city clerk, and Mrs. Flanagan have gone to the carnival, Montreal.

B. W. Robertson has been elected a member of the Provincial Y.M.C.A. executive committee. Sir R. J. Cartwright's late illness was the first occasion of his being really laid up since he was a young man.

Messrs. Williams, Horsey, and McAnuly, of the Kingston Y.M.C.A., were specially invited to participate in the Secretaries' conference in Ottawa, held yesterday. Capt. Collier purchased from Mr. Lynch, of Quebec, the old steamer Empress, which has been sunk in the water at the rear of Garden Island for many years. Mr. Collier will sell the machinery and the old iron in her.

To-morrow the regular meeting of the council of the Ontario college of pharmacy will commence in Toronto. Mr. Polson, one of the delegates from Kingston, left to-day. He will go to Detroit before returning to the city.

Mrs. W. N. Rogers, Mrs. J. P. Richardson, Mrs. Major Jackson and J. B. Turner, all of Gananoque, were children of Mr. Turner who died on Saturday. The deceased was a member of the Gananoque board of education.

Messrs. Sweetnam, Bryden and L. Wagar have been appointed a delegation from the Lennox and Addington county council to interview the Ontario government, along with a Frontenac delegation, regarding grants to colonization roads. Last year Frontenac received \$3,000, Addington secured only \$500.

THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The Officers Elected For the Year—Appealing to the Public For Aid. At the first meeting of the new committee of the Woman's Christian association, the officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. R. J. Chown; Vice Presidents, Mrs. A. Ross, Mrs. O. S. Strange, Mrs. Marshall; Secretary, Miss Machar; Assistant Secretary, Miss Cartwright; Treasurer, Mrs. J. V. Neale. The committee are as follows, with power to add to their number: Mrs. Hague, Mrs. Cochran, Mrs. M. McGillivray, Mrs. Porteous, Miss L. Betts, Miss Ranton, Miss Inkster, Miss Bowden, Mrs. Hiscock, Mrs. Short, Miss Powell, Mrs. W. Gowdy, Mrs. Landieroy, Miss Eilbeck. There are still some vacancies in the committee which will be filled up as opportunity offers. The plan of raising money by concert was discussed, but the feeling of the committee was strongly in favour of trusting to the simpler and more direct method of appealing to the sympathy and liberality of Christian people in Kingston. Christian women especially, are expected to take an interest in this mission among their own sex. The committee will meet on Wednesday afternoon to arrange for making a canvass to secure the means of carrying on the work during the year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A View of Minnesota. KINGSTON, Feb. 5.—(To the Editor): Would you be good enough to permit me to correct a statement made by your correspondent of the WEEKLY WHIG, Jan. 31st, and also allow me to give the public solid facts of my visit in Minnesota. I spent the greater part of January in different places in Southern Minnesota. The appearance of the country, the quality of the soil which cannot be surpassed, and the climate which I found less severe than Ontario, gave me entire satisfaction.

W. H. CHRISTOPHER. Very Valuable. "Having used B.B.B. for biliousness and torpid liver, with the very best results I would recommend it to all thus troubled. The medicine is worth its weight in gold." Tillie White, Manitowaning, Ont.

PAUPERS HOUSE OF REST

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SUBSCRIBERS YESTER AY.

The Report of the Superintendent—The Old People Living on a Little Over Eight Cents Per Day—the Ladies Point out the Requirements of the Home to be Comfortable to Live In.

The annual meeting of the subscribers of the House of Industry was held yesterday afternoon in the council chamber. The mayor presided, and there were present Miss Machar, Mrs. Agnew, Rev. Messrs. Hopson and Jackson, Col. Duff, Messrs. I. Simpson, F. S. Rees, B. W. Robertson, R. S. Dadds, D. Gibson, M. H. Folger, A. and E. Chown, E. W. Folger, J. M. Machar and H. A. Calvin.

Superintendent Harvick presented his annual report for the year ending January 31st. During the past year 153 indigent persons were lodged and maintained in the house. There remained on Feb. 1st, 1888, 55; admitted during the year, 98; discharged, 81; deaths, 6; remaining Feb. 1st, 66. Males, 118; females, 35; Protestants, 99; Catholics 54. The cost of maintenance was \$1,405.75, or 82.5c per day. The fuel cost \$415.

Donations of clothes and provisions were given by Miss Douglas, Miss Allan, W. R. McRae, Mrs. Connolly, James Swift, M. Mallen, Mrs. George, O. Kennedy, B. W. Robertson, J. M. Machar, E. Chown, J. Minnes, W. Ford, R. Draper, B. W. Folger, Felix Shaw, Rev. Mr. Hall, E. R. Welch, and others.

Drs. Fee, Anglin, Garrett, and Herald attended sick patients. Mr. A. Chown pointed out that according to the report the expense of the institution had been greater during the past year than usual. The inmates were formerly maintained at seven cents per day each. Last year the rate was 82.5c. The mayor said it was the disposition of the directors to give the inmates of the house better food than they had got on previous years. He hoped the people would be more generous next year in this matter. The directors deserved the thanks of the subscribers, and of the people whose interests they had so well considered.

Mr. E. Chown intimated that the object of the enquiry regarding the expense of the institution was to find out if the inmates had received better food. Col. Duff reported that the balance in Feb. 1st, 1888, was \$376.91. The receipts during the year were: Government grant, \$1,108.03; city of Kingston, \$750; county of Frontenac, \$75; donations, \$583.75; inmates, \$389; total receipts, \$2,914.78. Expenditure, \$2,997.70. Balance, \$293.99.

The advisory visiting ladies' committee reported concerning the improvements that had been so far carried out, and these that were yet needed in order to make the institution really comfortable for the homeless. A change in the fare was needed. The tea given to the old infirm patients should be improved and more sugar should be allowed. Oatmeal porridge and Indian meal should be added to the bill of fare. Comfortable mattresses were wanted and good blankets. It was also recommended that the women have a separate place for meals, and that the rules and regulations be revised. Children ought to be admitted to the house. The committee acknowledged a donation from Mrs. H. Yates of \$10, which will be employed in increasing the comforts of the women's sitting room. M. H. Folger was confident that if the fee of the subscribers to the House of Industry were reduced from \$4 to \$2 the number of subscribers would be doubled in a year. The Folger Bros. could guarantee 50 new subscribers if his suggestion were carried out. A motion to reduce the fee was carried.

It was recommended that Miss Folger, Mrs. McNe, Mrs. Minnes, and Lady Cartwright be added to the ladies' advisory committee. The warden of the county was elected an honorary director. Last year's board of directors was re-elected.

Votes of thanks were tendered the secretary treasurer for efficient services; to Folger Bros. for kindly placing one of their steamers at the disposal of the directors last summer; and to the ladies of the advisory committee for the deep interest taken by them in the affairs of the house last year. The meeting adjourned.

Talking About the Grant.

At the meeting of the subscribers of the House of Industry yesterday afternoon a discussion arose as to the amount of money contributed by the county towards the support of the House of Industry. It was pointed out that \$30 was not as large a grant as the county ought to give. Mr. Calvin said the county would not contribute a larger sum. The council had increased the grant last year 50 per cent. B. W. Folger challenged Mr. Calvin in the following terms: "If you will give \$50 to the House of Industry next year I will guarantee to get the county council to grant \$200." Mr. Calvin laughed at the proposition but was silent.

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKETS.

Table with columns: STOCKS, MONTREAL, FEB. 5.—12 noon, ANK'S OFF D.

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MONTREAL PRODUCE MARKET.

MONTREAL, Feb. 5. Flour—Receipts, 600 bbls. Sales 000 sacks. Market quiet at unchanged rates.

LIVERPOOL CHEESE MARKET.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 5—5 p.m. Cheese—White and Colored 88s. 0d.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 5. Cotton, steady; American middlings 9 1/2.

Weather Probabilities.

Strong winds and gales shifting to north-west, cloudy with snow, clearing, becoming decidedly colder.

DEFENCE OF THE MERSEY.

A Man of Some Prominence—Dean Lyster in the Old Land.

G. F. Lyster, of Liverpool, brother of Rev. Dr. Lyster, formerly rector of St. George's cathedral, is, according to the Pall Mall Gazette, a conspicuous figure at Liverpool. He is the dock board engineer, under whose superintendence the wonderful series of basins has been almost entirely constructed which contain so large a portion of the commerce of the world, and has attracted to itself the envy and admiration of less favored seaports. His salary is \$25,000 per year, and he is head of a department employing eighty clerks and draughtsmen. He has lately furnished the press with a scheme for the defence of the port which he has been so largely instrumental in constructing.

The dean is residing with a sister on his brother's estate in Wales, and is quietly enjoying himself. He looks with pleasure on anything that comes from Kingston. He prefers the sunshine and brightness of Canada to anything in the old land.

New embroideries at prices that will beat anything ever shown in Kingston at R. McPaul's. A job lot of new, all wool, cloth dress goods, wholesale price 22 1/2c, will be sold for 15c. at R. McPaul's. The greatest bargain ever offered the public.

The Doctor's Challenge.

Wilberforce township has a new Reeve this week. Dr. Channonhouse received a letter last week to the effect that T. Warren had entered a protest against him for corrupt practices during the late contest. Rather than incur expense fighting the matter in the courts, the doctor put in a disclaimer which entitles Robert Reeves to the seat. The doctor issues the following fiery challenge:—"As I am no longer reeve of Wilberforce, consequently I hereby challenge Robert Reeves, merchant, of Eganville, to contest another election with me. If he has a spark of manhood left in his system he will come forward, and I will give him another race over the municipal course."

The British Arrivals.

Arrivals at the Hotel American Hotel—C. Hutchinson, J. W. Higginbotham, J. S. Beaton, Toronto; D. S. Robertson, Brockville; W. W. Hilyard, Montreal; E. Knackel, Toronto; T. Elliot, Huddersfield, Eng; M. J. Haney, wife and sister, Watertown, N. Y.; E. C. King, Pittsburg, Pa.; C. H. Timber, Findlay, O.; M. Connolly, Quebec; R. W. Boyd, Toronto; W. B. B. Hops, Chicago.

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