

## Fun and Fancy.

Poverty may excuse a shabby coat but it is no excuse for shabby morals.

A correspondent wants to know what a land-league is? A land-league is exactly three miles.

The gravestones in a Woodstock cemetery bear, besides the ordinary inscription, the words, "This stone is not paid for," cut in by the irate maker.

An exchange informs us that the "Bankrupt" is about to be put on the stage. Hereabouts he generally rides in his own carriage.

A New York dyspeptic went to Arizona, told a man he lied, had a knife pushed into him and recovered his appetite inside of a fortnight.

"Oh, dear!" exclaimed Edith to her doll, "I do wish you would sit still, I never saw such an uneasy thing in all my life. Why don't you act like grown folks and be still for a while?"

In reply to the question, "What are the wild waves saying?" we would suggest that it must be, "Come and see us next summer, and don't forget we charge \$4 a day board."

"I say, Paddy, that is the worst looking horse that I have ever seen in harness. Why don't you fatten him up?" "Fat him up, is it? Fair, the poor baste can scarcely carry the little mate that's on him now!" replied Paddy.

She came into an Eighth Avenue car, and as she made two or three efforts to enable at last with a frown of distress, to sit sideways. Old lady sitting next: "Anything the matter, miss?" "No, ma'am." "Oh, yes," said the old lady, "bless, I reckon, I've had 'em myself; I know how it is!"

## CANADIAN NEWS.

McGuinn, who stabbed Smith at Wel landport, has been convicted of manslaughter.

A cold wave struck Ontario on Tuesday, and in some places 7 above zero was touched. Snow storms were common, and in some localities the drifts were heavy.

FARM SOLD.—Mr. Thomas Pollard, of Usborne, has sold his farm of 100 acres to F. Cale for the sum of \$6,500. Cale gets possession after harvest Mr. Pollard is going to live retired.

John Coute, employed with John Richardson, of St. George, last week forged Richardson's name to a note and drew \$300 from the Bank of Commerce. Coute and an accomplice have gone eastward for parts unknown.

Chas. Verret, while boiling maple sugar at Lake St. Charles during an epileptic fit fell into the fire and was horribly burned and scalded, the pots of boiling liquid having become capsize and partially enveloping the unfortunate man.

The Canada Pacific Syndicate will commence work at an early date. They have already purchased half a million feet of lumber at Minneapolis, and will shortly engage one thousand spans of horses and drivers to proceed to the North-west.

The Right Rev. Dr. Cleary has been installed at the Roman Catholic cathedral at Kingston as Bishop of the Diocese of Kingston. His Lordship was accorded a most enthusiastic reception at the principal places on the line of his journey from Toronto to Kingston.

There are at present on the pay roll of the Grand Trunk Railway at Stratford, no less than 650 men, the amount disbursed last month for wages being \$29,000. At all trains change locomotives at that station eighty-five engines are required to be kept on hand all the time. Sixty regular trains arrive and depart every twenty-four hours.

The destruction of confiscated liquor by the police is provided for by an amendment to the Crooks Act. Liquor costs money, and in these days of charity and benevolent institutions, money ought not to be thrown away. The liquor that has been confiscated may not be very good; but it does seem like a waste to empty it into the street; and willful waste, they say, makes woful want. The worst use you can put a man to is to hang him; the worst use you can put liquor to is, probably to drink it. But if all the liquor that is confiscated were sold and the money handed over to the charitable institutions it would surely be a more sensible way of carrying out the law. The only benefit conferred by the destruction of the liquor is upon those who manufacture it.—Telegraph.

Gen. Rosser, Chief Engineer of the Syndicate, has returned from locating the line for the second hundred miles west on the Canadian Pacific railway. The Government surveys through Rapid City and Minnesota have both been abandoned, owing to the difficulty attending construction, and a southern route chosen, which crosses the Assiniboine at Grand Valley, nine miles below the mouth of the Little Saskatchewan river. It then passes the Cough Valley, lying between the Loure and Assiniboine rivers. This route will give an easy grade, and the roads will pass through many settlements which are already amongst the first in the North-west. Reservations have also been made along the route for the purposes of the Company.

## The Mother and the Bible.

A mother of a family was married to a skeptic. He made a jest of religion in the presence of his children. Yet she brought them all up to reverence God and to obey his commandments. She was asked how she did this against the father. Her answer shows how the conscience may be trained to respond to the plain teachings of the Bible. She said: "Because to the authority of a father, I do not oppose the authority of a mother, but that of God. From their earliest years; my children have always seen the Bible on my table. This holy book constituted the whole of their religious instruction. I was silent, did they propose a question, that I might allow it to speak. Did they commit a fault, did they perform a good action, I opened the Bible, and the Bible answered, reproved or encouraged them. The constant reading of the scriptures has wrought the prodigy which surprises you."

## COUNTY GLEANINGS.

## Another Pioneer Gene.

From the Seaforth Expressor.

There are not many of our readers who were not more or less acquainted with Mr. Charles Scobie, of this town, and all will alike regret to hear of his demise, which sad event took place at his residence on Monday evening last. Mr. Scobie was an unusually smart, active man, whose years seemed to sit lightly upon him, but evidences of frailty and natural decay were becoming quite manifest during the last two years. His friends could not fail to notice the change, although he was always cheerful as usual. He attended church on the Sabbath before last, but he had not been feeling so well as usual for some days previously. On his return from church he was so much fatigued that he had to take to bed, and from that time continued growing worse until Monday night, when he peacefully passed away. A very severe attack of inflammation of the lungs was the cause of his death, and from the very first his medical attendant had no hope of his recovery. Mr. Scobie was in his seventy-seventh year. He was a native of Perthshire, Scotland. He came to this country in the year of 1842, and settled in Toronto, where he worked for a year at his trade as a millwright and engineer. He also worked in Galt, Brantford and several other places until the year 1850, when he came to the township of Stanley in this county, and erected a grist and saw mill on the Farr line, near the village of Varna. These mills he continued to work until about twelve years ago, when he retired from active business, and came to live in Seaforth. He leaves behind his aged partner and two sons and three daughters, all comfortably settled in life. His youngest daughter is Mrs. John McAllister, of the township of Hay; his eldest son William is a resident of Ripley, in the county of Bruce, and John, his youngest son, is proprietor of the Star Salt Works in Seaforth and Goderich. In his younger days he was considerable of a sportsman and used to take great delight in fishing and hunting. Even in later years he was accustomed to spend several weeks each summer scouring the various trout streams in the county, and nothing delighted him more than to capture a large speckled trout, and there were not many good trout holes in any of the surrounding streams that were not known to Mr. Scobie. He was also considerable of a musician, and was a beautiful player on the flute, and was wont in olden times to enliven the proceedings at the social gatherings in his neighborhood by his sweet strains on that instrument. In his younger days he was an active and energetic politician, and was a valued member of the Liberal party. He was ever a cheerful, genial, whole souled man, and his many virtues and eminent social qualities will long be cherished in affectionate remembrance by a host of warm personal friends.

## Blyth.

Mr. Moser, tinmith, is sick with inflammation of the lungs.

Jacob J. Waggoner, whose wife deserted him a few weeks ago, has sold off his things, and is either gone or going to Dakota.

A young man in East Wawanosh, named R. Tony, had his arm broken, in McVittie's sawmill, by being caught in cog wheels.

The Mechanics' Institute reading room is closed for this season. It has not been as well attended as one might expect in a village of this size.

Mr. Jims, blacksmith, has lost two children, very suddenly, by diphtheria, the girl was aged 6 years, and the boy, 3 years. They were buried together, on Sunday afternoon. Three others of the household have a slight touch of the disease.

Grappling for the fallen tube of the salt well still continues. The last length that fell has been extracted, and the other was got hold of but broke away. Mud is being pumped out to clear the top of the pipe, and they are pretty sure of success now.

A meeting of citizens was called by the Reeve, for the purpose of discussing the best way to procure a cemetery. Thirty or forty ratepayers were present; a committee was appointed to look out a site and report at a meeting called for the 21st inst., in Watson's hall. The system of appointing three trustees to hold the land was most in favor. Each person who buys a lot is a shareholder, and has a vote in electing trustees. All money, after paying for the land and incidental expenses, will go towards improving the land. Everybody thinks it is time we had a cemetery, as the one now in use is right in the village.—[New Era.]

## Ornamental Trees.

The Supreme Court of Canada has had to consider a peculiar case arising out of the destruction by a telegraph company of ornamental shade trees. It appears that the Dominion Telegraph Company in erecting wires through Norton, King's County, New Brunswick, cut down a number of ornamental trees on the property of a Dr. Gilchrist, claiming the right to do so under their Act of Incorporation. The Dr. thereupon brought an action of trespass, in which he obtained a verdict for \$235 damages, which verdict was afterwards upset by the Supreme Court of Canada, contending among other things that it had the right to cut ornamental or shade trees when necessary for the erection, use or safety of its lines, and that they, the Company, were the judges of that necessity. Further, that the plaintiff's remedy was under the clause in the Company's Act providing for an arbitration to assess the injury done, and that consequently the Court had no jurisdiction over the matter. These and all the other objections taken were overruled. The Court considered that the Company should be held to a strict construction of the Act of Incorporation, and held it bound to prove to the satisfaction of the Court that the destruction of the trees in question was necessary for the erection, use or safety of their line. Having failed to do this, the Company was held liable in an action for damages.

## Pat's View of the Situation.

"This is a very fine country, after all, Pat, and it's a great pity that political disorganization should interfere with its prosperity," said a cosmopolitan friend of mine to the driver of a car which was jolting him over a rough but picturesque country road in the west of Ireland.

"Ah, begorra, an you may say that," was the reply; "but the English have taken the livin' out of us this twenty year, as long as I can remember."

"The land leaguers mean to settle the business this time, I suppose?"

"Bogorra, and they do," said Pat whipping up his steed: "there are 200,000 of them ready to do it at this very minute, all armed to the teeth."

"Is that so?"

"It is so; and they could wipe the entire British army off the face of the earth, not a doubt of it."

"And why don't they do it?"

"Don't ye see why, sorr?"

Pat cracks his whip and turns round to look at his friend.

"They are afraid of the police; that's why, sorr."

## Discriminating Charity.

Careless, unreasoning, uninvestigating, indiscriminate giving by an almoner or society, is not charity—it is mere impulse. Charity is a principle, and seeks not only the relief of the individual; but the welfare of society. There should be the utmost discrimination, which consists neither in wholesale pity and lavish giving, nor in wholesale condemnation and refusal to give; but in the exercise of a duty, under the instruction of experience, and under the inspiration of a sincere love for God and man. We believe that the most beneficent charity to the destitute poor is to find and secure work for them, and help them to be self-supporting; that in the dispensation of public charities nothing should be given as simple alms where another way of assisting can be practiced consistently with the dictates of humanity and Christian duty; that the able-bodied, habitual, and professional beggars, whether located in our midst or tramping through the country, should receive nothing which they do not earn; that the needy should be discouraged from crowding into the city; and that, so far as possible, those applying for assistance should be provided with work in the country, and, as between the city and the country, always in the country, and that simple alms should be given in a single instance only, after full and exhaustive investigation, and continuously only upon repeated observation and inquiry.

## Negro Eloquence.

The negro Bishop of Hayti, Theodore Heley, a native of the United States, and consecrated in Grace church, New York city, who during the recent gathering of the Anglican church in London, was much honored by all his brethren, and who, at the invitation of Dean Stanley, preached in Westminster Abbey on St. James' day; closed his address with the following eloquent words and earnest prayer:

"And now, on the shores of old England, the cradle of that Anglo-Saxon Christianity by which I have been, in part at least, illuminated, standing beneath the vaulted roof of this monumental pile, redolent with the piety of by-gone generations during the same ages; in the presence of the

"Storied urn and animated bust," that hold the sacred ashes and commemorate the buried grandeur of so many illustrious personages—I, catch a fresh inspiration and new impulse of the divine missionary spirit of common Christianity; and here in the presence of God, of angels and of men, on this day sacred to the memory of an apostle whose blessed name was called over me at my baptism, and as I lift up my voice for the first, and perhaps the only time in any of England's sainted shrines, I dedicate myself anew to the work of God, of the Gospel of Christ, and of the salvation of my fellowmen in the far distant isle of the Caribbean Sea that has become the chosen field of my gospel labors.

"O thou Saviour Christ, Son of the living God, who, when thou wast spurned by the Jews of the race of Shem, and who, when delivered up without cause by the Romans of the race of Japheth, on the day of thy crucifixion, hadst thy ponderous cross borne to Golgotha on the stalwart shoulders of Simon, the Cyrenian, of the race of Ham; I pray thee, O precious Saviour, remember the forlorn, despised and rejected race, whose son bore thy cross, when thou shalt come in the power and majesty of the eternal kingdom to distribute thy crowns of everlasting glory!

"And give to me then, not a place at thy right hand or thy left, but only the place of a gatekeeper at the entrance of the Holy City, the New Jerusalem, that I may behold my redeemed brethren, the saved of the Lord entering therein to be partakers with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, of all the joys of the glorious and everlasting kingdom.—[Zion's Herald.]

A French-Canadian threw a census enumerator down stairs in Montreal.

## Newspaper Laws.

We call the special attention of postmasters and subscribers to the following synopsis of the newspaper laws:

1. A postmaster is required to give notice by letter (returning a paper does not take his paper out of the office, and state the reasons for its not being taken. Any neglect to do so makes the postmaster responsible to the publishers for payment.

2. If any person orders his paper discontinued, he must pay all arrearsages, or the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made, and collect the whole amount, whether it be taken from the office or not. There can be no legal discontinuance until the payment is made.

3. Any person who takes a paper from the post-office, whether directed to his name or another, or whether he has subscribed or not, is responsible for the pay.

4. If a subscriber orders his paper to be stopped at a certain time, and the publisher continues to send, the subscriber is bound to pay for it, if he takes it out of the post-office. This proceeds upon the ground that a man must pay for what he uses.

5. The courts have decided that refusing to take a newspaper and periodicals from the post-office, or removing and leaving them uncollected for, is *prima facie* evidence of intentional fraud.

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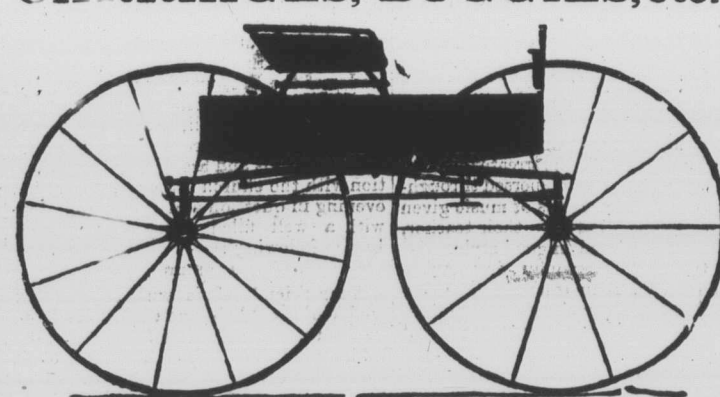
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