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Liberals of West Bruce will meet at Kincardine, on Monday next to nominate a member for the representation of the riding in the House of Commons.

The petition against Robt. Porter, M. P. for West Huron, and the cross-petition against M. C. Cameron in the same riding, will be tried in Goderich on Nov. 10th.

The International League pennant has been captured by the Toronto baseball club. With the close of the great Industrial exhibition, the possession of the league pennant and an area of twenty square miles, Toronto seems to be basking in the sunshine of prosperity.

The Northwestern Exhibition to be held in Goderich on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week, will be a grand opportunity to see anything in the shape of an agricultural display that has ever been held outside of the large cities. Nothing, barring bad weather, can hinder the success of Huron's great fair. The management is wide awake, the attractions are novel, and the promised exhibits are numerous.

At the Western Fair, Duncan C. Ross and Captain McGuire failed to come together at the swordmanship contest on one of the occasions advertised for, and the directorate have decided to curtail the \$350 promised to those worthies to \$200. To our mind, the directors of the Western Fair made a mistake in getting up the swordmanship fete at all. We don't know anything about Capt. McGuire, but if he is of a similar kidney to Duncan C. Ross, he is not much of an acquisition to any gathering. Ross is a blatant blowhard and a bully of the worst kind. He is endowed by nature with considerable brute force and a vile tongue. He is a sweet-scented knight to undertake to revive the "era of chivalry."

A LORD NORTON, whoever he is, has been advising the Irish constabulary to "shoot the gentlemen in the carriages;—to shoot Labouchere!" Now, if Labouchere would suggest the shooting of such miscreants as Lord Norton, the noble lord and men of his kind would speedily call for the protection of government. The head and front of Labouchere's offending consists in that he went over to Ireland to see how brutally the constabulary mobbed the Nationalists at orderly gatherings, and that he then gave a truthful statement of what he saw there. During the French Revolution the cry was raised "Kill the aristocrats!" and the populace hearkened to the cry. Should Lord Norton's advice "Kill the gentlemen in the carriages!" be followed in the present instance it might be that the noble lord would not long gumber the earth. "Evil be to him who evil thinks."

TORONTO LETTER.

Chat About Men and Things in the Queen City.

A Successful Exhibition—Death of Senator McMaster—Sam Small and E. V. Murphy—Capt. Tom Brown Dead—A Victim of the Steamboat Collision Drowned—The "World" and the "Mail."

Now that business men and Torontonians generally have had time to reckon and compare the results of the Industrial Exhibition, they have decided that the show was in every way a big success. The influx of visitors was unprecedented, and the fact that no accident of a serious nature happened on the exhibition grounds is especially a matter of congratulation. The police and detectives claim that the exclusion of liquor from the grounds was one of the reasons for the vast crowds were so easy to handle. Manager Hill and his staff have every reason to feel satisfied with the results of the Exhibition; each and all of them worked hard and well.

The demise of Senator McMaster, who died suddenly last week, removes from the commercial world a well-known figure. As a merchant and bank president, the deceased made a name that was well-known throughout Canada. But it will be more by his munificent gifts to the cause of religious education and the general interest of the Baptist church that he will be remembered. His benefactions were dispensed largely during his life. He was not one of those posthumous philanthropists who loosen their grip of the gold when measured for the coffin.

Sam Small was entertained by the shorthand society last week. He was at one time a court reporter, and was well known as a delineator of negro character in words, under the nom de plume of "Old Si." Speaking of the educational phase of a study of phonetic shorthand, Mr. Small declared that it was the nice distinction of sound to which his ear was trained by the practice of phonography that enabled him to seize upon and hold the peculiar variations of pronunciations rendered by the dusky children of the south. Mr. Small claims that much of the alleged negro dialect now passing current in the magazines is very far from being true to life.

E. V. Murphy, one of the celebrated Murphy Bros., Senate reporters, of Washington, was in the city last week, and shared with Sam Small the hospitality of the shorthanders of Toronto. Mr. Murphy is a wide-awake man. He is interested in a machine something after the style of the phonograph, which some say will do away with that class of shorthand writers known as amanuensis, and he also is a shareholder in a company that is pushing the linotype, a machine that will work a revolution in the printing business. The linotype is a cross between the typesetting and stereotyping machine; it practically does the work of both. I saw a book printed from type put in order by this machine, and it was neatly done. In fact, a considerable part of the New York Tribune is daily set by this machine. The spacing is automatic, and is done very evenly.

The recent steamboat collision on the bay was not without a fatal result. A young man named Campbell, from Durham, was the victim. His body was found last week upon a special search being made. At the time, the ferry owners declared that no man was missing after the accident; but the friends of Campbell had a search instituted for the body when he failed to return the week after the exhibition, and the body was found near the scene of the disaster.

Capt. Tom Brown, of the Queen's Own, a veteran of Ridgeway and Cut Knife Creek, died a few days ago at the early age of 38. He was one of the most popular young men in the city, and he had been a member for 21 years. His funeral on Saturday was attended by a large concourse, and the affair was conducted with military honors. He was a member of the well known stationery firm of Brown Bros.

A vicious attack was made by the World upon the proprietors of the Mail on Saturday. The record Conservative organ had its quorum riddled on many public questions, and the article has caused a lot of talk in the city. It is rumored that the Conservatives are ar-

ranging to buy the News, and as the World is anxious to be the C. P. R. organ and the Government mouthpiece, it is bidding hard for favor. My own opinion is that the World will yet write Mr. Bunting out of journalistic life, and that the Mail will again become the organ of the Conservatives. In that case where will the World be? It is a cleverly managed paper, however, and will get a constituency no matter how Mr. Riordan's papers may shape themselves.

EDITOR O'BRIEN, of United Ireland, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment for telling the truth at a political meeting. He has appealed from the sentence and been admitted to bail. He is now doing a lively business discussing the situation before meetings of the proclaimed Land League.

THE CANADIAN METHODIST MAGAZINE FOR OCTOBER, 1887.—Price \$2 a year; \$1 for six months; 20 cents per number. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. The first article, by the Marquis of Lorne, "Our Railway to the Pacific," has a number of full-page, handsome engravings of the magnificent scenery of the Rocky Mountains. Lady Brassey has a charmingly illustrated paper, "In the Bermudas," giving a graphic account of those beautiful islands. Another illustrated article describes the remarkable Lick Observatory in California, which is mounting the largest telescope in the world. The Rev. Henry Lewis contributes a lively paper on Welsh Preachers and preaching. A touching story by Mark Guy Peare records "Simon Jasper's Conversion." The Rev. R. Owen Davis subscribes with considerable humor the shadows cast on a preacher's life by the impostures of which he is made the victim. In view of the recent Prison Congress in Toronto, the graphic paper of prison life, "Jottings from Jail," will be read with much interest. A reprint article on the Millennium, by the Rev. G. A. Cleveland, presents a novel and ingenious interpretation. Mr. Barr's story of Yorkshire Methodism increases in interest as it reaches its denouement. The Editor describes Aggressive Methodism in Great Britain, and his observations during his recent visit to the Maritime Provinces.

THE TELEPHONE CASE.—Periodically the public have a crazy thrust on their noses, at one time it is a goldmine, at another a lead company that seeks to draw the hard earnings from the people's pockets. In ancient times it was the South Sea bubble that turned the heads of kings and senators who were ultimately engulfed in one grand maelstrom that ruined them by the thousands. Most real just now is quietly being flooded with telephonic schemes as flights in imagination and as dubious in results as the black angel companies floated in the States, to the financial ruin of those who once prided themselves on being in affluent positions. It is against investing in these imaginary companies that we desire to caution our readers. But yesterday a new scheme was afloat to wipe out the Bell Telephone Company by reducing its tariff to \$35 per annum for subscribers; to-day another bubble company which wishes to reduce the price to \$12 is floating in the air. It is needless to say there is little room for the next fifty years for any competition such as is perhaps intended or intended for sale. From personal inquiry we find that no person, director or otherwise, in the Bell Co., has ever received any bonus on its stock, and that that company has never sold a share below par for stock-gathering purposes. It is not to be supposed therefore that any of the new concerns can place the shareholders in a better condition. Again the Bell Telephone Co., with its 4,000 or 5,000 miles of lines, connecting cities and towns, offers to its subscribers facilities which no other Telephone Co. can furnish. The Bell Telephone Co. has dividends, with the practical monopoly of the past eight years, average about 5 per cent. Therefore it is certain that with its economical and conservative management it has been no special bonanza for its shareholders. Its stock sells to-day at about par. With two or three competitors in the field, and the consequent rate cutting, what prospect is there for dividends from any of them, since it is not to be supposed that the Bell Telephone Co., has to-day about 14,000 sets of instruments in use and owns between 4,000 and 5,000 miles of line, connecting cities and towns in Canada and the United States. It has also the exclusive right to connect with the system of the American Bell Telephone Co., in the United States. Any person at all familiar with the business and the cost of construction can readily see that no company could duplicate this construction without a good thing, and where there is a chance of success a creditable thing, but where in common sense there anything to be made with three or four companies in such a small population as we have in the Dominion of Canada? We have therefore two desires in this matter, the first to protect our friends who have already invested in one company, and the second to protect those who may be solicited to invest in certain losses. Finally, what is there to prevent the Bell Telephone Company, with its wealthy and paid-up organization—in case of a doubtful success of their rivals—reducing the price of their subscription to such a point as would wipe out all and sundry who opposed them by a tariff on which none but themselves could subsist?—The Shareholder and Assurance Gazette.

WHAT'S UP?

Things That Are Happening Around Us.

Some Reflections on Bengough's Cartoons—Ajax as a Cartoonist—The Latest Picture of the Old Man in His Good Clothes—Wary Waiting for the Proposed Waterworks.

—This week I feel rather under a cloud, and I'll tell you what makes me feel so. Last week I read in THE SIGNAL that J. W. Bengough, Canada's greatest cartoonist, was going to deliver one of his "inimitable lectures" in the Grand Opera House, and as I always was a great hand for pictures, I thought I'd trail in the procession and take in the peck of fun that was promised on the occasion. Well, as the boys say, "I got thar, Eli," and sat in a pew surrounded by the elite, or words to that effect, and I saw the renowned lecturer come forward in due form, and a claw-hammer coat. He wasn't much to look at, and if it wasn't for his mental calibre his physical left would never make a ton of hay kick the beam. But he was a kind of engaging little chap, with a beaming eye, a boyish face and well-yes—I might as well say it—a predisposition to baldness on the off-side of his head. He wasn't talking long till I snickered right out, and when he commenced on the chalk business I had to hold on to the seat with both hands for fear something would happen to the seat. That was the way I felt when he sketched off the military man, and the musical composer, and the artist, and then I watched him carefully until he began to draw the outlines of another local man. At first it didn't look like any local man that I was acquainted with, for I thought it resembled Goldwin Smith, before he started lecturing on commercial union. Then it got the hard and fast lines of profile connected with the physiog development of my old and esteemed friend the head master of Goderich high school; and then it was decorated with black, red and brown crayon until it looked as if it was spoiling to slip over and hurt somebody. I was gazing with both eyes and my spectacles trying to figure on who on earth the little artist was shooting at, until I remembered that I had seen the editor of THE SIGNAL drawn up about the profile in something like that shape when he was suffering from dyspepsia, when back subscribers were not bringing in cord-wood and "garden sass" at regulation speed. And I began to laugh till the tears made my spectacles kind of dim. I took off the spec to wipe off the moisture, and just then I got a nudge from one of the neighbors who said to me, "I guess that's for you." "What?" said I. "That," said he, pointing to the cartoon. I put on my spec again, and there, sure enough, that malicious little Who-do-ye-call him, from Toronto, had written under the picture the words, "Ajax defiant!" Well, I never was a beauty, and I never tried to travel on my shape, but the idea of likening me to a dyspeptic editor with a red nose and a white head, and a chin as sharp as a razor blade is something that my wife will never forgive that little cartoonist for. If he had asked me for a picture to practice on until he got me down fine I'd have given him one of the latest, immediately after a clean shave and a full dinner, like this, for instance,

Hamilton has contributed \$250 for the relief of the victims of the Gravenhurst fire.

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At the fortnightly meeting of the Irish national league in Dublin Tuesday many Englishmen were enrolled as members. Lord Mayor Sullivan, who presided at the meeting, declared that the Government's attempt to suppress the league was a dismal failure. All the affairs of the organization were in a prosperous condition.

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NORWESTERN FAIR.

Paste this in Your Hat for Reference at the Show.

Hints for Visitors to Huron's Great Fair—The Program of Proceedings—Arrangements for Accommodating Stock Exhibitors—Prominent Features of the Show—Success Assured.

The Northwestern Exhibition, which is to be held in Goderich on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next, the 4th, 5th and 6th of October, promises to be the greatest stride forward in agricultural display that has yet been made in Huron. The prize list has been increased to nearly \$2,000, and many valuable features have been added, and new ideas are still being sought for by the management.

Goderich town has come forward nobly in the work of putting the Northwestern Exhibition on its feet, and independently of private donations towards the prize list, has incurred a cost of some \$7,000 in providing suitable grounds and necessary buildings for the holding of the great show.

This year a new departure has been made by the Board of Directors, and the spring show has been abandoned. It was pointed out by President Allan that the fitting of horses for the spring show worked against the efficiency of the animals for purposes of improvement, and he was backed up by the prominent horsemen so unanimously that the spring show was relegated to the past by the Northwestern Exhibition.

Arrangements have been made by the Royal Electric Light Co., of Montreal, and the Ball Electric Co., of Toronto, to have the Agricultural Hall and grounds illuminated with electric light during the evenings of the Exhibition. Wednesday last the representative of the Royal Co'y arrived in town with a dynamo and appliances for a set of ten lights.

Stabling on the grounds will be free to exhibitors; hay and cats will be on the grounds for sale.

Parties intending to show stock at this Fair are specially requested to make their entries with the Secretary, Henry Hayden, Dunlop P. O., at once, or stabling will not be guaranteed.

A number of extra large stalls are being provided for the stabling of heavy draught stallions, including accommodation for the owners or caretakers over night.

A turnstile to be placed at the gate for registering the attendance has been ordered.

The driving track was completed this week.

THE PROGRAM.
Oct. 4th.—Entries not previously made will be accepted up to noon at 25 cts. extra. Judging in all the indoor departments. Grand opening ceremony in the evening, when the Hon. A. M. Ross, Minister of Agriculture, will deliver an address and formally declare the Exhibition open. An address of welcome will be delivered by C. Seager, Esq., Mayor of Goderich. The proceedings will be interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. A special feature of the evening will be the singing of appropriate choruses by a choir of nearly 50 voices, under the leadership of S. P. Halls, Esq. A band will also perform during the evening.

Oct. 5th.—Judging in all outdoor departments. Speeding in the ring both forenoon and afternoon. Horseback riding in the afternoon. Marriage under electric light at 8 o'clock p. m., should the parties present themselves. In the evening there will also be a grand exhibition drill by Huron Encampment in full dress. Music by a brass band.

Oct. 6th.—Placing prizes tickets on all prize animals and speeding in the ring in the forenoon and afternoon. Horseback riding. At 2:30 o'clock p. m. there will be a procession of all prize animals in the ring.

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LAKE NOTES.

Items of Interest to the Boys Who Flew the Deep.

The schooner Jane McLeod sailed for the north during Saturday night.

The steamer Ontario was some time getting out on Sunday. The strong wind caused the trouble.

The schooner Mary S. Gordon, with a cargo of lumber for Mr. H. Secord, arrived in harbor on Saturday.

The schooner Kolage with a cargo of lumber for Mr. Joseph Williams, reached this port on Friday morning. She sailed north Saturday.

The schooner Charlie Marshall left for Chicago on Saturday, after being detained in port several days by adverse winds.

The steamer Ontario reached harbor shortly after nine on Sunday morning and left between two and three the same afternoon. The Ontario loaded at this port a large quantity of salt in barrels, general merchandise, and a large number of horses.

On Friday pumping was started again on the schooner Ontario, and though two big leaks that had been discovered had been stopped, success did not attend the renewed attack on the vessel's hold. The attempt at pumping out the schooner ended at noon on the day of beginning.

Like previous attempts since she has been in her present position, it was found impossible to reduce the water enough to float her. Four pumps were employed this time.

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