

HURON SIGNAL

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AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

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The only office at Ottawa is making a noble stand against the brute force majority on the Franchise Bill. All honor to them.

The reports of the condition of the fall wheat sent in by our correspondents are very favorable. The outlook so far is very promising.

It now looks as if nothing short of a miracle can prevent hostilities between England and Russia. We expect a declaration of war every day.

The Tory doctrine that high taxation means national wealth is illustrated by the fact that the Dominion Franchise Bill adds two hundred paid office holders to the herd which are already living upon the taxpayers. The public interests demand that the number of office holders should be diminished instead of increased. But then, you see, these revising barristers will circulate in Canada, the money they receive as salaries!

CLINTON had an increase of population during the past year of only 9, while Goderich made an increase of 143 to its numbers. The attacks of the Clinton newspaper upon Goderich will therefore be seen in their proper light—local jealousy. Goderich increasing 143 while Clinton only added 9 must make our truly good citizen Bro. Holmes feel sick. But there are the figures. Goderich now has a population of 3382 to Clinton's 2668.

We commend the following from the ultra Tory Hamilton Spectator, to the attention of our hysterical contemporary, the Star:—"Certainly Mr. Dewdney has been guilty of the sin of failure. It is better that he should retire to private life, and let some man appear to the government of the Northwest territories who better understands how to deal with Indians, half breeds and white settlers." Now let the Star open out on the Spectator about its "rebellious rant."

"With reference to the article from the Mail which so disgracefully and sanctimoniously contemporary, we have just to say that it is not only endorsed and approved by the Star, but by men and journals of more brains, greater honesty and higher character than was ever possessed by the present management of THE SIGNAL."—[The Goderich Star.]

ARE we to understand from the above that the Star has not as much brains, honesty or character as the management of THE SIGNAL? We are glad to see our cotem. makes the acknowledgement, and we bow our thanks. The candor of the Star is commendable.

The London Free Press of Monday had a silly article on the North West rebellion, of which the following is a sample passage:—

"The ridiculousness of the uprising begins to show itself the very moment that it is brought face to face with anything like adequate force. The screaming, shouting Indians who 'skedaddled' to save their skins as soon as the troops got at them, are but a type of the whole of those that have been induced to join in this semi-political riot."

The fact that the details of the stubborn fight at Fish Creek were given on another page of the same issue of the Free Press adds to the stupidity of the article. "The screaming, shouting Indians who 'skedaddled' to save their skins as soon as the troops got at them" is idiotic in the light of the terrible character of the casualties in Friday's fight. We will soon hear the Free Press saying that killing or wounding our troops will make them hardy.

HE GOT AN OVERDOSE.

The following is a verbatim of a letter in copy of a postal card received by us on Monday:—

St. Helena April 25th, 1885

To Huron Signal, office Goderich gentlemen. Please discontinue my paper as I don't wish to continue taking your paper to much Scott Act for me. I remain, Your's truly,

A. D. C. St. Helena, Ont.

So we have given "to" much Scott Act for Mr. C. It is easy to give too much sound and instructive literature to a man who subscribes himself yours "truly," and spells "too" with one "o." As a rule illiteracy and opposition to sound temperance principles run in accord. Mr. A. D. C. reminds us very much of the man who spent nigger with one "g" and dog with two.

LATEST FROM THE NORTH-WEST.

Accounts received as we go to press appear gloomy. The whole district west of Manitoba appears to be an armed camp, and the ranks of the rebels are being continually augmented. Much anxiety is now being felt at Calgary and Edmonton, and Quappelle is excited over the prospects of an attack. Our militia are behaving nobly.

WADDLE FROM THE STAR.

The Star made a feeble attempt last week to reply to our strictures on its hypocrisy in crying out against our condemnation in severe language of the Dominion Government's bungling of North West affairs, while at the same time our critic was hoping the coarsest abuse upon the administration of Hon. O. Mowat. In the course of its reply our West street contemporary makes the following silly statement:—

"It did receive a personal rebuke for its violent ravings, one that it felt bound to heed; and, like a true bully, it will sit upon its indignation to its personal interests."

The Star knows that the above is an absurd falsehood. Each week since the uprising THE SIGNAL has been fearless and outspoken in denouncing the incapables at Ottawa for permitting this unhappy rebellion to occur. We have never suited our indignation to our personal interests, but we all know that it is the record of the Star. It is notorious for swallowing its real opinions at the beck of the little ring of Conservative self-seekers who hold it in thorough subjection. THE SIGNAL has more than once shown that it is able to take a course independent of local party wire-pullers.

THE SCOTT ACT IN HURON.

The Canada Temperance Act comes into force in the County of Huron today.

We regret to have to say that it will not start with as fair a chance of success and popularity as was intended by its framers of it, and was looked for by those who helped to carry it by voice and vote in October last.

We do not desire to unnecessarily say one hard word about the conduct of the license commissioners of the Dominion Government for the county of Huron, but we would not do our duty if we refrained from saying that they have earned for themselves the contempt and mistrust of every lover of temperance and every sincere supporter of the Scott Act in this county.

It was never intended that the sale of liquor under the Canada Temperance Act should be put into the hands of those who have up to the present time been selling whiskey by the glass promiscuously over a bar, and who are of that class who, over and over again since the Act was adopted in Huron, have said that the law would never be respected by anyone who would give the privilege of sale. These are the very persons who were condemned with the license system on the 30th of October last.

We are bold to say that until the commissioners let it leak out, not a single man in the 10,000 voters of Huron, Scott Act or Anti, fancied for a single moment that any bar-druggists would be entrusted with the retail sale of liquors for medicinal or sacramental purposes.

But we must make the best of it. Let every temperance man and friend of prohibition keep his eyes and ears open. Let no violator of the law go unwhipped of justice. No mawkish sentiment must save any offender, especially if he be a licensed vendor.

We will likely be told by some timid, half-and-half advocates of prohibition that we are too hard on those vendors who were formerly in the trade—that our suspicions are unjust—that we should give them a chance. Perhaps so, yet we cannot but believe that those who have in the past retailed liquor by the "horn" to every bar-room loafer, drunk or sober, are not the persons who should be entrusted with the special and restricted sale of liquors under a prohibitory law. And we believe we correctly voice temperance sentiment when we state that there is cause for disappointment, but not for alarm. The Act may be somewhat crippled by those in temporary authority, yet it can still be made a great power for good. If the temperance people are faithful to their votes, and loyal to their opinions and to one another, the Scott Act can even yet be made so great a success in Huron that the licensed bar-room with its open enticements and its seductive allurements will never again be anything more than a tradition in this county.

ON THE WING.

Some Tall Stories Told Around the Sitting Room Table.

If Munchausen were alive and availed himself of the modern facilities for visiting country villages and small towns, he would be forced to hide his diminished head, and resign the proud position of champion teller of tall stories that Eli Perkins has vainly attempted to wrest from him of late years. In every glen there is an old inhabitant whose bent tends to harmless lying—that is, to lying harm to no one is injured, and little harm is done except to the veracity of the story teller. Recently it was my misfortune to hear a number of stories referred to, and as misery likes company, I will endeavor to re-produce a few of the yarns of the long-bow series, of which I speak. The hero of the occasion is an old chap known as "Sam the Huntsman," and is a weather beaten old disciple of Nimrod. The "twisters" have been giving the rounds in this section for years, but as this is only a small corner of THE SIGNAL's vineyard, I feel like giving them publicity over that which they have had elsewhere:

THE BEST GUNNER.

"Ye see," said the old man to the expectant audience, "it was in the spring of '85, an' I was out huntin' deer in the highlands in Grey township. I was out purty nigh all day, and had poor luck, when gittin' on in the afternoon I spied a purty fine buck. He got onto me just about as soon as I spied him, an' although I drew a bead on him slick an' quick, the blamed critter got round the hill and I failed to connect with the shootin' iron. I followed as fast as possible, but that buck knewed that orny gun wern't built for shootin' around curves, an' he kep' a humpin' round that little hill, just out of rifle range. I was about on the gim of givin' up in disgust, when a happy idea struck me. On the side of the path which he wad' erdin' around was a tree with a croch' war a stout limb set outer it. The idea flashed upon me to put the gunbarrel inder the croch, an' bend it so as to make it curve to correspond with the hill, and tharby giv' a croch' flight to the bullet. I bent the bar, and jiced the curve so correct'y that the hill 'twixt me an' that buck wad' no portecushun to him. He dropped at the first shot. Them's the horns of that buck what hangs over my chimney; I guess some' or yer has seen them. But that thar gun wad' not good for anything but shootin' round curves after that; I had to get another one fer orny shootin'."

THOSE LITTLE BUZZARDS.

Now both the little busy bee improve their shining hooves.

We last week remarked upon the heavy losses in bees, owing to the severity of the weather. We requested our readers to give us their experience wintering bees, and in response we have received the following interesting letter:—

PORT ALBERT, April 28, 1885.

DEAR SIR,—The following is some of my experience with bees—I took about a pint of dead bees from one colony this spring, but the rest of the colony are doing well. They have brought honey into the hive already, and I think they get it from maple sawdust, of which there is an abundance close by. The hive has double sides filled between with sawdust, and is sheltered on all sides except the south. I have been told this spring that had I taken off the inner cover on the top in the fall, and replaced it by a thick chaff pad, they would have done much better than they did. The pad would absorb the moisture from the inside, and there would have been no mold on the frames as there was. Yours truly,

T. A. HAWKINS.

Mr. Plunkett, corner Elizabeth and Hincks streets, Goderich, had last summer an aviary of 10 hives of bees. In the fall one colony died, which led Mr. Plunkett to make an investigation and he found that they had consumed their winter store before its approach, the summer being too hot and dry, for the flowers, etc., to give a supply of nectar, so he commenced to feed the bees, but it was too late, and the result is that he has lost 8 colonies. Mr. Plunkett has also a large hennery on his grounds, and we trust he may have more success in that industry.—[COM.]

AN EMIGRATION AGENT.—It is not generally known, but we have good grounds for making the statement, that the trip of H. Elliot, deputy-revee of Stephen, to the old country, (including France and Germany), was not taken solely for pleasure, as many supposed. He has gone as an emigration agent for the Dominion Government, and receives for his services the splendid salary of \$1000 and expenses.—[New Era.]

THE LONGEST SESSION.

Shameful Conduct of the Tory Majority at Ottawa.

The London Advertiser has the following account of the recent long session:—

Ottawa, April 28.—The House has been in session all night, several motions favoring an adjournment having been voted down by the Government members, who are determined, if possible to force the Franchise Bill through the House. Crowds of Conservative members have been holding a riotous and convivial time in the restaurant, and toward morning several came into the House shouting. One insisted on sitting in his seat and smoking a cigar, despite the calls of "order" from the chair. Sir Hector Langevin, in order to try to intimidate the Liberals into giving up the bill, had his breakfast brought into the Chamber, and ate it sitting in his chair. Sir John having left instructions with his lieutenants, Sir Hector and Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, went off early in the night to bed.

Ottawa, April 28.—The House is still in session at 2:45 p.m. It is known that the Conservatives arranged at their Western Ontario, to be conducted by the throat and compel the passage of the Franchise Bill through the House this week to the exclusion of all other business. Sir John stated in the House that it was his purpose to push the bill continuously until it became law. Liberal members feel that to hand over the making of the electoral lists to the agents of the Conservative party would be to sign their own political death warrants. There are many tyrannical and objectionable features in the bill, and Sir John is determined to make it law without giving the public time to become acquainted with its details. The Liberal members are bound to resist to the utmost of their ability. The clause giving Indians who are wards of the Government and dependent upon the Government the power to vote is a direct attempt to seize upon the seats of several Liberal members in the House of Ontario, as the Government is confident it can force the Indians to assist them in this project. All the morning a band of Tories led by Woodworth, Robert, Clark, Wallace and Prof. Foster did their utmost to hove down the Opposition. Songs were sung at the foot of the stairs, and a costly, costly, costly and noisy war called out requisition to attain the purpose. The most disgraceful results from the Bacchanalian orgies indulged by Tory members were visible throughout the chamber, and men occupying high positions in social and political circles made disgraceful exhibitions of themselves. Such are the tactics resorted to by the brute majority to force upon Parliament an infamous measure.

It was evident from the action of the Ministerialists from the outset that they were determined not to intelligently discuss the question, but rush the matter hurriedly through the House. The Opposition members were greeted with cat-calls and all sorts of unseemly noises when they rose to speak. A band on the Government benches were organized and led by a kazoos as obstructionists. The Tory side of the House was a bear garden.

Nothing daunted the faithful band on the Opposition demanded that the measure should be intelligently discussed. The conduct of the Tory obstructionists was simply indescribable, and was an insult to Parliament. The discussion is now on the main motion. Mr. Charlton was speaking at 3 o'clock.

LATER.—The debate on the amendment to the first clause of the Franchise Bill was continued until tonight at 10:45, when Sir John proposed to adjourn the House's vote was allowed. This was agreed to, when the amendment moved by Mr. Townsend, which strikes out the franchise for women as relating to Quebec, was carried by a vote of 78 to 51. The Government's action was an admission of defeat, as the debate will continue on the first clause as before. It is very probable that the Government, having learned that it cannot choke off discussion at will, may be impelled to withdraw the bill altogether. The capitulation of the Government tonight is largely owing to the fact that the syndicate people are all here, clamoring for immediate assistance, as the exigencies of the company will not permit longer delay. The vote on the Franchise Bill furnished the proof that Sir John had given his followers the wink to eliminate the woman suffrage clause from the bill. The Ontario Tories almost unanimously voted to remove the provision, while Sir John voted to retain it. On this, as on other questions, Sir John played a double game. Professing to be desirous for woman franchise he, as Mr. Frays informed the House, let it be understood in the caucus that he would not press its adoption upon his friends.

Auction sales. All parties getting their sale bills printed at this office will get a free notice inserted in this list up to the time of sale.

Auction sale of valuable mill and farm property, being composed of lots in the 7th and 8th wards of the City of Goderich, in the village of Duncannon, by John Knox, auctioneer, at 12 o'clock, noon on Saturday, the 23rd of May, 1885.

Auction sale of valuable village property, being composed of a number of lots in the village of Bayfield, at the Morgan hotel, Bayfield, by Wm. Harrison, auctioneer, at two o'clock p.m. on Saturday, the 23rd of May, 1885.

ENGLAND AND RUSSIA.

It Now Looks as if They Must Fight It Out. Gladstone Shows an Unflinching Front.

LONDON, April 27.—It is parliament this afternoon, Mr. Gladstone reads a telegram from Sir Peter Lumsden, stating that Mr. Stephen, member of the boundary commission, had started for London with maps of the disputed zone; also with a detailed statement of all the circumstances attending the Penjdeh affair. The telegram stated that Gen. Lumsden would forward to Earl Granville a statement showing the actual position of affairs as they now stand. The government members of the house received this news with evident satisfaction.

TURKEY AND THE DARDANIELLS. YANNA, April 27.—Austria has warned the Porte, and will consider her treaties with Turkey null if the Porte allows the belligerents to force the Dardanelles. Turkish sympathy with England is becoming more pronounced even at the palace, although it is considered prudent to maintain an attitude of reserve. Notwithstanding the recommendations of the powers respecting the closing of the Dardanelles, not the slightest step has been taken to increase the power of the Porte to guard the strait.

It is asserted that the British government has information which proves beyond a doubt that Bismarck has been urging Turkey to side with Russia in the event of war.

WAR NEWS.

A Russian man-of-war has arrived at Suva.

France has warned Turkey to maintain neutrality in the event of war.

A Berlin despatch says Bismarck is opposed to any mediation between England and Russia.

A Persian paper says that a treaty has been in existence since 1875 entitling Russia to send troops through Persia.

Large orders for torpedoes have been sent to France by the Turkish government in addition to the orders given at home.

A Berlin despatch states that the royal families of England and Russia have opened correspondence upon the subject of mediation.

England has ordered 362 Nordenflet guns and mitalle shells from a firm at Stockholm. Work is going on night and day to execute the order.

Agriculture in many places in Sweden is at a standstill. The farmers are expected to be called upon for compulsory military service to enforce neutrality on Sweden.

GASLOW.

The fall wheat in this section looks well, and promises to be a good crop.

Farmers have commenced their spring work. Dan. Morris turned the first sod on Tuesday 21st. William Tawley sowed one field on Thursday.

FOOT BALL.—The Colborne football club played their first game on Wednesday. After the game a meeting was held and the following officers were elected, William Young, captain; Geo. McPhoe, vice-pres; Fred Blair, sec.-tres; Messrs. Howell, Rutledge, Tawley, Hamilton and Morris, committee.

FAST SAVING.—On Saturday, 18th ult., Messrs. Thomas and George Hamilton sowed 23 cords of maple and beech wood. The total time in the bush was 9 hours and 40 minutes; time sawing 8 hours and 50 minutes. The work was witnessed by Wm. Robertson, Wm. Young, Jas. Howatt, and Will Stephenson. Wm. Young measured the wood. This is the fastest work yet recorded. How does this catch the Manchester boys?

PARAMOUNT.

Jared Dryden sold his excellent farm of 100 acres to George Robinson, of Clinton. Mr. Dryden was a good neighbor, and we are sorry to look him.

The farmers are pleased with the present appearance of their fall wheat, and are in hopes of having an excellent crop if the season is at all favorable.

The Murdoch Bros. and gang (stone masons), began operations last week. They are good workmen and have already about \$1,500 worth ahead for the summer.

The old men who have not been able to venture out during the cold winter are at last seen backing in the sunbaths in front of the blacksmith's shop taking war news.

One night last week a number of our young chaps paid Wm. Smith's sugar bush a visit and had an excellent time. Will dished it up in great shape; and gave them taffy on a stick, in a dish, and every other way.

Some unknown roughs whose appetites were sounder than their principles made a raid on a quantity of ssp belonging to Messrs. Thomson and McInnis, and had a feast of taffy. If they are found out they will be amply rewarded, as one of the defrauded gentlemen proposes to build a wigwam over their eyes for their trouble.

DEBATE.—On Friday night last Lodge boys debated the subject.—Resolved that there are more miserable standing married life than single. Many laughable arguments were presented, and a lively interest prevailed during the whole debate. Three sisters were appointed to act as a jury, and gave decision in favor of the unmarried men being the more miserable. It is to be hoped that these sisters may soon have a chance to make some of the miserable young men happy.

EL GORDON, UPHOLSTERER AND UNDERTAKER, how the LARGEST STOCK of Class Furniture and as a new purchase for cash, be underbid by any one. Carpet Lounges, from \$5.50 to \$10.00, good, from \$2.50 up. Sofas, from \$15 up, and every one in the same proportion. E OLD STAND Post Office & Bank of Montreal CORNER. 1883

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Received! assortment of the various and CLOVER SEEDS permanent pastures, as well as ELDER AND GARDEN SEEDS AND TREE TO NATURE. GRAIN OF ALL KINDS, for the celebrated "KENTON" and the very best in the market. ES PRICE, Grain Depot, opposite Town Hall, 1885. 1885-2m

FURNITURE. tariff has caused great excitement; so has BROYPHY IN THE OF LOUNGES. 1885. 1885-2m

J. BROPHY, text door to D. Cantelon's bakery, Goderich, Ontario, March 28th, 1885. 1885-2m

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