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Publisher and Proprietor.

Stroll No. 6.

Our morning strolls among the industries of the village and surrounding country have become so pleasant and profitable to us that we felt loath to forgo our customary stroll this week to indulge in a more extended trip. But knowing something of the beauties of the resort to which the kind invitation extended us by some of our friends called us, we concluded to deprive ourselves of the pleasure of strolling among Farmersville industries and accept the call to visit that now famous picnic ground, Jones' Falls, and while we are supposed to have an eye only to the beautiful in nature, to also keep our weather eye open to note any points of interest that would be of benefit to ourselves or readers.

Leaving the village in the early afternoon of Friday last we passed rapidly along the usual route leading to Delta. An examination of the crops on the route convinced us that while the drought of a few weeks ago did immense damage to the crops on light soil, still after the abundant rains of the past fortnight, the crops will be a fair average. On reaching Soperton we found that the postoffice of that name had again been opened, we trust this time for all time to come. The need of a postoffice in this section is so great that it seems strange that no permanent place to keep the office can be found. Washburn's cheese factory is located at Soperton four corners, and we should judge from the number of milk wagons that we saw at the factory on our return trip that it is well patronized. Passing on a little farther we came to Sheffield's corners. Here we see that the old blacksmith shop is being utilized as a cooperage. The Methodists have a fine stone church here with ample sheds for horses. Near Sand Hill we come to the new brick residence of N. B. Howard, which is certainly an ornament to that section, and would be to many an older settled part of Canada. A new style of wire fencing caught our eye while passing, which is a novelty in this section, being composed of galvanized wires woven together so as to form a net work, at once strong and beautiful.

Delta was at length reached. Here we find the same old quaint village

that it was 25 or 30 years ago. But we trust that when the Brockville & Westport railway is built through the village that it will arise from its lethargy and become the head centre of the back country.

A drive of four miles over a hilly, almost mountainous country brought us to the little hamlet of Phillipsville. The same want of enterprise that characterizes its sister village Delta is here. A village the size of either should have good, substantial sidewalks, and while Delta may have a few rods of break-neck deadfalls, her smaller rival, Phillipsville, can not boast of that much enterprise. Pedestrians must hoof it through the centre of the street without even a plank or flagstone.

Sundown found us entering the gate of that snug and tidy farmer Wm. Pennock, Esq., whose residence is situated about two miles northeast from Elgin. William is noted throughout Leeds county as the champion prize winner at the fairs. An inspection of a few of the articles already under way for fair time convinced us that he will again give his opponents a hard pull for the honors this fall.

Early on Saturday morning we were once more in motion and our horses head pointed for the picnic grounds at the falls. On our way we saw two self-binding reapers at work. We are informed that one enterprising agent has sold 22 Brantford self-binders in this section this season.

Passing through Elgin we had time to notice that the village contained 1 cheese factory, 4 general stores, 1 undertaking and cabinet shop, 1 tin shop, 2 blacksmith shops, 1 tailor shop and several millinery shops, 1 drug store, 1 hotel, besides being the headquarters of a number of agents, including Zephaniah, the stove man. Our old friend P. Pennock, postmaster, etc., has a very fine little nursery of apple trees. Philemon is a reliable man and any of our readers in want of fruit trees could not do better than give him a call. At 10:30 the Masonic brass band, of Newboro, put in an appearance and played several fine selections while in and passing through the village. The distance from Elgin to Jones' Falls is about four miles. The road is somewhat rough, but there are some excellent farms along the route. Arriving at the Falls, we found that since our last visit a fine bridge about 250 feet long had been built across the river at this point. This with the swing bridge across the canal connects the main land with the region familiarly known as California. Crossing the bridge we were upon one of the finest picnic grounds to be found in Canada. Between 500 and 600 persons were here congregated upon the invitation of the South Crosby Scott Act association, to indulge in a picnic and listen to the speeches provided for the occasion. Considerable disappoint-

ment was felt at the non-appearance of the delegation from Gananoque headed by Geo. Taylor, M. P. However, a strong staff of speakers were present from other places. At about one p. m. the public meeting was organized by the appointment of the editor of the Reporter to the chair. Speeches were delivered by Rev. G. A. Bell, J. S. Andrews, N. H. Howard, Dr. Preston, M. P. P., Rev. Mr. Dyre and D. Y. Ross. Space will not permit even a synopsis of the speeches, only to say that the speech of Dr. Preston was particularly cherring to us. From him we learned that out over 80 members of the Provincial Legislature not more than twelve or fifteen indulge in intoxicating drinks. The doctor came out strong for the Scott Act and promised to do all in his power to aid in carrying it to a successful issue.

The band rendered efficient service during the day, and as the shades of evening began to gather around us we wended our way homeward, feeling that another grand impetus had been given to the cause we had so much at heart.

SCOTT ACT NOTES IN LEEDS & GRENVILLE.

SOUTH GOWER—A correspondent writing from Heckston, says that the Revs. Chown, Puller, McDermid, McArthur and Ferguson have held meetings in nearly every school section in Oxford and South Gower. The canvassers are about through and report success in every section. We expect to give a large majority for the Act.

BASTARD AND BURGESS—W. B. Phelps writes under date of the 28th inst., in regard to these townships: "The Scott Act canvass is progressing very favorably in these townships. More than one-half of the electors are signing the petitions, and most of them not signing will either vote for it or not at all, very few having the face to say that they will vote against the Act. A large majority is looked for when the vote is taken."

REAR LEEDS AND LANSDOWNE—An enthusiastic meeting under the auspices of the Blue Ribbon Army was held in the Methodist church, Lyndhurst, on July 22d. B. Struthers in the chair. After addresses by Mr. Williams, of Seely's Bay, and Rev. W. Barnett, of Delta, Mr. N. B. Howard, vice president of the township, introduced the petitions for the Scott Act, and canvassers were appointed for each polling sub-division. A strong feeling prevailed that the petitioners would meet with general favor in this municipality.

MERRICKVILLE—G. R. Putnam writes of the prospects in this municipality: Rev. D. Chown and McDermot, of Kemptville, held a public meeting here in the interests of the Scott Act, and as a result of their visit we are organized and ready for business. Our canvassers are about done with the work. They have received more than the required number of signatures.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Fishing is reported as being excellent at Charleston lake at present, one of our citizens having captured over fifty salmon during the last day or two.

Mrs. W. M. Stevens and daughter and Miss Kitty Kincaid are visiting Mrs. J. L. Gallagher, of Newboro. They will after a few days take the boat from there for a western trip. They expect to be gone about two weeks.

From our Addison correspondent we learn of the decease of one of the oldest residents of the village in the person of Joseph Poolah, sen. The funeral took place yesterday in Addison to the Brockville cemetery, the remains being followed to the last resting place by a large concourse of relatives and friends.

The Farmersville Band met for practice last night. After marching for some time they proceeded to the residence of the editor of the Reporter where they discoursed sweet music to the delight of the surrounding neighborhood. Ye local scattered a few sweetmeats among the boys who responded by playing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Success to them.

The only son of J. P. Lamb, our popular druggist, met with a severe accident yesterday. While playing on the verandah of his father's house with some other boys he had the misfortune to fall and break his arm and the wrist. Under the skilful treatment of Drs. Addison, Alguire and Cornell he is progressing as well as could be expected.

Our band boys met on Monday night and re-organized for the coming year, all the old members retaining their connection. After settling up all outstanding claims they will have about \$120 on hand. The band have re-engaged H. W. Kincaid as teacher. We congratulate the boys on having secured so efficient a teacher, and Herb on having so fine a lot of pupils.

Mr. O. J. Joliffe, the efficient headmaster of the Farmersville high school, has severed his connection with that institution to accept a more lucrative position in the Ottawa high school. Mr. Johnson, the mathematical master, has been promoted to the position of head master. Several applications for the position vacated by Mr. Johnson have already been sent in, but as yet no selection has been made.

While at Elgin on Saturday last we learned that a company of engineers were daily expected through that locality to survey the route for a railroad from Gananoque to Perth. The promoters of the Brockville & Westport railway scheme will have to stir themselves or this rival road will get their line surveyed and be asking the townships in the rear for aid which should be given to our road.