

THE ADVOCATE.

J. GIBSON, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR. FERGUS, WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16.

NORTHWEST CROPS.

The crops in the Northwest Territory and Manitoba are reported to be very good. Wheat harvesting begun about August 25, the barley a few days earlier.

WHITE REBEL ACQUITTED.

The trial of Scott, termed the white rebel from Prince Albert, was concluded at Regina last Thursday. B. B. Oaler, Q. C., for the crown, and J. Henry, J. Clark for the prisoner. The jury were out twenty minutes and returned with a verdict of 'not guilty.'

RIEL REFUSED A NEW TRIAL.

The full court, comprising Chief Justice Wallbridge and Justices Taylor and Killam, gave judgment in the Riel appeal case at noon last Thursday. A seat on the bench was accorded to Judge Barroin, of the court of appeal. The French delegates were present amongst other prominent persons in the audience.

OSTRICH EGGS.

The popular supposition that an ostrich never lays but one egg and drops that anywhere upon the said is nonsense, says a writer who describes the ostriches on the American plains. The female lays as many eggs annually as a goose or a hen, and covers them with as much care, usually digging a hole in the sand with her feet and depositing her eggs in it daily until the time for incubation comes, when she sits regularly upon them and is fed by her mate.

FREE SCHOOLS IN ENGLAND.

The agitation for free schools in Britain is fairly started, and will never cease till the object be gained, and primary education be brought as freely within the reach of any child in the community as it is now in Ontario. At present things are in the vehement opposition stage, and some from whom better things might have been expected are strongly denouncing the idea as oppressive, impracticable, injurious, and what not.

EAST LUTHER COUNCIL.

The Council met at Morrison's Hotel Luther Village, on Saturday the 5th, inst., as per adjournment of the 22nd. The members all present, the Reeve in the chair and the minutes of the previous meeting read, and were adopted on motion of James Mournahan and Richard Davey.

WEST GARAFRAXA COUNCIL.

A special meeting of the Council was held in Dugan's Hotel, Belwood, on September 11. Members all present. The Reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

CANADA'S DRINK ACCOUNT.

The Canadian people spend more for intoxicating drinks than for any other class of manufacture; five million dollars more for liquor than for meat; six million more for liquor than for either bread or woollen goods. They spend more for destroying drinks than for all the lumber they annually use in building houses, barns, fences and furniture; one third more on the stuff that puts snakes in their boots, than on the boots themselves; twice as much for alcohol as for cellulose; nearly three times as much for sugar; and while they spend \$8,000,000 for clearing their heads by education, they spend three and a half times as much for nuddling them.

Smallpox has reached Sutton, Quebec, and fears are entertained that it will reach Vermont.

George Graham, a farmer near Irelle ville, was robbed of \$75. One man throttled him while another rifled his pockets.

The Queen has approved the order appointing Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar to succeed Gen. Sir Thomas Steele commander of the troops in Ireland in October next.

Montreal medical men are much exercised at Dr. Covert's action in stationing Ontario medical men in Montreal to see that no infected goods or persons leave there.

A total eclipse of the sun, visible on the eastern coast of Australia and New Zealand, took place on Tuesday.

This may account for the general "cussedness" of the recent weather.

A Mormon editor has been arrested for supporting two wives. An editor with an income sufficient to support two wives must be engaged in some sort of crooked work.

One Montreal druggist has sold 2,000 vaccine points since the opening of the small-pox campaign.

If the other druggists have done half as well the entire city should be labouring under an epidemic of sore arms by this time.

A terrible cyclone struck Washington, Court House, a town of 4,000 inhabitants, 25 miles west of Springfield, O., last week, and almost swept from the earth. About 400 buildings were blown down. So far 15 bodies have been recovered.

The banking schooner, Guardian Angel, while beating to windward of Cape Ballard, capsized last Thursday morning and all hands were lost, except one seaman, who was picked of the wreck by a passing boat and brought to Trepassy.

New York papers are said to be loitering themselves more over choosing an inscription for the Grant monument than they are over raising the million dollars with which to erect it.

A Louisville paper warns them that English may be one of the dead languages before the work is completed.

A freight train on the Grand Trunk going east left the track a short distance beyond Port Union. Twelve cars were derailed, and lie piled up, many of them smashed up into kindling wood. The west bound express was delayed about five hours until the track could be cleared.

A man about 65 years of age was found dead near Ancester village Thursday morning. There were several marks of violence on the body, which gave strength to the belief that the deceased had been murdered.

As the most recent evidence was produced, show that the man died of starvation and exposure.

One thousand of Riel's sympathizers held a mass meeting in St. Boniface, last Thursday night. Half-breed and French delegates were present from various parts of the Province.

The object of the meeting was to take up to have the hanging of Riel postponed in order that every point of law in his case may be exhausted.

As a fact train stopped at Point of Rocks, Md., the other day, the engineer was found stunned and almost lifeless on the floor of the cab, while nearby lay a dead chicken. The fowl had evidently attempted to fly across the track in front of the train, and had come in collision with the head of the driver, killing itself and knocking himself senseless.

A little girl in Watertown, N.Y., dying of scarlet fever, wished to see a kiss by letter to a little former playmate residing in another part of the State. So she kissed the letter and had it sent. The little girl who received the letter very naturally kissed it also, on reading its message. From that kiss she caught the fever and so died.

The September bulletin of the Ontario Bureau of Industries shows that the yield of fall wheat throughout the province has been very satisfactory. On the other hand, the spring wheat crop has been almost wholly destroyed and a very unfavourable condition is reported for barley and oats.

Reports received from sixteen counties in New York State say the condition of the crops shows that in general the yield will be better than in 1884. The grain yield will be about an average, corn fair, fruits very abundant.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Co. propose going into the telegraph business in opposition to the Great North-western. Contracts have been closed to make American connections.

A house belonging to Mrs. McArthur, of Hillsburg, was burned on Monday night of last week, the occupants, who had recently moved in, barely escaping before a portion of the roof fell.

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Prince Henry of Reuss met with a very sad accident on Thursday last. In trying to extract a cartridge which had jammed it exploded, and the charge struck him in the face. The left eye was destroyed, and the other is so badly injured that it is probable he will be blind.

A hen is a hardy fowl. She will endure much hardship and will be little worse of the wear, provided she has three essentials—these are wholesome food, pure water, and clean quarters. These she must have, or disease will surely result. In summer time give them plenty of room to roam over; scratching for food is the hen's nature.

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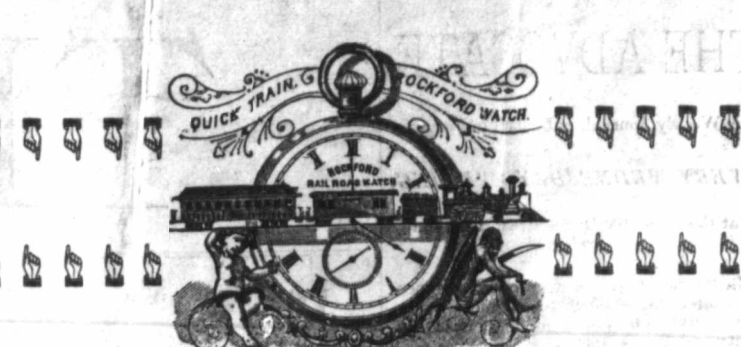
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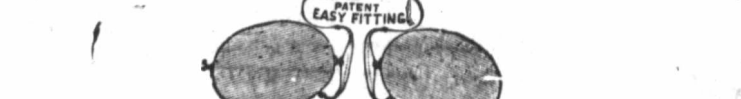
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