

To Our Old Friends.

Give our little paper a send off, amongst your friends and acquaintances, lend them a number to look over, don't lend two! the price, 25cents a year is so small that only narrow minded, and miserly people would condescend to borrow a little paper, that can be had so cheap. We purpose to stand up as a Friend of the People, and endeavour to keep a sharp look out for anything that may be of any advantage to them, and to keep a jealous eye on any infringements of the rights and privileges of the people. We have no axes to grind, no political party to obey; and, take just as much pleasure in pitching into a political partisan, as we do by trying to snuff out one, whose political opinions we hold in utter contempt. We are a Free Lance, and shall uphold everything that we believe to be for the good of the country, the advancement of its best interests, and the prosperity and happiness of its people. With these objects in view we venture to ask the assistance and cooperation of the people.

Send along a quarter and help our little paper to grow with the country.

To Our New Friends.

The remarks we have addressed above, to our old friends, we wish to reiterate to our new subscribers, especially to those residing in Oakland, Mount Pleasant, Windsor, and other places at a distance. Make our journal known amongst your friends. Show them our little paper and ask them to subscribe, we want to enlarge our sheet, and we want to enlarge our subscription list to enable us to do so. The first number of the next volume will inaugurate an enlarged edition, with new features in its contents. In addition to Local news, with spirited articles on Current Topics, Fun, Sarcasm, Wit and a little Wisdom, we shall under the heading "Bits from Books" present to our readers in each issue, short selections from the best and most popular literature of the day. We shall in fact, endeavour to make our little paper a Welcome Guest in the homes of our subscribers.

Wanted, a Market.

It has been suggested to us by one of our subscribers, that we try through our columns to start afoot a project for holding a periodical market in Glassville. We think it is a good idea; and, one that if carried out, would be of immense benefit to our farmers, and to the community in general. There are but few towns, however small, in the old country, where a weekly market is not held. The Farmer comes with his Fat Beasts, his Sheep, his Pigs, his samples of Grain, Hay and all kinds of farm produce. The Farmer's wife brings her Eggs and Butter. Macklin, in his inimitable comedy "The Honeymoon" refers to this practice, and says:

"Or jolt with higgler's wives the market trot,
To sell your Eggs and Butter."

We remember in our young days, small country towns where the market day was quite a carnival, before railways ran all over the land, when buyers from larger centres came regularly to these markets, and purchased everything offered for sale and sent such goods off to more populous places, where consumers were found for all farm and dairy produce. Those were Good Old Times, when all the farm produced was brought to market and changed hands, some to dwellers in town, some to dealers who carried them away and resold to far off consumers. Why can't we have one in Glassville? If sellers come, buyers will be there. Will some of our Tradesmen make a move? We, on our part, will do all we can, to forward such a desirable object.



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We used to hear a great deal about the Exodus these parts, that seems to be An Old Song now. In fact, it has ceased to be the case. We have much pleasure in recording the fact that at least half-a-dozen young men in this immediate neighbourhood have returned from "The Land of the Free" and seem quietly disposed to settle down on the paternal acres. We have never been much in love with the land of the Stars and Stripes, even if had been so a recent letter from over the line, which we had the pleasure of perusing, would have knocked our enthusiasm sky high. The epistle was an apologetic one for long silence, and went on to say: "I suppose you will think I have gone on a voyage the South Sea Islands, I have not, but to a more outlandish place. The only thing I can say in favour of the natives, is, They are not Cannibals." Truly a very pleasant country it must be.

We note that the charming daughters of our former fellow citizen Mr. Robert Miller, who have been paying quite a lengthy visit to their old home, have once more returned to the parental mansion.

Pic-nic at Biggar Ridge.

On the 23rd, ult., the good folks of Biggar Ridge held their annual Sunday School Pic-nic, the day was fine, in fact the weather was all that could be desired for such a gathering, and a large concourse of visitors assembled to do honour to the occasion. The spot chosen was one of the most charming possible for such a purpose, "Far from the madding crowd" in a secluded dell, where lofty forest trees surrounded a sylvan glade, where the checkered sunbeams fell softly through overhanging branches giving pretty effects of light and shade, and made it warm and pleasant. The tables were spread beneath the trees and were well laden with dainty Pies, Cakes, Tarts, and other delicious eatables, such as these genial people know so well how to set before their friends; and the liberality with which these good things were dealt out to all the visitors and friends was itself an evidence of how pleased they were to see so many visitors at their annual fete. From the trunks of some of the forest giants, swings were suspended; the warps of horse-forks forming very substantial material for that purpose these were in constant requisition. It is difficult to account for the pleasurable sensation this swinging to and fro causes, but it is evidently an enjoyable one, for the swings were in perpetual motion plenty of willing hands being ready to keep them going.

After a substantial and exquisite tea had been partaken of, a waggon, which formed a very good rostrum, was wheeled into the centre of the glade, from which the Rev. Hermon Shaw spoke of the benefits Sunday Schools conferred on the rising generation; and in eloquent language asked for the co-operation of those present, in forwarding such a laudable object. Other friends also addressed a few remarks, and the visitors bade adieu to their hospitable entertainers, and wended their homeward way, pleased and satisfied with an afternoon's enjoyment.

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