AUCTION PRICES.

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AT

Moorhouse's.

Goderich, Oct. 3rd, 1877.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, OCT. 24, 1877.

Still Misrepresenting.

Our town cotemporary is evidently making a corner in cheek, and for a pure unadulterated article we can confidently recommend needy ones to that journal, where in the language of the advertisements there will find a large, fresh and complete stock. While its more honorable contemporaries have confessed the error which they fell into in connection with the valuation of the Stratford property given as security for the completion of the Canada Pacific Railway, the *Star* still calls it a purchase for some doubtful purpose, which pu. ose it construes to be the securing of the support of Mr. McDonald in his position as member of the Senate. In face of all the facts that have been presented in explanation of this silly, reckless slander it has the audacity to persist in mis, informing its readers as to the character of this transaction, and winds up its latest abullition with these words:—"The real question at issue is, did Mr. Mackenzie pay $50,000 for land, valued by Mr. McDonald at $20,000, and if so, what was his reason for so doing?"

Of course the *Star* would have its readers infer that Mr. MacKenzie knowingly gave the difference to Mr. McDonald for political purposes, and we are sure it would not hesitate openly to answer its own question thus, since it persists in calling the transaction a purchase. It knows perfectly well the nature of the transaction—we can't believe it to be so frightfully ignorant as not to be—consequently itis uttering deliberate falsehoods. When it will prove that the Government purchased the land and paid money for it, our cotem, porary may lay a *slight* claim to veracity, but this it is unable to do. One would almost be led to suspect that the notorious Jimmy Johnston, with his "thousands of millions of dollars," wielded the pen as one of the staff of the *Star*.

If the property was valued too high, is the Government to blame, since Mr. McDonald placed his valuation on it, verified by a competent Provincial Land Surveyor. The members of the Ministry are not individually supposed to know the value of every foot of land from British Columbia to Nova Scotia, and must rely in many things upon the veracity of citizens who are accredited to be competent to give information. If this property is over-valued it matters little to the Government, for the property given them as security would still be in excess of that which was demanded. Since there was no purchase, our contemporary talks to no purpose, except to demean itself in the eyes of the intelligent public and bring disgrace to the name of journalism.

A New Pest.

It seems that no sooner do we overcome one pest, than another steps in to fill up the breach and cripple the efforts of the husbandman. Weevil, midge, curculio, army moth and a host of others are well known to the public, but the list does not end here. For some two or three years past the Hessian fly, known to be a dangerous and destructive insect and nearly related to the midge, has been manifesting its presence in Canada and under circumstances which give occasion for serious considerations of the fact. The *Globe* of Friday refers to the matter at considerable length, the editor's attention having been directed to the fact through a sample of effected wheat sent from the Township of Mulmur, and it speaks of the nature of the pest thus:—

"The Hessian fly appears in the mature form for eight or ten days in September. During that period it is very tender, being killed by the slightest frost, and in ordinary years many of them are so disposed of. But this year, the mildness of that month allowed the insects every opportunity to perpetuate their kind. Immediately on appearing they pair and the female proceeds to lay her eggs on the blades of the young fall wheat, which, unless planting has been postponed in dread of a visit from the insects, is just then appearing above ground. The larvæ on hatching crawl down to the crown of the wheat, where they imbed themselves and feed upon its juices. When sufficently mature, and before the time of hard frost, they go into the *pupa* or flaxseed state, in which they are proof against any degree of cold. In the spring they come out in the perfect form, again attack the fall wheat, and serve the spring wheat in the same manner."

Good farming and judicious rotation of crops are the best means of avoiding these pests, for it is unquestionable that mismanagement in these respects has been the prime cause in the past of the extent of the ravages of the enemies to various crops. If this matter was generally attended to the frequent recurrence of these ravages would be, in a great measure obviated. To overcome the trouble now threatening the means are simple, although they may seem too extreme. When the fly is in the flax-seed shape, the wheat should be destroyed by ploughing it under, spading up the infected spots or allowing sheep to graze on the young grain. So long as crops are raised and food furnished for the insects, so long will they continue to increase and multiply, and to destroy the first insects in this way would cause much less loss than would the ravages of the offspring in another year. As the Hessian fly is a feeble insect, living in the winged state only about ten days, and incapable of extended flight, the wisdom of this remedy and the application of the system of rotation of crops become obvious. When the pest is in the early stage after the eggs have been deposited and before they have been hatched is the proper time to permit sheep to graze on the grain; or it may be mowed down, thus keeping the larvæ out of the crown of the grain.

It is to be hoped that this timely notice of the existence of the pest will have the effect of so putting farmers on their guard that a repetition of the ravages of former pests may be avoided.

THE reception given to John A. Macdonald at Hamilton on Wednesday was a big affair, if nothing else; but there was one cause of disappointment to the crowd. Hand bills circulated the day previous intimated that the chieftain would speak very fully and particularly on protection, and would definitely mention what duties he proposed to impose for the protection of certain manufactures, and what manufactures he thought needed protection. Those who expected that this programme would be fulfilled, reckoned unwisely—Sir John is too canny and oily a customer to place himself in so compromising a position before the public. The coal question has been very troublesome to the Hamilton manufacturers, who are strongly opposed to the imposition of the tariff on American coal asked for by Nova Scotia coal miners. In his desire to conciliate both elements, it would be impolitic in an ambitious man to commit himself to any definite policy under these circumstances, and so, to tide over the momentary difficulty, Sir John spoke to the very elaborate text in effect as follows: "Different manufactures and different employments required different modes of dealing with them. It was impossible to lay down a scale for all of them. What the Liberal Conservatives would have was an efficient protection to all Canadian industries." What vast satisfaction to those who read the text, and looked for an elaborate sketch of a revised policy of protection, instead of a few glittering generalities.

THE "hard times" cry of the past two years has been utilized by the Conservative party with all possible ingenuity, and by unjust comparisons and deductions numbers have been influenced to believe that the financial depression was due to the present Government's management of affairs. When the prospects of returning prosperity brightened, the Opposition papers taunted the Government with the hope of bringing on a dissolution of Parliament and an election, in which they hoped, by the means of the "hard times" cry, to return Sir John to power. This hope is dying out, as the evidences increase of financial improvement. *Grip* expresses the situation very neatly in its last cartoon, representing Sir John, with tears in his eyes, appealing to the dilapidated retreating figure of "Hard Times" in the words: "Stay, O stay; till after the general elections." The sun of prosperity is appearing above the horizon, while a placard stares the grieved Sir John in the face, bearing the words: "Numerous and cheering indications of returning prosperity exist—report of Director's of Molson's Bank." Sir John's trump card is "The Government is responsible for hard times," and using this language *Grip* puts at the foot of the placard, "We hold the Government responsible."

IN THEIR report to the Home Government the British Commissioners at the Centennial Exhibition great praise is given to Canada, but in speaking of the educational exhibit, while giving it considerable praise, the report contains these words:—"While the country schools are as a rule poor, the upper and primary schools in the cities, as in Toronto and Hamilton, are as advanced as in the United States, and the methods in some cases superior." Such a manifest injustice to our excellent school system demands reparation, and the error thus publicly circulated will doubtless be corrected at the request of the authorities. The commissioners never visited our schools, and have promulgated this error on mere heresay. Our educational institutions are conceded to be excellent, and the country has reason to pride itself on the efficiency of its schools and feel much aggrieved at the expression, publicly, of such an erroneous opinion.

THE investigating committee of Senators to enquire into the purchase of the Neebing Hotel has completed its task, and no doubt presented its report.—Without hearing this report the *Mail* confesses that the "bottom has fallen out of the affair." It admits that the lumber in the building cost $3,000, but declares that "no value can be placed on the building." The Government purchased the building, together with the land in connection, for $5,069, the Tory press pronouncing it the most stupendous job on record. If the timber is worth $3,000, the balance of the purchase money is surely not a high valuation for the building and land. The charge that the purchase was made for the benefit of party friends has been amply denied in the fact that the members of the company which owned the hotel was principally composed of Conservatives.

WM. MCDOUGALL is particularly outspoken in accusing Mr. Huntington of being an annexationist, because of alleged utterances in favor of Canadian independence. There is a proverb about people in glass houses, which nearly applies to Mr. McDougall, otherwise look-to-Washington. In 1872 this gentleman delivered a speech in Hamilton strongly in favor of Canadian independence, and setting forth reasons why the separation should take place immediately. And yet this man is Mr. Huntington's boldest accuser, because he is alleged to have expressed independence views in private conversation, when Mr. McDougall avows himself before a public gathering. Little faith, however, can be placed in the patriotism of a political hack, an unblushing trimmer, turn-coat and seeker after office, whom Mr. Mackenzie correctly described as "everything by turns and nothing long."

THE voting on the Dunkin Act in the towns of Cobourg and Port Hope last week resulted, in both cases in a negative verdict, by majorities of 203 and 177. It is to be regretted that the temperance party urged the contest, because, if their arrangements were as complete as they ought to have been, they must have foreseen their defeat. By their over zeal they have given their opponents two sweeping victories to boast of—such majorities in towns of the dimensions of Cobourg and Port Hope being very large. The result could be very nearly judged if a proper canvass had been made, and we aspect this matter was not attended to. It is bad policy thus to court such defeat, as their tendency cannot but injure the prospects of prohibition in new sections.

THE working-men of Hamilton presented Lady Macdonald with a gold necklace last week, and the Toronto working-men give Sir John a gold watch. There is more fiction than fact in this news, for the gifts were really given by a few Conservative nabobs, who took the name of the working-men in vain for political effect. The working-men have more sense than to go gadding after Sir John with golden trinkets, purchased with their well-earned cash.

"CANADA for the Canadians" is the motto of Sir John's lieutenant, J. Burr Plumb, and he is making it as much of a hobby as Dr. Orton is of protection to farmers. It is a significant fact that the *Mail* calls Hon. L. Huntington a rebel and annexationist because he advocates this policy of "Canada for the Canadians"—*ergo*, Mr. Plumb is a rebel.

FREQUENTLY of late Sir John Macdonald has been declaring that the policy of the present Government has forced 400,000 French Canadians to leave this country to find employment. This statement has been fully answered by reference to a return made in 1873 under instructions from the Conservative Government, by Rev. P. E. Gendreau, which states that up to that time the estimated emigration from Canada of all nationalities was 350,000, of whom 400,000 were French Canadians. It is well known that many French Canadians go yearly to the New England factories, to work for a time, but the majority return and spend their means in their native country. Sir John's statement is utterly false, as he must know it to be. There has been nothing to induce these people to migrate to the States during the past two years, on the contrary their have been large numbers of workmen coming in that time into Canada from the United States seeking employment. Sir John bases his calculation on the return made by his own Government, which represents the exodus during his own administration, and his Government is therefore responsible for this alleged loss to the country.

AN amusing incident occurred at the Conservative gathering in Chatham, during Mr. J. J. Hawkin's speech. He was eloquently orating upon the greatness of the party when he made use of the words: "If Gulliver should make his appearance in Canada to-day and make the acquaintance of the leaders of the two political parties, which would he consider the Lilliputian?" The crowd was impatient to hear the chieftain, and when this profound conundrum was propounded, yelled out "Sir John Macdonald, Sir John Macdonald," to the great amusement of the audience. This unintentional answer was not far wrong.

WHILE the Tory procession was making its way through the streets of Hamilton Wednesday, a picture portraying Sir John in his popular act entitled "These hands are clean," was displayed in the principal street. Some over zealous Conservative was the author of this display, which was regarded by the processionists as a bitter piece of sarcasm, and so aroused their ire that they completely and utterly destroyed the banner. Time was when this utterance of the chieftain's was repeated with moist eyes by the depout, but of late they have become very sensitive on this point.

The Eastern War.

In Asia, the defeat of Mukhtar Pasha on the 15th, has greatly altered the aspect of affairs there. On that day he was attacked in his new position at Aladja Dagh, and after two hours fighting his troops were completely routed retreating in disorder to Kars. His loss is very heavy, being estimated as high as 10,000, one portion of the army surrendering to the victorious Russians. Kars is again besieged, and so hotly have the Russians followed up their victory that the sadly decimated garrison is said to be negotiating for terms of surrender. However, reinforcements are being sent forward, to endeavor if possible to check the Russian advance.

In the Shipka Pass operations have been suspended, owing to the quantity of snow which has fallen. Active operations have again begun at Plevna, an attack being made on Friday. A feint was made against the right wing of Osman Pasha's army, but the attack was easily repulsed. At the same time three desperate attacks were made upon the Grivitza redoubt by the Romanians, but were repulsed with terrible slaughter, and it is further stated that the redoubt was finally blown up when filled with Roumanian soldiers. The Russian losses are enormous, being set down up to the present at nearly 60,000. Severe fighting is expected this week.

County Medical Association

The annual meeting of the above named association took place on Tuesday afternoon, at the Commercial Hotel, Clinton, the following members being present. Drs. Gibson and Worthington, Clinton; Sloan, Blyth; Stewart and Hurlburt, Brussels; Towler and Tamblyn, Wingham; Graham and Holmes, Brussels; Young, Londesborough, and Adams, Kinburn. A paper, upon typhoid fever, was to have been read before the association by Dr. Bethune, of Wingham, but on account of other pressing business he was unable to attend. Dr. Sloan brought before the association a case of exophthalmic Goitre, (an affection of the eye.) A tariff of professional fees was decided upon, several matters discussed, after which the election of officers for the ensuing year took place, which resulted as follows:—President, Dr. Worthington; Vice-President, Dr. McLean, Goderich; Sec.-Treas., Dr. Stewart. It was then decided to hold the next meeting at Wingham. The meeting then adjourned.—*New Era.*

Legal Notes.

INSANE.—Joseph Hackett, of Ashfield, was last week committed to jail, by Wm. Mallough, Esq., J. P., as insane.

THE JAIL.—There are thirteen prisoners at present confined in jail, twelve men and one girl.

FOR SALE.—George Kilpatrick, of Exeter, a teamster, has been committed for trial on a charge of stealing a piece of gas pipe from the station house in that village. He will be brought before the Judge on Monday.

CLINTON.

PEAS.—Mr. T. Cooper, of this town, has showed us a few pods of well grown peas, grown from seed raised this year.

APPOINTMENT.—Mr. G. A. Watson, of this place, of the firm of Malcomson & Watson, has received the appointment of Notary Public.

BIG BEET.—Mr. E. Wise, of this town, left at our office a beet that measured two and a half feet long and sixteen inches round.

EAGLE CAPTURED.—On Saturday, 13th, Master Geo. Irying, of this place, while out shooting at Van Egmonds, wounded and captured an eagle, which measured 5 feet 6 inches, from tip to tip. He has the bird a prisoner now.

ACCIDENT.—On Monday afternoon (15th) a little daughter of Mr. S. Throw- or met with what came near being a serious accident. With some small boys she had gone to the woods to gather beech nuts, and while up a tree chopping off limbs, one of the boys fell, striking the child on the forehead, making an ugly but, fortunately, not a serious gash.

SUDDEN DEATH.—We are again called upon to announce another sudden death, which have been so numerous this year. Mrs. C. Dolmage, of the Maitland con., Goderich Township, got up on Monday morning (15th) in her usual health, and after breakfast was in the act of washing dishes, when she uttered a loud exilamation, and called upon her daughter, Mrs. McCartney, with whom she was living, but before assistance could be rendered she fell upon the floor, and expired immediately. She being of a very fleshy disposition, and aged, 77 years, it is supposed her death resulted from apoplexy.

LAND SALE.—The closing sale of the Rattenbury estate took place on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Paisley was the fortunate purchaser of three lots just in the rear of the lots facing on Isaac street for $205, two of which he shortly afterwards sold for what he paid for the three. Mr. A. S. Fisher was the successful bidder for the eleven lots lying on the Bayfield road just north of the railroad, being knocked down to him for $450. The twenty one acres south of the railroad was sold to Mr. I. Rattenbury, his being the only bid, for the sum of $2,000.—*New Era.*

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

CIGAR LIGHTERS, all lengths and colors, at G. C. Robertson's

WANTED, a boy that has worked at the cabinet business, apply to G. C. Robertson.

FINE PEARS.—Mr. John Hunter brought us several delicious, large sized Onondago pears on Tuesday, which we fully appreciated.

AGENTS WANTED.—As will be seen by advertisement, canvassing agents are wanted for Colborne, Goderich town and township, to sell the new County map.

"GONE DIRD."—Prof. O. S. Pratt, the celebrated horse trainer, well known in this section died at his residence in Batavia, N. Y., on the 11th inst., at the age of forty-two years.

ANOTHER CASE.—Mr. Oswald Sturdy, baker, on Saturday, showed us a cluster of blossoms, plucked from a plum tree in his garden. The tree is in full bloom, for the second time this year.

RESIGNED.—The last Official Gazette announces that the resignation by Mr. B. Seymour, late of Goderich, as paymaster of the 33rd Battalion, has been accepted.

SCRIP FOR SALE.—A $20 scholarship certificate issued by Day's Commercial College, Toronto, for sale at this office at a great reduction. Also a number of orders for seeds, on the famous firm of Peter Henderson & Co., New York, will be sold cheap.

BEATTY LINE.—The boats of this line have got plenty of business. Very little up freight is on hand, but large quantities of grain, flour, &c., are awaiting removal eastward at Duluth. It is expected that another propellor will be placed on the route until the close of the season.

LUMBER.—The shipments last week were one car by Wm. Lee; seven cars by Williams & Murray, and 27 cars by Secord, Cozzens & Co. The receipts were about 40,000 ft.—part of cargo by schr. Kolfage—by Williams & Murray; 200,000 ft. by schr. Jane McLeod, consigned to Yates & Stratford, for the use of the Grand Trunk Railway; and 455,000 ft. by schr. T. B. Gardner for Boston.

IMPROVEMENT IN TRADE.—As an evidence of the revival of trade, Mr. A. Wily, station master, informs us that the freight business, for the week ending last Saturday, shows a netti increase of $5,300 over the corresponding week of last year. This increase is not due to any extraordinary circumstance, but is the result of improvement in all classes of freight.

A NEW CUTTER.—Mr. J. G. Sheriff, a gentleman of much experience in his line of business in Toronto, Guelph and other places, has been engaged as cutter in the tailoring department of Messrs. Crofts & Johnston's establishment. He comes with excellent recommendations, and as well as being an acquisition to Messrs. Crofts & Johnston, his fine vocal talents will contribute him such to the local talent of the town.

LADIES' TEMPERANCE UNION.—The regular meeting of the Ladies' Temperance Union, on Thursday last, was one of universal interest. A slight change in the officers was made, by which Mrs. Doty was appointed President, and Mrs. Evans Vice-President. Committees were formed to visit the different wards of the town, and the prevailing sentiment seemed to be that a new impetus was about to be thrown into the work of the Union.

GENERAL FREIGHT.—Among the shipments last week were the following: H. Wells, 12 casks ale; W. Stitt, 600 lbs. fish; R. Ross, 4,370 lbs. bones; Foundry Co., 3,000 lbs castings; Sherlock & Chapman, 12 bales sheepskins and 5 bbls. tallow; P. Reeve, 2,680 lbs. rags; Wm. M. Hilliard, 34 bbls. apples; Kirkpatrick, Bro. & Co., 6 rolls leather; Jas. Thomson, 15 pieces artificial stone; Henry Clark, 100 lbs wool.

PERSONAL.—Mr. W. Whitty, of St. Louis, who had been visiting his friends in Ashfield, called on us last week. He is in Canada with the object of placing Western wheat, purchased by St. Louis dealers, in the Canadian market to supply the European trade. Should this scheme succeed the shipping trade of Canadian seaports will be greatly benefitted to the detriment of the New England shipping trade.

—Rev. Mr. Leach, of Dungannon, conducted service in Knox Church on Sunday morning last.

NECKTIE SOCIAL.—The Good Templars will hold a necktie social in the Temperance Hall, on Thursday evening. Readings, recitations, &c., will be furnished on the occasion. Admission—gentlemen, 20 cents; ladies free. The ladies will bring two neckties, one for themselves, and the other for their partners for the evening. Much pleasure may be anticipated.

FIFTH OF NOVEMBER.—The Orange Lodges of the town are making preparations for a grand celebration of this anniversary. The brethern throughout the County are invited to participate The celebration will take the form of a supper which will be given in the Orange Hall. Tickets 50 cents; double tickets 75 cents. On Sunday, 4th Nov., the members will attend Knox Church at 3 p. m., when they will be addressed by Rev. Jas. Sieveright.

ACCIDENTS TO VESSELS.—On Sunday the schr. Erie Belle, while passing up the lake for a cargo of lumber had some injury done to her steering apparatus, and put in here for repairs. The same day the schr. Kolfage, Capt. Craig, arrived here about 9 p. m. leaking considerably. She had been chartered by Williams & Murray to carry lumber from Blind River, but when near The Ducks on the way down with a full load, she sprung aleak, the water gaining so rapidly that the captain put back to Blind River. He had the deck load removed, and brought down what was stowed in the hold. The extent of the leak is not known, but it is likely the schooner will go into dry dock, at Port Huron, for repairs. Why don't some enterprising persons start a dry dock here?

"IT STILL WAVES."—Among the solid and established papers that have lived through the hard times, we are glad to see the old-time and bright Star Spangled Banner. This ever popular paper begins its 16th year with 1878, and deserves to be in every home. It is a large, 8-page 50 column paper—every issue actually crowded with charming Stories, Poems, Sketches, Wit, Humor, Fun, Puzzles, and Rebuses—fine Illustrated Poems and Stories. It is a national favorite, and should be in every family. In its "Rogue's Corner" every swindler, quack, humbug and fraud is fully exposed. None need ever be swindled if they will but read the Banner. Try it one year. Only 75 cents a year, or with six fine chromos, or an elegant dictionary, only $1. Trial trip, 3 months, only 10 cents. Specimens 6 cents. We advise every reader to try this great family paper three months—only one dime. Address Star Spangled Banner, Hinsdale, N. H.

GRAIN BUSINESS.—The receipts of grain still continue heavy, and business on the market has been lively during the past week. Mr. Seymour received 6,500 bushels; Ogilvies and Hutchison, 7,400 bushels; other buyers about 6,000 bushels. Ogilvies & Hutchison purchase wheat alone, while the other buyers, besides wheat, purchase the other cereals offered, such as barley, peas and oats. The shipments were: S. Sloane, 1,660 bushels spring wheat; Wm. Seymour, 5,115 bushels wheat and 5,898 bushels peas by schr. Ontario to Oswego. At the Grand Trunk elevator the receipts have been heavy, viz.: 25,000 bushels oats by schr. M. C. Cameron for Seaforth; 24,000 bushels wheat per schr. Northman; 1,800 per schr. R. C. Crawford, and 22,000, per schr. J. G. Worts, all from Wilwaukee, the grain being on its way to Europe. The last named vessel had to wait for a couple of days until the elevator could be emptied, that work having been begun at one o'clock on Monday morning. Cars are scarce.

HARBOR MILLS.—The shipments last week were (from east) bran, two cars short and 950 bbls and 1800 bags of flour.

BRIDGE.—Superviso J. W. Weatherald says he could not pay him this month, as he is short of money. 100% is all he can pay.

SALT.—The shipments of salt last week were as follows: Goderich, 2000 barrels; Seaforth, 1000; Goderich, 2100 barrels; International, 600 tons; Goderich, 200 tons per schr. Caroline; small lots, 210 bbls.

REFORM.—More new Goods! Still more coming! Books, Stationery, Fancy Goods, Berlin Wools, Statuettes, Canvas, &c., at the new reformed prices. Advertisement says he will sell as low as any in the Dominion, and he will do it too. At Geo. Sheppard's.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.—The regular semi-annual examination of candidates for second class certificates as public school teachers will be held in the Court House, here, beginning on Monday, 17th Dec., at 1.30 p. m. For further particulars see advertisement.

NEW BUILDINGS.—Mr. S. Sloane has had the frame buildings on the south-west corner of Hamilton and Victoria streets, torn down, and has commenced on the work of erecting three two-story brick stores. The change will greatly improve the appearance of that portion of the town, thanks to Mr. Sloane's enterprise.

FARM SOLD.—On Monday last Mr. J. C. Currie, auctioneer, sold lot 10, 2d con., Goderich Township, to W. E. Graham, of Stanley, for the sum of $3,500. The farm contained 80 acres, and was sold for $500 more than Mr. Wm. Mullin, its late owner, bought it for two years ago.

THE RACES.—The attendance yesterday at Molton Driving Park was large, ladies being conspicuous by their numbers. We did not hear the result of the two races trotted, are going to press, but the fine weather and good trotting gave great satisfaction. To-day's sport will doubtless attract a large crowd. The entries are numerous in the three races to be contested.

CARPET EXHIBITOR.—Mr. W. R. Robertson has in his store one of these unique articles. It consists of four mirrors placed in the form of square, and standing on edge upon the counter. A small square of carpet laid on the counter, and surrounded by the mirrors, is multiplied indefinitely, so that the purchaser can see the various patterns spread out in a vast extent before him and can fully judge how they would appear spread upon his floor.

MANHATTAN SHAFT.—On Wednesday evening last, the rumor got abroad that the shaft had caved in and that three men had been killed. Very little attention was paid this story, enquiry proving that the accident was of a slight character. A portion of the cribwork at the top had given way, and a considerable quantity of the loose earth had been precipitated to the bottom of the shaft. Timely warning of the accident had been given, and the workmen had all left the shaft. It will take but a short time to repair the loss, and reconstruct the cribwork to avoid all further possibility of accident.

NEW ROAD TO THE DOCK.—Mr. Thos. Weatherald, P. L. S., by instructions from the Town Council, began the work of taking levels and laying out the line of the road to the new breakwater, on Monday. The line is run from the foot of Waterloo street, running for a short distance eastward to a point where an easy grade to the breakwater may be obtained. The track will be crossed by a bridge. The levels are taken from the foot of Bruce street, or opposite Mr. Smith's tannery, and a gentle grade made to the edge of the bank. This survey is merely preliminary, as no definite terms have been arrived at with Mr. Attrill, respecting the bridge across the river.

MODEL SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—On Friday the examination of the pupils in the Model Schools at Goderich and Clinton commenced, and was completed on Saturday evening. The Board of Examiners for the County met at Clinton on Friday, where it was resolved that the examinations be in writing and be held simultaneously at the two schools. All the candidates, whose names have already been published as selected for first term—25 for each school—passed with credit and received their certificates. Two candidates from Huron, who had been attending the Model School at Kincardine, were examined in Goderich. One of them, Christina McKenzie, was granted a certificate subject to the sanction of the Education Department. The other was rejected on the report of the Model School master at Kincardine. The Board passed the following resolution, which will be interesting to candidates and teachers generally: "That more attention is required on the part of candidates to the subject of penmanship, and that, in future, the Board will reserve to itself the right to withold a certificate from any candidate for bad writing and slovenly work." A vote of thanks was also passed by the Board to the Model School teachers at Clinton and Goderich for the efficient manner in which they had discharged their duties. The second session of the Model School commences to-day (Wednesday), and the remaining forty-six candidates who passed the non-professional examination for third-class certificates in June last have been notified to attend in their respective divisions.

CONCERT.—The concert given by Prof. Marquis Chisholm and his juvenile class, in Oddfellows' Hall on Monday night, was very well attended. Barring the rude boys in the back part of the hall,—who made the air hideous with their noise, until Policeman Sturdy appeared on the scene and calmed their excitement by his soothing presence—the audience was intelligent and appreciable The programme was opened by the entire class singing a pretty chorus, and a number of young ladies, prettily dressed, singing the air. In the several renderings by the full class the children acquitted themselves well, although owing to the fact of their not being so placed as to be one and all able to see the director, a want of precision and vigor was once or twice noticeable. Miss Lucy Trueman gave a piano solo, a selection from Leucretia Borgia, with excellent taste and precision and was loudly applauded and encored, giving in response "The Maiden's Prayer." Mrs. Marquis Chisholm, who has a very pleasing voice, sang "Love's Request," and "Bonnie Dundee." The local extravaganza, "Are you sick, or the Red Mortar Patients," a pathetic melo-drama touching the agonies of certain sickly small boys who were finally rescued from their pains through the agency of doses of Bond's Pulmonic Syrup, administered in liberal doses by "Dr." Fred Crofts. Much amusement was created by the rendering of this piece. A rather amusing dialogue, touching the ancient and modern styles of courting, was given by Miss Amanda Hayes as the old lady and Miss Williams as the young lady. Effie Wiliams recited with good effect a pathetic ballad, entitled the "Lord's Prayer." Miss Georgina Stewart sang "Rose of Lucerne" very nicely, and in response to an *encore* gave "Rosie o' the Lea." The concertina solo by Mr. Fred. Bond was much admired and deservedly applauded, and the extempore piano solo, played by Prof. Marquis Chisholm with his left hand, was an admirable piece of playing. The Professor was very ill and unable to use his right hand, which prevented him from giving a further display of his fine abilities. Mr. J. G. Sheriff is worthy of much praise for his fine rendering of "The Battle of Bannockburn," comprised by Marquis Chisholm, and "Jessie, the Flower of Dumblane." Mr. Sheriff has a fine tenor voice, and uses it with good effect. His efforts were loudly applauded. The entertainment was brought to a close by singing "God Save the Queen." The splendid Heintzmann piano and Warren & Clough organ used on this occasion were from the warerooms of Mr. J. W. Weatherald, who kindly gave their use for the evening.

Fred. Brydges, and Mrs. Mackenzie, whose elopement in Montreal a year ago created a sensation, have been married in Boston.

BEN MILLER.

EDUCATIONAL.—Mr. R. Morrish having resigned his position as assistant teacher of Bennetto school, the trustees have engaged the services of Miss Tyson, formerly teacher of Clinton High School.

DEBATE.—At the executive meeting of Knox Reformed Div. Sons, S. T. Dunstiffe, the following subject was discussed:—"Resolved that the capability is more important to society than the minor. Speakers affirmative, P. Centelon; negative, A. Reid. Decision was given in favor of negative. The above styled Division is in good working order, the number of members being nearly sufficient.—Corr.

GRANTON.

SOIREE.—A tea meeting was held in the Granton Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening last, Rev. D. Mann, the pastor of the congregation, presided. After a few remarks from the chairman, the Rev. Mr. Rathbone addressed the meeting on "Spiritual Christianity." Mr. Cameron, of Seaforth, a young man who has been delivering temperance addresses with the "Pledge of Temperance," followed in a very pleasing address on the "Pledge." He asked the question, "Is alcohol food?" "Is it a beverage?" "Is it a medicine?" "Is it a poison?" "Is it a medicine?" he concluded a most interesting and instructive address by a brilliant peroration, which literally rained down large audiences, and gave them a subject for reflection, to result, we hope, in good. The next and last speaker was the Rev. R. Hall, Missionary, who gave a most bold and clear address upon "Prejudice," taking it to the destruction, and while showing that in certain circumstances it could not be done totally, put in many cases it proved to be a barrier to our improvement. After votes of thanks were tendered to the speakers, choir, &c., the happy meeting dispersed after the benediction.—Corr.

SEAFORTH.

From our correspondent.

CHURCH OPENING.—A new Canada Methodist church was opened in Brussels last Sunday. The attendance was large at all the services.

PROMOTION.—A shoemaking class is to be started in connection with the mechanical institute. Mr. Holland is to teach the class.

A NEW CHURCH.—It is said that the Presbyterians of Brussels have decided to build a new church near the township line of Tuckersmith. It is much needed, as the old one is getting dilapidated.

PROF. MCALLISTER.—This gentleman lectures in the Town Hall on Thursday evening, the 25th inst., on "Physiology and Physiognomy," of course touching upon Phrenology. The Prof. is highly spoken of as a lecturer, and no doubt understands his subject. The Seaforth prize Brass Band will be in attendance.

LITERARY SOCIETY.—The first meeting of this society took place in the Town Hall last Monday evening, and was very successful. The programme consisted entirely of readings. The next meeting will take place on the following Monday evening, when the following subject will be discussed:—"Resolved that Russia was justified in declaring war against Turkey."

PORTER'S HILL.

TEA MEETING.—A tea meeting was held here in connection with the opening of the new school, the proceeds, which amounted to $60, to be expended in the purchase of a bell. Over two hundred persons partook of the good things provided by the ladies. Tea was served in the old school, after all had partaken, they adjourned to the new school, when it was at once moved and carried that Mr. James Torrance take the chair which he accepted in his usual humorous way. After the Rev. Mr. Jamieson, of Bayfield, had opened the meeting with prayer, the chairman called on Mr. H. W. Hall, of Goderich, to address the audience, which he did at some length on the temperance question. The Rev. Mr. Treleaven, of Bayfield, was next called on, and he imparted a good deal of useful information to all present, and especially to the young scholars, he being a teacher before he took to his present occupation. The Rev. Mr. Jamieson was next called on, and we are sorry to say that some parties made a disturbance by talking and singing the bell which was hung up the day before, and we also noticed that these parties were not from Clinton or Bayfield—perhaps they were from the town of Goderich. Order being restored, Mr. Jamieson made a telling speech, impressing his young hearers with the necessity of persevering and going ahead in their studies. Mr. J. R. Miller, I. P. S., was then called upon and made a lengthy speech. He congratulated the section on having such a fine, well furnished, well ventilated and roomy school; and pronounced it second to none in the county or in country school. He also congratulated the section on having secured the services of Mr. Elliott, their present teacher, for the ensuing year, for he believed him to be a real live worker. Mr. Miller also advised the planting of shade trees and flowers about the school, the object being to cultivate a desire for the beautiful among the pupils. Mr. Wade, of Clinton, gave the use of one of his organs, and senior and junior glee clubs discoursed good music during the evening. A vote of thanks was given to speakers, builders, painters and all concerned. The meeting was brought to a close by singing God Save the Queen. On the Friday night following, another social was held, which realized the sum of $10, which makes in all $60.—Com.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—Mr. John Beattie is about starting a new pork factory in Seaforth.

—More raspberries have been gathered in E. Wawanosh.

—Hay Township has purchased a safe for the use of the Clerk.

—A couple of straw stacks in Egmondville were set on fire by lightning, on Sunday of last week week.

—A wild cat was shot recently in the woods near Lakelet, by Albert Albend, aged 14.

—English sparrows are to be seen in considerable numbers in Seaforth at present.

—Wingham's rate of assessment for the current year is fixed at 16 mills on the dollar.

—Mr. Robt. Craig, of Goderich Township, has passed a very creditable examination at Victoria College, Cobourg.

—The by-law to loan $2,000 in aid of foundry has been adopted by the Wroxeter people.

—The new Oddfellows' Hall in Lucknow will be dedicated to-day, and a grand concert will take place in the evening.

—The Usborne ploughing match will be held on Mr. Passmore's farm, lot 12 N. T. R., Usborne, on Thursday, Nov. 1st.

—The township of Blanchard has passed a by-law prohibiting animals of every kind from running at large on the public roads.

—We regret to learn that Mr. John Johnston, proprietor of Johnston's hotel, Bayfield, died on Wednesday last from typhoid fever.

—The new altar in St. James Roman Catholic Church, Seaforth, was dedicated on Sunday of last week with imposing ceremonies.

—At the Baptist convention in Toronto last week, the sum of $100 was voted to Goderich, and $200 to Wingham, for missionary purposes.

—Last week a son of Mr. Dugald McDonald, of Hullett, had three of his fingers cut offat the first joint while working a straw cutter.

—The Grey and Morris Ploughing Match will be held on Thursday, 25th inst., on the farm of Mr. Donald McLaughlin, lot 2, con 7, Grey.

—Mr. George Pimperton has sold his farm of 90 acres, lot 6, con. 2, Stephen, near the village of Centralia, to Mr. John Ross, of Exeter, for $7,500.

—Johnston's brick block, near the bridge, Brussels, has been sold for $3,200, Mr. Robt. Hunter purchased two stores and Mr. J. N. Wright one.

—Mr. John Plews, of Goderich Township, has two peas, of the McLean Good variety, that together weighed over one and a half pounds.

—Mr. W. G. Hanna, of Morris, won the first scholarship (valued at sixty dollars) for general proficiency in the arts examination held at Knox College, Toronto.

—A human thigh bone was discovered recently in excavating a cellar in Blyth. There is no record of a burial having occurred at this spot, and it is suspected the relict is the evidence of foul play.

—Mr. A. Strong has sold the farm on the 5th concession of McKillop, belonging to Mr. Wm. Martin, to Mr. Thos. Palterman of Clinton, for the sum of $2,600. The farm contained 48 acres.

—A committee of the Clinton Town Council, after visiting several towns, recommends the purchase of a steam fire engine, and the building of about eleven tanks, which will costs about $6,000.

—A few days ago, the hotel belonging to Mr. T. J. Bell, of Londesboro, was burglariously entered, and about thirty pounds of beef and two large bottles of liquor taken from the cellar.

J. W. Addlay and Wm. Mason, while handling some carboys of acid in Wingham, recently, were severely burned by one of them breaking. The former was burned in the face, and the latter on the arm.

Mr. Jas. Johnston sold fifty acres of his farm on con. 2, Grey, for the sum of $2,000. Mr. Johnston has also bought from Mr. Robert Turner a farm of 128 acres on con. 12, lot 5, Howick, for $5,000.

—By the fall of a scaffold recently, on Mr. Ralph Keddy's farm in Usborne, Mr. John Moir and Mr. Keddy received painful injuries. The former was struck by the falling poles, and will be incapacitated for work for many days.

Mr. William's dwelling, in Gorrie, was burned on Monday night of last week. Loss over $1,000; no insurance. The family, Daniel Moran and a servant escaped in their night clothes. The clothing, bedding furniture, except what was in one small room, were entirely consumed; also the provisions.

—At the annual meeting of the Seaforth branch of the British and Foreign Bible society the following officers were elected for the current year: President, Rev. Mr. Buggin; Secretary, Treasurer and Depositor, Mr. R. Lamsden; Committee, Messrs John Beattie, Wm. Hill, F. Holmstead, Dr. Varcoe, L. Malcolm, D. D. Wilson, Hugh Robb, John Erskinson and Wm. Badge.

—The sum of $200 was granted by Hay, Stephen to grant a