

New Advertisements.

HOUSE TO LET.—A comfortable Brick Cottage to let, containing six rooms. Apply to B. Melvin.

THE POINT FARM. A Summer Resort on Lake Huron, near Goderich, Ont.

FOR SALE.—A splendid chance for a Market Garden. Brick house and five acres land.

WANTED.—A nurse, with good references. Apply to Mrs. Watt.

WANTED.—A first-class Fancy Dry Goods Salesman. One of experience will find a permanent situation.

RED MILL Flour and Feed Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Family and Pastry Flour, and all kinds of Feed delivered in any part of the Town.

RE-OPENING OF SCHOOL. Mrs. Budd begs to announce that she will re-open her English classes.

LUMBER FOR SALE. Oak, Cherry, Maple, Elm, Ash and Basswood.

FOR SALE.—A very excellent Building Lot fronting on Paisley Street.

10 acres of Land wanted, suitable for Strawberries, near the town. Apply to the above.

OX STRAYED.—Strayed from the premises of Charles Heath, Puslinch, about 3 weeks ago.

FOR A TERM OF YEARS, "PENHURST" The residence of Rev. W. F. Clarke.

WALBOND'S CONFECTIONERY STORE, Choice Confectionery, Ice Cream and Soda Water.

RECEIVED. Ex. S. S. Caspian, 1 Cask Cutlery, 260 Bbls Hoop Iron.

John M. Bond & Co. Direct Hardware Importers, Wyndham street, Guelph.

AT THE DRILL SHED, GUELPH, which is being seated, and a large stage erected expressly for the occasion.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd and 4th, Washburn's Last Sensation!

The Largest Hall Show ever organized in this country, embracing the Finest Classical Gymnastic Performances.

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Guelph Evening Mercury

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Town and County News. A Melodeon factory is being started in Orangeville, by Messrs. Baird, Bell & Saunders.

A new stage coach has been put on the route from Guelph to Arthur. F. N. Coulson, proprietor.

HAMS AND BACON.—Mr. J. E. McMillen has a fine lot of the above for sale. See advertisement on fourth page.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW.—The Fall show of the Guelph Horticultural Society will be held on Wednesday, September 9th.

BASE BALL MATCH.—The Mountain Rangers, of Guelph, play the Grand River Club, of Galt, on Friday afternoon, in Guelph, on the cricket ground.

Y. M. C. A.—The members of this Association are requested to attend the regular weekly meeting to-night.

INTERESTING TO TRAVELERS.—We have received from the publishers, the September number of the International Railway Guide.

THE FESTIVAL LAST NIGHT.—The peach festival, held under the auspices of the Primitive Methodist congregation of this town, in the Drill Shed, last night, was a very enjoyable affair.

A MOUNT FOREST MAN SHOT.—A man named Bell, formerly of Mount Forest, but latterly of Aux Sable, Michigan, was shot by a man named Woods while on his way home on the evening of the 21st ult.

WASHBURN'S LAST SENSATION.—This Company make their first appearance to-night in the Drill Shed.

Palmerston. INCORPORATION.—Application will be made to the Legislature of Ontario at its next Session, for an Act to incorporate Palmerston as a town.

LECTURE ON OPTICS.—We would request our readers that Prof. E. S. Frank, the distinguished Optician, will give a free lecture this evening in the Town Hall.

MAGISTRATES COURT AT HESPELER.—This was a case between Dr. McIntyre (Plaintiff) and Mr. William Jardine (Defendant), both of the village of Hesperler.

ONE MORE IN THE FIELD.—We insert this week a circular from Mr. John Hogg, to which we have given every prominence.

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POLICE COURT.

(Before the Police Magistrate.) Sept. 3.

A CASE OF HORSE STEALING. James Johnson, a young man hired at the Bullfrog Tavern, and John Thorne, a barber in town, were arraigned on a charge of stealing a horse, cart and harness from Geo. Clayton, a butcher living near the Bullfrog, on the night of the 31st ult.

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BY TELEGRAPH TO THE MERCURY

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A Table, to be Erected at Ridgeway

to the Memory of the Heroes of 1866.

(From the Hamilton Times.) Some weeks ago Rev. Metcalfe Campbell, whose congregation, we understand, has recently built a new church on the site of the battle field of Ridgeway, gave an order to Messrs. Kelly & Day, of the Burlington Marble Works, York street, for a tablet to be erected in the building, to the memory of those who were either killed or died of wounds received at Ridgeway in the well-remembered fight with the Fenians in 1866.

The tablet is of white marble, indented in the top, and has a mourning border around the inscription, which is in black letters, first cut into the stone and then painted. The design is neat and chaste, and is from the pen of the Committee appointed in the matter, and improved upon by the marble workers.

The first line of the epitaph is a soldier's shako, above a rifle with a fixed bayonet, and a drawn sword crossing it. The inscription is as follows:—

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF THE RIDGEWAY MARTYRS, who fell in defending their country in the attempted Fenian invasion of June, 1866.

MALCOLM MCKENZIE, Queen's Own Rifles, Killed. FRANCIS LARBY, Queen's Own Rifles, Killed.

WILLIAM SMITH, Queen's Own Rifles, Killed. MARY DEERES, Queen's Own Rifles, Killed.

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J. H. NEWBURN, Queen's Own Rifles, Killed. GROW YOUR HAIR AS TO THE WIND, AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD FOR MANKIND! AND IS HE DEAD WHOSE GLORIOUS MIND LIVES THINE ON HIGH! TO LIVE IN HEARTS WE LEAVE BEHIND IS NOT TO DIE.

Erected by the citizens in the vicinity of the battle ground, Sept. 1874.

These latter lines are inscribed on the base supporting the tablet, and contain a summary of the names of the long, capable of holding a scroll. The tablet is three feet four inches in length, and about twenty inches in width. Beneath the base are two supports or rests in marble.

Taken altogether the whole piece of work is well executed and will be a credit to the artists who executed it, and a fitting memorial to the memory of those who fell at such a time—having hastened from their homes to the bloody battle-field to fight the desperadoes and the villainous wretches who, in the name of the emperor, threatened this fair land—very fitting, and were the subscribers to the memorial to make known the day upon which they will have the tablet erected, not a few Hamiltonians would be present, as this city had her sons in the same combat, some of whom were most grievously wounded, though happily none fatal. To those who are fallen we add Requiescat in pace.

Ontario Temperance and Prohibitory League.

The fourth annual Convention of the Ontario Temperance and Prohibitory League was held on Tuesday afternoon in the Temperance Hall, Toronto, the President, Rev. W. Scott, in the chair.

There was a good attendance of delegates and members present.

The usual committees were then appointed, after which the President delivered his address, in which he spoke in the most hopeful terms of the growing desire for prohibition.

Rev. Thos. Gale, the representative of the Quebec Temperance and Prohibitory League, expressed the kind wishes of a Quebec Society to the Ontario League, desiring prosperity to the cause of prohibition in Ontario.

The Secretary read his report, and after referring to the great progress made in behalf of prohibition, stated that a League had been formed in Prince Edward Island. The publications have served materially to forward the prohibitory movement. The income for the year, \$3,000, has more than covered the expenses. The agency work has been proceeded with under some difficulties. The number of meetings held during the year was 343.

A paper on the co-operation of the Temperance forces was then read by Mr. J. McNaughton.

The Rev. E. J. Fessenden gave an address on the subject, "The Enforcement of Prohibitory Law."

Mr. R. McLean presented a draft of a memorial to the Ontario Legislature for the exercise of their power to restrict the evils of intemperance, by depriving municipalities of the power of issuing saloon or shop licenses in greater proportion than to every five hundred of the population. Referred back to Committee.

Mr. Farewell, M.P.P., then addressed the meeting. He said the question with regard to the liquor traffic was one which would have to be settled by the Supreme Court of the land. The Ontario Legislature had no power to abolish the liquor traffic. It might be asked how is it that Galt had the power to abolish saloon licenses, and yet the Ontario Legislature had not the same power? But such was the fact. He would grant it was an anomaly. The Province of Ontario had no power only what it got under the British North American Act. Only under the Confederation Act had they power to legislate with reference to shop, tavern or saloon licenses, and they was for the purpose of raising a revenue for local or municipal purposes. That does not mean prohibition. The town of Galt got its power to abolish saloon licenses under the Dunkin Act. In the memorial the Convention asked the Ontario Legislature to do something which they had not the power to do. He referred to the Bill introduced by Mr. Clarke, M.P.P., on the matter of licensing saloons and taverns, and to the Speaker's reply to the effect that the Legislature had no power to deal with the matter. But he believed there was such power in the Legislature, when the question came up square before the House of passing a prohibitory measure through. They were strong enough in the Legislature, and he believed the Ministry were inclined to have such a measure passed. But when the question was brought before the Supreme Court and settled they would know all about it. As friends of temperance and prohibition, they should at once move that an alteration in the Constitution be made in such a manner as to give the Legislature power to deal with the liquor business of Ontario. (Applause.)

The convention met again on Wednesday. The following report was adopted: Resolved, That whereas an organization now exists, known as the Western Ontario Prohibitory League, claiming jurisdiction over the counties of Essex, Kent, Lambton, Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Brant, Huron, and Perth, and this Convention recognizes its operations. That the Western League pay the sum of \$175 as their proportion of the indebtedness of the League, in full of existing claims against said League or any of its officers.

Mr. R. McLean presented a memorial to the Ontario Government, relative to further restrictions on the liquor traffic, which was adopted.

The following is the Treasurer's report:—To amounts, as per certificates, handed him by the Associate Secretary, \$8,597 87; by amounts paid to the Associate Secretary, by order of the Council, \$3,579 87; by balance cash in hand, \$18; total, \$12,196 87.

The following were elected Vice-Presidents:—Rev. W. Scott, Rev. J. Cameron, Rev. E. H. Dewar, Mr. A. Farwell, M. P. E., Mr. R. Coatsworth. Secretary—Jacob Spence. Treasurer—G. M. Howie.

In the evening a public meeting in connection with the League was held in the Temperance Hall, the President, Mr. R. McLean, in the Chair.

Ontario Rifle Association.

The Affiliated Association Match came off on Wednesday. This match was open to all members of affiliated associations who are also members of the Ontario Rifle Association. The first prize is awarded for the highest aggregate score made by any five previously named members of any one affiliated Association, the remaining prizes for individual scores.

Five rounds were fired at each range. The Dufferin Rifle Club won the 1st prize, having made 151 points, Hastings B. A. 2nd 148 points, Ontario County B. A. 3rd 144 points, 13th Battalion 6th 142 points, Toronto B. C. 6th 142 points, Wellington Field Battery 7th 140 points. Among the individual prizes in this match at 500 yards we find that Lieut. Hooper of the Guelph R. C. took the 11th prize, making 18 points. The highest made was 19 points. At 300 yards J. H. B. Hooper, Wellington Battery, made 17 points, gaining the second prize. Gunner Crowe also of the Battery was 9th, having made 17 points. In the aggregate scores at 300 and 500 yards Gunner Crowe came 8th, having made 83 points.

Iceland's Great Anniversary. A THOUSAND YEARS JULIEN. (Continued from yesterday.) Then follows a description of the journey to the far-famed Geysers: The afternoon's ride was monotonous and weary. We rose out of Soljedn, skirted an isolated mountain, and issued upon a broad, dry, upland, where our course was marked, far in advance, by high cairns of stones, erected to guide the traveller during the snows of winter. Plover and curlew piped their melancholy notes from the damp hollows sprinkled here and there, and presently the temptation, took their guns and rode away from the path. We soon lost sight of them, but took the precaution to leave Ger behind as a guide. Gradually ascending, we came upon a divide whence the Fasa Fjord was visible in the rear and a distant sheet of blue water in front. The latter could be none other than the Thingvall Lake; and away beyond it, to the north-east, another valley opened into the heart of Iceland. New mountains appeared, the landscape increased in breadth and sublimity, and we urged our ponies forward, confident of soon reaching our destination. But it was a vain hope: the country fell in broad, barren terraces, each of which concealed the succeeding one from view, so that we seemed to be approaching a precipice which continually receded. The lake broadened, the mountains grew higher, the sun sank lower behind us, and still we rode on. At last, the foremost ponies disappeared, as if the earth had swallowed them up; there was a low stony ridge in front, which we had scarcely headed. A few paces more, and we looked down into the Almannagja.

The plateau terminates in a sheer volcanic rampart, 180 feet in height, but split into such strange, weird, toppling masses that it is difficult to make a picture of the scene. There is a diagonal cleft which furnishes the only descent to Thingvall, and this is called the Almannagja, or "Chasm of the People." Under us lay the valley, only three or four hundred yards in breadth, green, peaceful, watered by a bright river, and hemmed in by the shattered sides of an enormous lava-field. Southward, toward the lake, stood a little black church upon a mound, and an encampment of tents in front of it denoted the King's resting-place for the night. We descended the cleft, which is not so grand in proportion as it is uncanny and devilish in aspect. The black rocks seem to sway and grin and threaten when you look up to them, like those in Faust's "Walpurgis-Night." Eyvindur abounded, but there was not much of an echo. In much less time than I anticipated we were at the foot. A rain was rapidly coming up, so we rode past the church to the parson's tuft-roofed byre behind it, and Magnusson, who was that worthy man's friend, asked where we might pitch our tent.

It is a question whether Iceland was ever wooded, as some of the sagas indicate. No large tree trunks have been found in the peat-beds, and there are no local traditions of woodland, and I am convinced that the harder trees, such as birch, Scotch fir, mountain ash, and alder might be raised in sheltered places, with a little care. Yet almost the only tree in Iceland is a mountain ash, about 25 feet high, at Akureyri, on the north coast. Neither temperature nor prevailing winds are sufficient to prevent the growth of timber; it is more probable that the people, in more serious thought of trying the experiment.

The lava-field was at least five miles in breadth, sloping southward from a