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FRIDAY, JUNE 25th, 1886.

The temperance convention in Clinton
today should be largely attended. The
friends of the Scott Act should show
courage now in the time of need.

A curious error of transcription was
made last week when we attributed S.
Smillie's speech on the police magistrate
question to A. Campbell. The correct
name was made by Mr. Campbell in his
vote, not in his speech. But the vote
was the thing that told which way the
"market was pitting" on this temperance
question.

Goderich township has withdrawn its
appeal against the equalization by the
county council. The costs of the affair
so far amount to about \$40, and the
township, not the county, should foot
the bill. It is too bad that the Reeves
committee's warden's committee should
be brought here on a wild goose chase
inaugurated by Goderich township. The
 Reeves of Goderich township should never
start on a job unless they mean to finish
it.

The question of the appointment of a
police magistrate for Huron to enforce
the Scott Act should be the all-absorbing
topic between now and the January elec-
tions. Meetings should be held in every
municipality and the question should be
thoroughly discussed. And after the
anti has been stored on the argument,
no temperance man should vote for a
reeve or deputy who is not pledged to
support the appointment of a magistrate.

The Grand Old Man's Scottish tour
has been one triumphal march, and has
demonstrated that the heart of the peo-
ple still throbs in sympathy with the
"People's William." The work which
he has performed during the past week
has been phenomenal for a man verging
on four score. But he seems to have
experienced no ill results from his added
labors, but bends to the work as cheer-
fully as if a score of years had been lifted
from his shoulders. His eye is not yet
dimmed or his natural force abated.

ASHFIELD.
To the Electoral Divisions of Huron and Bruce.
The HURON SIGNAL has it that hence-
forth all Home Rule Irishmen are classed
by the Ashfield R. C. picnic posters as
a unit in the support of Mr. Blake, but
Mr. McGillicuddy will permit us to say,
the posters do not bear such sweeping
conclusions. Every Home Rule Irish-
man is likely to be a Gladstonian at West-
minster, but for all that the breeze of the
great Canadian lakes may waft up to him
more refreshingly and affect him quite
differently at both Ottawa and Toronto.
Every body knows that were it in his
power, and his business and interest to
do, Sir John would grant Home Rule to
Ireland just as readily as Mr. Blake.
No doubt, also, that Mr. Blake would
like to see the Emerald Isle. However,
whether Home Rule Irishmen and others
are minded to enlist under Sir John's or
Mr. Blake's banner is a question which
can be decided only by the issue at the
top of war and by the contest between
Tory and Grit for a gold-headed cane at
the R. C. picnic at Ashfield this coming
Saturday, June 26th. Home Rulers
shall then know who are their friends.
Come Tory, come Grit. All heartily
welcome! Vote one, vote all! Fran-
chise almost unlimited, only ten cents!
Come on Saturday to Mr. Dean's grove
and in a social and pleasant yet most
earnest and decisive way solve the mo-
mentous question: Who shall carry the
day at the next elections, Blake or Mac-
donald.—[COM.]

Box, EDWARD BLAKE, acknowledging the
receipt of a resolution passed by the
Catholic Benevolent Society of Kingston,
endorsing his action on the Home Rule
question in the Canadian Parliament,
says:—"I am sorry to see the news in
today's papers of the defeat of the bill,
but I hope that the failure is but tem-
porary, and that with the help of the
friends of the cause all the world over it
may yet be Mr. Gladstone's privilege to
do justice to Ireland."

Fine weather on Thursday next will
draw the people in thousands to our
games. A big day is expected.

WHAT'S UP?

Things That Are Happening
Around Us.

About Caledonian Games—A Reminiscence
of the Olden Times—Caledonian Fes-
tival and Jettison—Robertson's Opinion
on the Hill.

I see the people of Goderich are go-
ing to hold a Caledonian celebration on
the 1st of July, and I expect to see any
number of full-blown Hielan men here
on that date. I am not a Hielan son of
the "Land o' Cakes and brither Scots,"
as Burns calls them, having been born
south of the Tweed, but I've always had
a hankering after the athletic games,
and the exhibitions of brawn and mus-
cle; and the Hielan fling, and strathapey
and reel, together with the gillie callum
and shean trows, with an Irish jig and a
sailor's hornpipe thrown in "by way of
no harm," as my neighbor Barney O'Hay
says. And I've eaten haggis and Athol
brose, and cauld kail; and supped usque-
bagh, Glenlivet and Ferintosh; and done
almost everything else but capture the
Doric accent. For these reasons I feel
at home when the pipers "blaw sae free-
ly," and the chieftains swing in the fling,
and the caber is turned, and the games go
blithely on.

Speaking about Caledonian games,
it's now twelve years since Lucknow
started business in this corner of the
Province. Previous to that time we re-
joiced in Huron, Perth and Bruce in a
very ordinary series of athletic games,
which usually put in an appearance on
Queen's Birthday or Dominion day.

Every four corners had its celebration on
one or other of these days, and on the
festive occasions a little sport could be
found, everywhere and not much away
where. The prize lists, which looked
mighty imposing on the handbills, usually
consisted of truck from the corner gro-
cery and the post office store out to the
town plot, for the specie was generally
applied to preparing appliances for the
games and liquidating the committee and
the printing bill. In these days the
standing high ranged from 4 ft. to 4 ft.
6 in., and the saviour who climbed over
7 feet with the aid of a pole was deemed
no slouch as a man of agility and muscle.

The contestants only took the local
papers, and didn't keep posted on the
Clippers. Almonac records of the outside
world. All they wanted was to try and
lead the local score, and they bent every
energy to that point.

After a time the "four corners"
athletic games gave place to the village
and town demonstrations, and cash prizes
came into fashion, but for years the
prizes were in the proportion of \$1 cash
and \$2 trade. And then it was that
Lucknow made a "ten-strike." That
enterprising clachan formed a Caledonian
society and affiliated with the N. A. U. C.
A. and went into the athletic business
after a wholesale fashion. They let these
enterprising places have a monopoly of
State holidays, and established the second
Wednesday in Sept. of each year as the
day for holding their great "North-
ern Games." And as each year rolled
by the games grew in favor with the
public, and Lucknow swelled out to be
one of the greatest places on the foot-
stool for Caledonian exhibitions. All
this section of Canada and his wife
usually took in the exhibition, and the
number of athletes, pipers and dancers
who were drawn to it was enough to turn
the head of any growing village. The
old members of the Lucknow society
used to have a superstition that when the
day of holding the games was changed,
the time of the decline of the Northern
Games was at hand, and although many
suggestions were made to change the day
of the week from Wednesday to some
other day a deaf ear was invariably paid
to the advice. Well, to make a long
story short, things went along swim-
mingly until last Sept., when Brussels,
Lucknow and Wingham were holding a
circuit the same week in September.
Paisley had come off immediately before,
and been a grand success, and the athletes
went on to Brussels to take part in the
games on Tuesday. Everything was in
good shape in that village when Tuesday
came, and one of the grandest fields of
athletes ever marshalled together had
put in an appearance, when the heavens
opened, and rain descended, and the
Brussels games for 1885 were declared off.
All hands and the pipers then started
for Lucknow for the Wednesday games,
but it rained harder in Lucknow than it
had done in Brussels, and for the first
time in eleven years the Sepoy village

LEE BURN.

A Readable History of this Happy
Clachan.

"The Good Old Times"—Men and Events
Come in for Review.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Fifty years ago Leeburn was a howling
wilderness. The first settlements
were made by the Canada Company and
Baron De Tyle, who cut little clearings
here and there in the dense woods, and
"blazed" the roads. The first road made
was that to the lake now known as Bat-
ternut Row, (which has of late years been
celebrated as a sort of a local
Lovers' Lane), and the other, a means of
ingress and egress to Goderich, is known
as the Lake Shore Road.

THE FIRST SETTLER
was Wm. Clouting, a farmer by trade,
who built the first barn, and later sold
out to A. Macgregor; who kept the first
inn in this hamlet. The late H. Horton
and his wife were the next residents,
and settled on the Baron's farm, (now
owned by James McManis), where they
resided until 1845, when they moved to
the homestead at present occupied by
his son John. In the early days social
enjoyments and dancing were much
indulged in by the settlers, oxen and carts
doing duty for horses and carriages in
conveying the festive seekers from one
place of amusement to another.

PROVISIONS
were hard to get in the olden time,
owing to the difficulty of transport, and
wild animals and snakes were coun-
tened visitors to the lander, and had
to be either fed or killed. The late
Mr. Horton on one occasion told the
writer that one day he made arrange-
ments to partake of a hearty repast, and
on opening the barrel of meat discovered,
to his horror and surprise, a large snake
comfortably coiled there. In relating
the anecdote, Mr. Horton said the sight
of the snake under such conditions was
mean enough for him for that day.
The bench at the foot of Lutterbeck Row
was a landing place for boating parties
from Goderich, the visiting craft being
manned by the late Captain Luard, Wm.
Doherty and others. Log fences, thresh-
ing with a fall, a bit of wheat or grain
raised, a patch of potatoes among the
stumps, and "Whoa, Buck!" or "Haw,
Bright!" was all the go about the
'50's Leeburn saw.

A BIG BAIN
storm and flood, which was of such
power that an ox was observed to swim
across the valley in the proximity of
where the temperance hall now stands.
(This spot was evidently always a cold
water rendezvous.) A story is told of
the girls at that time taking a wagon of
Mr. Horton's and running it in the
creek, where it lay for some time until
the old gentleman with the aid of a yoke
of oxen succeeded in getting it fished
out, and put to its proper location.
And yet we are told that thirty or forty
years ago the girls were not as mischiev-
ous as those of today. Then an ox is
alleged to have made a morning call by
entering a house without knocking and
giving the good woman who was dressing
her little one quite a fright, but fortun-
ately no one was injured.

A SMITHY
was started by Mr. Horton, who also
took around the first threshing machine
(an open one), and in the winter time
utilized the horse power in cutting cor-
wood, &c. The name of the enterpris-
ing individual who carried the first load
of wood to Goderich is not set down in
the Leeburn chronicles. The Point Farm
was first owned by a Mr. Davis, who was
drowned. Mr. Horton's residence was
a stopping place for the early settlers of
Ashfield and points north, and the old
heads who still survive are led in their
praises of the hospitality of the old
pioneer.

THE LINKLITERS
and Hilliards settled here at the close of
the '50's. Another settler who came in
about that time, named Butler, was
killed in a wrestle, or from its effects.
There was a fair mud road, and the
statute labor thereon to prevent people
sinking through, was always looked upon
as a jubilee. In '65 the road was gravel-
led, and made firmer for travel. The
writer well remembers about that time
going to old Mr. Horton's on an errand,
and there meeting a well known Goderich
business man who at that time was a
lone bachelor in Grey township. The
old pioneer lost a daughter and gained a
son by the visit of the man from Grey.
During 1866 the neighbors used to take
turns by night to watch the lake for
gunboats, for fear

THE FENIANS
would land upon our coasts and desolate
our hearths and homes. The tars of the
gunboat Prince Albert, under Captain
Heron, assisted J. J. Wright to raise
the Point Farm barn, shortly afterward,
and the proprietor didn't forget to give
the boys in b'us a sailor's allowance
each. Mr. James Strachan, sr., settled
here in 1867 with a large family of girls,
and conferred a boon upon the section
by converting a number of our bachelors
from the errors of their ways. After
him came Messrs. Foley, Falford and
the Kellys, and in 1870 Mr. W. Clouton
cast in his lot with us. J. J. Wright
moved out from Goderich in '76 and
started

THE WELL-KNOWN "POINT FARM"

hotel, which has since earned a contin-
ental reputation. In 1879 J. J. W.
shingled the porch of the temperance
hall, and in 1882 he was the means of
decorating the Presbyterian church with
a clear sounding bell to call the res-
idents to worship. In 1871 the Leeburn
S. S. was started in an old building be-
longing to Mr. Strachan. Previous to
that time the scholars had to go to Goderich
or to a Methodist chapel on Bull's
Run avenue, and the building was first
named by John Linklater, who took
the euphonious title from the homestead
of Mr. Strachan. Since that time the
pen of Webster Brown—the local writer
—has confirmed it in the Times Herald
items, and has fought its battles against
the outside world time and again.

THE CHURCHES.
The year 1875 saw the building of the
Kirk and the Bible Christian chapel.
The latter place was held by that denomina-
tion until 1884, when the mission was
discontinued, and the building was sold
to Mr. George Hilliard. The old Pres-
byterian church, which was destroyed
by fire, saw the first public wedding in
October, 1876, when Mr. John Linklater
and Miss Phoebe Clouton were united
in the holy bonds of matrimony. The
ceremony was performed by Rev.
Dr. Ure and Rev. Mr. Stewart. No
other couple has ever mustered up cour-
age to take advantage of the church for
wedding purposes since.

TEMPERANCE LODGE,
I. O. G. T. No. 213, was established
here in 1876, by that veteran temperance
worker, Mr. Stephen Yates, and
has flourished from that day to the
present. In the same year reaping
machines did away with the old-fashion-
ed scythe and cradle (the harvesting
kind). The farms here are well-tilled,
with good front fences, (board and
picket), and only a few acres of bush
on each lot for home use. The people
are sober, steady and industrious and
drunkenness is in the section a thing
of the past. Sabbath observance is the
rule, and on Sunday nearly every
one, old and young, can be seen wend-
ing his or her way to the place of wor-
ship to thank the Giver of All Good
that Leeburn is a place of peace, plenty
and prosperity.

BRO. MOORE'S IMPRESSIONS
Leaves from the Note-Book of the Smiling
Acton Editor.

From the Acton Free Press.

Our previous notes described Goderich
pretty fully, but the more we saw of it
the more we appreciated the place. It
is beautifully situated and the cool sum-
mer breezes which continually blow from
the great northern lake render it a desir-
able place for residence during the heated
months. It is high, clean and shady
streets, with beautiful maples in every
direction. Its people are friendly and
courteous. It has numerous and credit-
able mercantile establishments; but it
feels sadly the lack of additional manu-
factories. One thing about the place
surprised us greatly. That was the fact
that the town had the appearance night
and day of a civilized castle ranch, for
animals of all kinds are to be seen run-
ning at large in every direction. In the
particular Goderich is away behind the
factories. We have pleasure in inviting
the town council to pay Acton a visit (or
we will send them a leaf out of our munici-
pal note book), for here a cow by-law has
been in successful operation all hours
for the past five years.

THE SIGNAL deserves especial mention
for its enterprise during the Conference
week. Its energetic and enthusiastic
proprietors, Messrs. T. D. McMillan,
Caddy, make it one of the most interest-
ing, spicy, and acceptable local news-
papers in the land every week, but a
special effort was put forth on this occa-
sion. After giving a complete list of the
names of the ministers and a report of
Conference proceedings up to the hour
of going to press, it had no less than ten
columns of extra matter descriptive of
Goderich, and its attractions, including
a lengthy legendary poem by one of the
editors. Goderich won't suffer for want
of proper representation to the outside
world, and THE SIGNAL honestly deserves
the excellent patronage accorded it by
the residents of the town and county.
Personally, we owe the courteous and
friendly proprietors a debt of gratitude
for favors extended during our stay in
the town.

Before bidding adieu to Goderich we
must express our thanks to Mr. Geo. B.
Cox, of the British Exchange Hotel, who
provided for us so comfortable a home
during our visit. The British is a first
class hostelry in every respect and the
travelling public are accorded courteous
treatment and are invariably well cared
for. The dining room has a wide reputa-
tion. The Scott Act is in force in
Huron, but although the machinery in
that county is very defective, the prop-
rietor of this hotel evidently observed
the provisions of the Act very carefully
and conscientiously.

A Delicate Reminder to Brother Boyle.
From the Mail: Our contemporary is
accused by its Reform enemies of hav-
ing been bought over and over again by
Tory job printing, and, though the
charge is untrue, there is no doubt that
the Canadian has received its fair share
of those sundries which help to make
life worth living for a weekly newspaper.

THE SCOTTISH GAMES.

A Grand Caledonian Demonstration and
Series of Athletic Games Contem-
plated.

The Caledonian games to be held in
Goderich on Thursday, July 1st, prom-
ise to be the most successful ever held in
this section of Ontario. The committee
have spared neither labor nor expense to
make the arrangements most complete,
and the services of the chief Canadian
and American athletes and the most
proficient pipers and dancers have been
secured.

THE ARENA MANAGER
will be the well-known and universally
respected J. D. Stewart, of Russellville,
who did so much to build up the Lucknow
society in its glory days, and he
will be assisted by carefully selected
corps of thoroughly competent judges.
The committee has begun at the right
end by securing Mr. Stewart for manag-
er on the occasion. We notice

AMONGST THE ATHLETES
who have signified their intention of be-
ing at Goderich on July 1st: E. N.
Harrison, the champion heavy weight
athlete and wrestler; D. M. Sullivan,
champion jumper of the world; Archie
Scott, all round athlete, vaulter and
high jumper; Chas. Peery, the well-
known hammer thrower and wrestler;
O. Currie, the well-known record-break-
ing stone-putter; and Hugh McMillan,
J. A. McO'ne, T. P. Howard, S. Sand-
ers, R. Brown, Sparks and D. Sinclair,
who all stand at the head of the heap in
their athletic specialties.

THE TIFTERS
who have entered thus far are Robert
Ireland, the champion of America; Geo.
Angus, of London, who is also a first
class performer on the Scotch national
instrument; M. Macdonald, who trav-
elled with Barrow's circus as a specialist
on the bagpipes; Sullivan, the celebra-
ted Irish performer on the Scotch bag-
pipes; and a number of others. And the
sound of the "drums" will be heard in
the land. There will be a grand

AREAS OF DANCERS
on the occasion, and amongst them D.
S. Johnston, John Fotheringham, Prof.
Anderson, J. Macdougall, Frank Wilson,
J. Rattray, Miss Aggie Rankin, the
Misses Taylor, Miss Wilkinson, Mr. Wil-
kinson, Miss Maggie Temperton, Miss
Ash, and others.

THE EVENTS
comprise the regular athletic display cus-
tomary at Caledonian celebrations with
a number of specialties, chief amongst
which will be the great feat by D. M.
Sullivan, the champion jumper of the
world.

JUMPING OVER THE HIGHEST HORSE
on the ground, and then jumping over
two horses, side by side, in a standing
jump from grass to grass without artificial
aid. The latter feat has never been per-
formed in public before, and can only be
done by Mr. Sullivan.

THE TIE UP WAR
between Colborne and Goderich town-
ships will also be an event of deep inter-
est, as the rival townships are anxious to
settle the question of muscle and lung
power. After the regular program has
been concluded.

A BICYCLE RACE
will be held in the courthouse square,
distance two miles (six laps), 1st prize,
a silver medal, valued at \$15, presented
by George B. Cox; 2nd prize, a silver
medal, valued at \$8.

THE SCOTTISH CONCERT
in the evening, under the management
of Robt. S. Rankin, of Woodstock, pro-
mises to be one of the great attractions
of the day. He will be assisted by Miss
Aggie Rankin, the celebrated young
Scottish lullay vocalist, and Miss Swan,
who is in the front rank of Scotch sing-
ers. Mr. Rankin is himself a first-tenor
and magnificent exponent of the "Sings
o' Auld Scotia." The prize winners of
the dancing contests of the day will also
take part in the evening's entertainment,
and will favor the audience with a Scotch
reel, reel of Talloch, Highland fling,
Shevan trows, sailor's hornpipe, and pipe
music galore.

THE PRIZES
won during the day for dancing and
piping will be presented by the chair-
man at the concert.

SPECIAL RAILWAY ACCOMMODATION.
At single fare, has been arranged for to
all points between Goderich and
Stratford and a train will leave
the latter place about six o'clock
a.m., on the day of games, stopping at
all points, and connecting at Clinton
with all stations en route L. H. & B. R.
north and south. This train is expected
in Goderich about ten o'clock, and will
be met at the station by the reception
committee and pipers, when a procession
will be formed which will proceed to the
courthouse square, where the visitors
will be formally welcomed to Goderich
by the Mayor. The procession will re-
form at 12 o'clock, noon, and proceed to
the lacrosse grounds where the regular
exercises of the day will be proceeded
with. Returning to Stratford the
special train will leave Goderich at 6:30 o'
clock, in time to connect with the L. H.
& B. R. trains for all points.

ADDITIONAL PRIZES
The committee has decided to hold
separate Highland fling and sword dances
for girls and boys, so that the element of
sex will not enter into the judging of the
dances. Thus there will be three classes
of dancing—men, girls and boys. The
published prize list has been supple-
mented in order to give the girls' separate
dances.