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ASTRONOMICAL.

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METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE OF CANADA

Partly Cloudy and Mild, Followed by Rain. Toronto, Feb. 28. A slight decrease in pressure has taken place since yesterday in Ontario and Eastern Canada.

Why is the origin of the sobriquet, "Tommy Atkins," as applied to the British private soldier? The printed forms used in the army for different purposes have, for the guidance of those who use them, the name Thomas Atkins printed to indicate to those using them where to write their names.

FREE PRESS CORRESPONDENCE.

Mr. Luney's Explanation. To the Editor of the Free Press. SIR,—At the meeting of the Hospita Trust yesterday, fault was found with me because the completion of the recent addition to the laundry had been delayed.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

The Sacred Heart Convent. To the Editor of the Free Press. Canfield, Feb. 25th, 1889. SIR,—Would you, through your weekly, kindly give the address of the manager or head of the Convent at London.

Notice of Removal.

The business of the well-known jewelry firm of A. S. Murray & Co. has continued to increase with remarkable rapidity, and in order to supply the demands of their numerous patrons have found it necessary to remove their place of business from Richmond street to Dundas street, just one door west of Richmond street, on the north side.

The Bishop of Huron will preach in Trinity Church, Aylmer, on Sunday, March 10th. A large stock of the best English and American linen ledger papers always on hand.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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LOCAL AND DISTRICT.

Bishop Baldwin will preach in the Church of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday evening next.

Mr. Edward Farrer, editor-in-chief of the Mail, who has been ill for some time, is gradually regaining good health.

The contract for erecting the new High School in Parkhill has been awarded to Mr. A. K. Vanwyck, of that town.

William Marshall, who has been under arrest for some time on a charge of insanity, was discharged by Judge Davis yesterday.

Will McCracken, of the Dufferin House, Woodstock, has been convicted of a second offence against the Scott Act and fined \$100 and costs.

Messrs. John Geoghegan and John Shea, of Toronto, have returned home after spending a couple of days with Mr. Harry Merritt.

The vital statistics of the city for the month of February, as registered with the City Clerk, were:—Births, 44; marriages, 3; deaths, 20.

Mr. John Livingstone, editor-in-chief of the Empire, has not been in good health for some months. His immediate return to active duty is not probable.

The Railway Committee of the Legislature has reported Bills respecting the London Street Railway, the Waterloo Junction Railway and the Yorkville Loop Line.

The sudden death is reported of Mr. John Cooper, of Otterville. Deceased had occupied the position of treasurer and clerk of the township of South Norwich for twenty-one years.

Mrs. Wm. Andrews, of Exeter, died suddenly the other morning, aged 72. Deceased was mother of the wife of Mr. G. C. Carter, at present residing in Rochester, N. Y., formerly of this city.

Mr. H. A. Morgan, of Guelph, son of John Morgan, Esq., of Kerwood, has been appointed Vice-President of the Farmers' Experimental Union, in connection with the Agricultural College, Guelph.

The two brass bands in Parkhill have amalgamated and are to be known as the Parkhill Brass Band. The new band will comprise about 20 instruments and is now under the leadership of Mr. Frank Hawkey.

Walter Walters, of the second concession of Westminster, was bound over to keep the peace by Squire Peters yesterday, a neighbor, Robert Brown, being the complainant. He will answer a charge of abusive language on Saturday.

The induction of the Rev. Edward Cockburn, M. A., to the pastorate of Dunfries Street Presbyterian Church, Paris, took place yesterday in the presence of a very large assemblage of people from the town and surrounding country.

W. Willis & Co. wish the FREE PRESS to state that an error was made in making out their tender for furnishing pine lumber to the Water Commissioners for 1889 at \$14 per thousand feet, as the price intended by the firm was \$15 per thousand feet.

Mr. Justice Macmahon has given the following judgement in the suit of the Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Co. vs. Lodge.—Order made making perpetual the injunction restraining the defendants from cutting timber on the mortgaged premises.

For some time past the Street Railway Company have been missing money from fare boxes, and yesterday Fred Scott, a painter, was caught in the act of unlocking a box and abstracting cash. He was arrested. How he came into possession of the key is not known.

On the news of the railway accident at St. George reaching the Local Legislature Wednesday night there was much excitement. Mr. W. R. Meredith, Q. C., was expecting some of his family and was afraid they were on the ill-fated train. The suspense was very painful for a time, but a telegraphic message soon conveyed the tidings that all were safe at home.

Mr. H. B. Sproat, of Woodstock, has received a letter from his brother-in-law, Mr. G. B. Hyslop, of Fargo, Dakota, containing the intelligence of the painful death of Mr. Hyslop's five-year-old child, Bertie. The little fellow, it appears, was kicked in the head by a horse, the skull being penetrated. The child survived the kick only a short time. Mr. Hyslop is an old Zorrite.

At a meeting of the Oxford Lodge the following officers were duly elected and installed for the ensuing year:—County Master, Wm. S. Scott, Tilsonburg; Deputy County Master, Donald McAllen, Woodstock; County Secy., T. Barneock, Tilsonburg; Chap., J. C. Watters, Woodstock; Treas., John Barry, Culloden; D. of C., Mat Dillon, Tilsonburg; Lecturer, R. McClintock, Culloden; D. Sec., Donald McLean, Woodstock; D. Lec., Wm. Whitcombe, Woodstock.

The extensive saw-mill and hoop factory, owned by Schliehauf Bros., at Wallacetown, was completely destroyed by fire on Tuesday night. A large quantity of new machinery had just been placed in the mill, and steam was raised in the morning for the purpose of testing it, so that the general operations could be commenced. The fire in the furnace was allowed to die out at noon, and the watchman went through the mill after dark and found everything all right. It is thought, however, there must have been fire smouldering, as it originated in the engine room. Loss, \$4,000; insured for \$1,800. The mill will be rebuilt.

There was a pretty little entertainment for the "wee folk" in the Congregational Church the other night. Rev. H. D. Hunter presided, and those who took part in the programme were Sadie and Nellie Wright, Jack Langridge, Miss M. McFadden, Nina and Ruth Cameron, Mabel Harkness, Olive Langridge, Gerie Harris, Bessie Blount, Joe Dixon, Eva Cannon, Ethel Blackstock, Willie Clark, Hattie Dixon, Blanch and Violet Kinley, Walter Langridge, Emma Moule and others. Nellie Emery and Willie Hicks were presented with prizes for disposing of the most tickets.

The conversation in Christ Church school-room last night was highly successful. The first part of the programme was under the able management of Mr. W. Halle, and consisted of solos, duets, trios and quartettes, rendered in a very pleasing manner, those taking part being Mrs. Piper, Miss Boddy, Miss Madge Seaborn, Mr. Halle, Mr. C. A. Jones and Mr. Maccomb. The choir also gave a couple of choruses in a creditable manner, and Mr. Cecil Smith gave a capital recitation. A prominent feature of this part of the programme was a violin duet by Miss Coppinger and Mr. Maccomb, which elicited a hearty encore. Mr. E. Green also favored the audience with an excellent piano solo. During recess refreshments were served in great abundance, and before resuming the programme the Rector, Rev. Canon Smith, called attention to the fact that the congregation were about to sustain a loss by the resignation of Mr. Halle as organist of the church. Mr. G. F. Brown then came forward and read an address to Mr. Halle, expressive of the regret which the members of the choir felt at his withdrawal and of the benefit which they had derived from his teaching. Mr. A. G. McCormick then presented Mr. Halle, in behalf of the choir, with a handsome travelling case. Mr. Halle, though taken completely by surprise, made a neat reply, speaking warmly of the interest he felt in the church and his regret that personal and business matters made a severance of his connection necessary. He felt that in his successor they will find one quite able to fill his place with efficiency. The Rector then announced that he and the Wardens had agreed in appointing Mr. E. Green to the position of organist, and felt that in so doing they would have assurance of a continuance of harmony and good-will, as well as thorough efficiency. The second part of the programme was then taken charge of by Rev. professor Seaborn, assisted by young lady pupils of Helmouth Ladies' College, the Misses McCammon, Gibbons, Albers and Smith, through the kindness of Rev. Principal English. Brilliant chemical experiments were given in rapid succession by the young ladies, showing an intimate acquaintance with the science of chemistry. Brief explanations were given by the Professor as each experiment was given. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Mrs. R. A. Douglas's residence in London West was besieged on Wednesday night by a large number of young people of the Methodist Church. A still greater surprise awaited the good lady later in the evening, when she was presented with a beautiful silver crucifix and an address, expressive of the highest appreciation for the young ladies of her Sabbath school class. After spending a very pleasant evening the young people returned to their homes.

A public discussion will be held in the Town Hall, Aylmer, commencing on Monday evening, March 11, 1889, and continuing the five following evenings, between Elder J. S. Sweeney, Christian Disciple, of Paris, Kentucky, and Rev. T. L. Wilkinson, Methodist Minister, of Dunnville, Ontario. Propositions:—1. In Christ's commission to the Apostles He commanded immersion.—(Sweeney affirms). 2. That infant children of believers are proper subjects for Christian Baptism.—(Wilkinson affirms).

Last Sunday, during services, Rev. Father Corcoran, who was preaching his farewell sermon in the Roman Catholic Church, at Parkhill, was the recipient of a substantial token, from his parishioners in Parkhill and Forest. The Forest friends had come to Parkhill for that special purpose. Father Corcoran made a touching reply to the addresses, and the occasion was a deeply interesting one.

About twenty-five of the employees of the late firm of Samwell & Pickard, of Exeter, surprised Mr. Samwell, the retiring partner, the other evening, and presented him with a handsomely illuminated engraved address, beautifully framed. A very pleasant evening was spent, many of those present not having met one another for years.

The following officers were elected at a recent session of Chapter 346, Royal Black Knights of Ireland:—Sir Knight in Command, M. Baldwin; Deputy, Hance Walker; Secretary, William Griffith; Treasurer, Hugh Nichol; Standard Bearer, John Walker and William Fox; Pursuivant, George Fox; Assistant Secretary, W. Bro. W. Fitzgerald. The Chapter is in a flourishing condition.

Mr. J. Crawford and Mr. Geo. Fuke, of Iowa, U. S., have been in Exeter for some days purchasing horses. They have succeeded in securing a great many fine specimens of horse flesh, among the number being eight or ten superior Canadian bred stallions. The average price paid for the latter was about \$400.

A fire occurred at Marthaville on Wednesday night at 10.30, completely destroying the house occupied by Mrs. C. Callinan, an elderly lady, who resided alone. The remains of Mrs. Callinan was found burnt to a crisp. It is supposed the fire originated from the explosion of a lamp.

The plan for Miss Jarbeau's entertainment at the Grand Opera House on Tuesday evening next opens at the box office this morning. She has received very many favorable press notices, and her musical comedy, "Starlight," is highly spoken of.

The West Williams Reform Association has chosen the following officers:—President, Mr. Richard Couch; First Vice-President, Mr. John Love; Second Vice-President, Mr. William Peterkin; Sec. and Treas., Mr. William Dawson.

Mr. Arthur Winlow, late of Ingersoll, brother of Messrs. George and Charles Winlow, of this city, left on Monday for New York, where he has obtained a responsible position in the East Side Bank in that city.

Rev. J. H. Sowerby, of Toronto, brother of Rev. A. T. Sowerby, of the Aylmer Baptist Church, has been called to and accepted the pastorate of the New Sarum Baptist Church. His duties will commence May 1st.

Margaret Kennedy claims \$30 wages from H. A. Stringer, of London South, and has caused a summons to be issued against him. Squire Peters will try the case to-day.

Tavern and shop licenses in Parkhill, under the Crooks Act, will be \$225. This is, of course, presuming that the Scott Act is repealed.

Mr. L. V. Stewart, who has been visiting in North Middlesex for some time past, has left for his home in Seattle, Washington Territory.

Mr. W. C. White, Blenheim, has been appointed a traveller for the Taylor Safe Works, and has resigned his G. T. R. agency.

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CARELESS HEALTH OFFICIALS. People from the Small-pox District Daily Visitors to St. Thomas. St. Thomas, February 28.—(Special).—Words cannot be too strong to condemn inaction of the Board of Health, or whoever is responsible, of this city, in not taking practical measures to prevent the spread of the small-pox, which is now prevalent in Southwold. In the FREE PRESS some time ago it was suggested that a Provincial Board of Health Officer should be sent here to enforce the necessary regulations. An officer did come, remained but a day, and returned. No: only do neighbors of the families afflicted come to the city daily, but members of the families themselves are actually allowed and have been for weeks, to visit the city, walk the streets, and frequent the stores and hotels. No effort whatever has been, or is being, made to stop them, and it seems as if the authorities believe in locking the stable door only after the horse has been stolen. A man was around town yesterday boasting that he had buried several of the victims. Last night two citizens having heard that it was the intention to bury one of the victims in the city cemetery, drove all over the city to warn the health officials, but no action was taken, and the body was interred. A prominent citizen was heard to say to-night that such a state of affairs is outrageous, and there will be found many who will agree with him. Last night the brother of a man now down with the disease was around the city. The opinion is generally expressed that the Board of Health should either wake up or resign. All the practical work they have done is to have the pest house prepared, and one would almost think from their inaction they really cared little about an epidemic. Certainly every chance has been given the dread disease to spread, and the fact that it has not is not to say to the authorities. The Journal this evening urges that it is high time something was done, and advocates a sanitary police force, which suggestion should be adopted.

The Times says:—Jas. Lethbridge, aged 22, died yesterday on the Scotch road, Southwold, making the fifth victim to date. The only new case which has developed is that of Wm. Keilior near Iona, who attended the Eustace dance, although it is reported that his brother Hellem is also down. There is no change in the other patients, except that the disease has become pronounced in the cases of Wm. Burwell and Jas. Ferguson.

Considerable excitement was created in the city last night, owing to the fact that the remains of young Sheridan, who died of small-pox, were brought to the city and interred in the R. C. cemetery. The police and members of the Board of Health were notified by Messrs. George White and Col. Gossage of the intended interment, but no action was taken to barricade the bridge, and refuse to allow the body to pass, which might and should have been done.

Postmaster Burwell, of Fingal, has taken every precaution to prevent the disease spreading by means of papers or letters, everything passing through the office as the mail bags being thoroughly fumigated.

Inspector Burrage, of the Board of Health, has issued a notification to the effect that all parties from the city visiting any of the Southwold small-pox patients will have to remain there until the disease is stamped out, otherwise they will be arrested on their return to this city.

Dr. Tweedale, Medical Health Officer, reports that there are no cases of small-pox in St. Thomas.

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