

TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

CANADA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Table with train routes and times: Chicago Express, St. Louis, Mail & Accom., Pacific Express, Limited Express, Atlantic Express, New York Express, St. Louis Express, Mixed.

MORPETH & THAMESVILLE STAGE.

Leaves at 9.00 a. m. for Thamesville, carrying mail and passengers. Arrives at 6.00 p. m. for Morpeth, carrying mail and passengers.

The East Kent Plaindealer

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 1880.

The Prevalence of Crime

Never in the history of Canada do we remember as much crime as at present. We scarcely pick up a paper of any kind, but we notice an account of some one or more heinous crimes, and not unfrequently several in one paper.

Then we have the murdered man found in Essex, and later the robbery of an aged man, near Chatham, by two youths. Then the three robberies announced in our last issue in Harwich, and now we announce the incendiary fire at Morpeth and robbery.

In the first place what efforts are being put forth to bring the criminals to justice? If there is any, it seems to be very feeble; as in no instance so far as we have learned have the criminals been made answerable for their crimes.

If so, where is our boasted Christianity? What are the press, the pulpit and the various means of education doing for us? In looking over the land we observe fine churches being erected in every direction, that seem to indicate the prosperity of Christianity.

These are serious questions, and however distasteful, they are questions that stare us in the face and we seek for an explanation. We have a few other questions to ask, with a view of correcting what seems to us to be a very fruitful use of the existing crime.

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is too apparent to need any thing further than a thoughtful reflection on the part of the reader.

We shall not attempt to answer the question asked by shade tree, under the heading of legal question, as it does not come strictly under that heading, but will expect to receive an answer from those better informed. We understand Mr. Swarthout has charge of these lands and would be able to give the desired information.

Mr. Carpenter, and our Highgate Correspondent.

Our correspondent's gentle hint to Mr. L. Carpenter, seems to have excited that gentleman somewhat. And because our junior editor happened to be at Highgate on the same day. Mr. C. hastily concludes that the article seems to emanate from him. It would perhaps surprise Mr. C. to learn that our correspondent is one of the few to whom he had the impudence and bad taste to speak slightly of the PLAINDEALER.

The nearest P. O., was Morpeth. The now venerable James Mitton had a Blacksmith shop where Ridgetown now stands with its 2000 inhabitants. There were no rail roads. I have myself hauled wheat threshed with a flail, and cleaned by the largest kind of flanning mill, viz., the four winds of Heaven, all the way to Hill's warehouse, and sold it (not for \$1 or more) there, for 50 cents per bushel.

Should Mr. Carpenter continue his connection with the newspaper business, he should learn that truthfulness is a necessary element of success and that no business is well established by belittling and running down a rival.

Obituary.

There appeared to be a gloom cast over this neighborhood on hearing of the death of Mrs. Francis West, wife of Mr. George West, which sad event took place at the family residence on the 6th concession of Howard at 1 a. m. Sunday 8th inst.

The late Mrs. West was a daughter of the late Mr. Richard Tyhurst, and was born in 1828 and brought up on the farm now occupied by Mr. E. D. Mitton, not many yards from her last resting place, in the Ridgetown cemetery. Having lost her mother when a child, she was married to Mr. West in 1848, by whom she had eight children, four boys and four girls, all of whom survive her, but one son, Edward, who died on the 1st of January 1878. The deceased Mrs. West was a fine type of the Canadian wife and mother, and as a kind and warm-hearted neighbor, her equals were few.

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To the Editor of the Plaindealer

DEAR SIR,—Your numerous readers are, no doubt, by this time well aware that there is in the beautiful Township of Howard, a place called Botany, and a fine section it is, and in point of richness of soil, with an enterprising and highly civilized, and I may say in fact, a highly cultivated population, Botany can aspire to compete with any, and surpass many, of the best rural districts of the county of Kent. We are also well aware that the PLAINDEALER has a correspondent there, who seems to be in continual and total darkness, as to everything that transpires beyond the bounds of what is popularly known

as "Botany." Whether he is a paid correspondent or still more praiseworthy, a self-constituted and for his own amusement, though I have the honor of his intimate acquaintance and, I also hope, his friendship, I never took the trouble to ask, but I think he might occasionally look a little beyond "Botany," with its many advantages in the way of cheese factory, blacksmith shop, post-office, &c. So there are many other parts in the same direction worthy of notice. There is for instance the "little England settlement" as fine a section of country as can be found in Ontario.

There is also what is known as No. 11, noted at one time for swamp creeks, marshes, and frog-ponds. In the year 1850, when your correspondent first wended his dreary way into this settlement, in fact there was no S. S. No. 11, the nearest schools were "Buller's and McBrayne's" on the Town Line, there were no roads, the side-road between 6 and 7 was not then surveyed, or, if originally surveyed, the stakes were lost, and the Council (then very recently organized under the new Municipalities Act,) had to employ A. P. Selton to run out the lines.

Such Mr. Editor is a graphic picture of the state of this settlement, in the year '50, and at this date the now beautiful and rich Botany had not much of the advantage excepting that they had an able representative in the newly formed Township Council, who looked well to their interest in school matters, whereby they got the Lion share of Territory at the expense of other less fortunate sections. It would occupy too much of your valuable space were I here to attempt even a brief history of the chequered career of S. S. No. 11, Howard. I am happy to say, that of late we have been making rapid progress. Last winter our trustees procured the services of Mr. W. M. Ward, who held the position of principal of the Selton school for five years. Mr. Ward having decided to quit the teaching profession, our trustees with praiseworthy energy, and commendable liberality procured the services of Mr. W. Grey a gentleman of some 6 years experience as a teacher, holds a 2nd cl., and can any time obtain a first class, and if our trustees will be able henceforth to procure the services of such teachers as Mr. Ward, and Mr. Grey, the high school may yet become aware that there is such a thing as a school in S. S. No. 11, Howard.

Now as our enterprise and natural resources, I hold we are not a whit behind "Botany," or any other section of the Township. The swamps, creeks and marshes, at our time appearing as unsurmountable, have all, one after another yielded to the energy and perseverance of the settlers; and is now drained, and is the richest quality of soil to be found anywhere. We have good roads and bridges, even the dreaded long swamp road is now made a good and passable thoroughfare. We have a commodious school room; We have Divine services M. E. & C. Methodist clergy, twice a week. We have some very enterprising farmers, amongst whom I might mention the Serrons, Crawfords, Wests, Stevens, Wrights, Martins, Jones, Lawtons, Spencers, and Lea-herdals, all we lack is a post office and blacksmith shop to be equal to "Botany."

NOTICE is hereby given, that I have transmitted or delivered to the persons mentioned in the 3rd and 4th sections of the Voters' List Act the copies required by said sections to be so transmitted or delivered of the List made pursuant to said Act, of all persons appearing by the last revised Assessment Roll of the said Municipality, to be entitled to vote in the said Municipality at Elections for members of the Legislative Assembly and at Municipal Elections, and that the said List was first posted up at my office at Ridgetown, on the 5th day of August, 1880 and remains there for inspection.

CHAS. GRANT, Clerk of said Municipality, Ridgetown, August 5, 1880. 44-1m

NOTICE. THE Ontario Loan and Debenture Co. OF LONDON, ONT. Have removed to their new office, (corner of Market Lane and Dundas Street, next door to the Melrose Bank) and are receiving a regular monthly remittance of English Capital for Investment in Mortgages on Real Estate.

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the exhibition asks their members and fruit growers to help them. The plan is for those who have fruit to make a selection and bring as many varieties as possible, from which a selection will be made. We will meet you at Benton's hotel on Sept. 18th at 1 o'clock.

J. LANGFORD PRES. Ridgetown Aug. 20, 1880.

LEGAL QUESTION.—I have been informed that the Canadian Government have adopted a tariff on the small pine and cedar bushes growing on Government lands at the Rond Eau. Now as I have never seen this advertised, I am in doubt whether or not the Government have levied any charge on the above shrubs. I therefore ask for information, as I am personally interested.

A SHADE TREE. Howard, Aug. 20, 1880.

THE Michigan State Fair, which opens at Detroit on Monday, 13th September, will not be conducted on the "Knew Nothing" principal this year.

A. Long received, on Monday, 120 pairs ladies' French kid boots, varying in price from \$2.50 to \$5.00. Great value in this stock; call and see them, No. 8, Porter Block.

Society Meetings.

GOOD TEMPLARS.—Hall near Erie street, meets Monday Evening, at 8 o'clock. INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODDFELLOWS, meets every Wednesday evening, in Hall over McDonald & Somerville's store.

INDEPENDENT FORESTERS, meet every Tuesday evening, in their Hall, over Haggert & Cochrane's Agricultural ware rooms.

ANCIENT ORDER OF UNITED WORKMEN meet every Friday evening, over Cronk's Boot and Shoe store.

SABBATH SERVICES.

METHODIST CHURCH OF CANADA. Revs. R. W. Woodworth and H. W. Locke, Pastors. Preaching at 10.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Sabbath school at 2.30 p.m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7.30.

PRESBYTERIAN. Rev. Archibald Currie, pastor. Preaching at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sabbath school at 2:30 p.m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30.

EPISCOPAL METHODIST. Revs. D. Pomeroy and J. P. Fryer, pastors. Services every Sabbath at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m.

BAPTIST. Sabbath School at 2.30 p. m. Public service at 11 a. m. and 6.30 p. m.. Weekly prayer meeting every Tuesday evening. Rev. D. P. McLaurin, pastor.

DISCIPLES. Rev. C. Sinclair, pastor. Preaching at 11 a.m. Bible Class Tuesday evening, at 7 p. m. Prayer Meeting—weekly—at 7 p. m. Friday.

ENGLISH CHURCH. Services every Sabbath in the Town Hall at 8:30 o'clock. Sabbath School at 2 p. m. Rector, Rev. J. Downie. Note.—We would be obliged if pastors would notify us of any change of services.

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