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Vacant Advocates.

Some of our cotemporaries are making themselves ridiculous in their discussions of the Dunkin Act. Opposing the adoption of the measure and yet anxious to retain the good will of their temperance supporters, they profess a (super-fluity) sincere regard for prohibition. Unfortunately, however, for the sincerity of this sentiment, on arriving at this conclusion they, so to speak, show the cloven hoof and spoil the effect of their protestations by abusing Mr. Mackenzie and his Government for not introducing and enforcing general prohibition.

Wingham Waterworks.

The opponents of the Wingham Waterworks by-law are taking steps to defeat its enforcement, and with this object have secured the opinion of Mr. M. C. Cameron, Esq., Q. C., as to the possibility of quashing it.

Reform Meeting.

A meeting of the Goderich Reform Association will be held at Mr. M. C. Cameron's law office, at 7.30 p. m., on Friday next. A full attendance is requested, as business of interest and importance is to be transacted.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

SOLEMN.—On Tuesday last a wagon load of coffins was driven round the square, and the effect was that almost every one looked as though he had that grievious disease, a heavy-note-to-meet-and-no funds-in-the-bank. The driver, who looked as solemn as an owl, relieved the minds of some of the on-lookers by remarking that he was on his way to Turkey.

CLEAN UP.—The condition of the grounds in front of the Central School is disgraceful, overgrown with lobelia and poplar shoots, the walks almost indistinguishable and the former traces of care and cultivation almost obliterated. Surely the School Board has noticed this. If the members are too economical to order the cleaning of the grounds, let them doff their coats and do it themselves, for the sake of the credit of the place.

PERSONAL.—J. W. Langmuir, Esq., Inspector of Prisons, and Lieut. Col. Gillmore, of Toronto, arrived at the Point Farm on Saturday. The former inspected the jail, and reported every thing in good order. He recommends the painting of the iron doors by the prisoners, in order to prevent rusting; and also that contracts for gaol supplies be let by tender.

—Mrs. Galt, widow of the late John Galt, Esq., Registrar of the County of Huron, with her son and two daughters has been spending some weeks in town with her friends. She returns to her home in Guelph on Thursday.

—H. H. Cooke, M. P., was in town on Saturday and Sunday last, and, we are informed, arranged a proposition to be made to the town touching the re erection of his mills. This proposition, as we are told, is that, in consideration of a bonus of $10,000 and exemption from taxation for a term of years, he will erect a mill with a capacity of ten million feet per annum, stave and barrel factory, tub and pail factory, &c. At the council meeting on Friday night, the matter will be fully discussed.

NEW COUNTY MAP.—As will be seen by adv. Messrs. Miles & Gore, of Wingham, are preparing and will issue about March next a new topographical map of the county, showing the lots, concessions, railways, streams, post offices, &c., besides giving names of owners of lots. The scale is one mile to one inch and the size of the map, handsomely mounted as a wall map, will be 58x70 inches. The map will prove valuable, as the one issued by R. W. Hermon is rather old. We would suggest that the new map give clearly the boundaries of the different electoral districts or ridings of the county.

ENTERTAINMENT AT POINT FARM.—On Wednesday evening last, Mr. C. W. A. Dedrickson gave his interesting entertainment, "an evening with the poets," in the parlor of the Point Farm hotel. Owing to the unpropitious nature of the weather, the attendance from town was small and the tug Maytham was unable to land the passengers who went up by it. The entertainment proved very pleasing to those who were present, however, Mr. Dedrickson acquitting himself with more than his usual ability.

NEW BOOKSTORE.—Mr. Geo Sheppard, formerly assistant in Clinton High School, has opened out a stock of books, stationery, &c., in the neat store in Mr. Geo. Acheson's new brick block on North street. As Mr. Sheppard will make a speciality of school books and school supplies, and being in a position by his long experience to fully understand the wants in this line he doubtless will meet with a fair measure of success. His stock containsis a good collection of works by standard authors, blank books, stationery, &c., and is being increased by frequent receipts from Toronto and elsewhere.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Possibly the first institution of this kind ever started in Canada is the one at present being established here by Prof. Marquis Chisholm. This gentleman has engaged the rooms over Ball's furniture store in the SIGNAL block, and is having them tastefully fitted up for his purpose. Here he will establish juvenile and adult classes in music vocal and instrumental—assisted by his wife, a talented vocalist, and his two daughters, both skilled musicians. Should circumstances warrant it, instruction in the Italian, French and German languages will be imparted to pupils. The juvenile classes will be taught for a very small consideration, and parents will have an excellent opportunity for giving their children a knowledge of this fine study. Occasional parlor concerts will be given, and every effort will be made to make the institution popular and beneficial.

TEMPERANCE EXCURSION.—On Wednesday last over 2,000 excursionists from Woodstock, London, St. Marys, Ingersoll and other places, visited town. The trip was gotten up under the auspices of the Red Ribbon Temperance Association, and was very cheap, tickets from London costing 60 cents. The trains, which comprised in all twenty-two cars, arrived about 10:30 a. m., and the excursionists headed by the famous 7th Battalion band marched to the Park. Here a good many formed themselves into pic-nic parties, and one and all sought enjoyment where it could be found, the beach and harbor being the principal points of attraction. The Quebec and the tug Maytham gave excursions and were very well patronized. On the former boat Prof. Clayton, an American, exhibited the celebrated Boynton life saving suit, and having robed himself in it, was thrown into the water. Here he demonstrated fully its excellent properties. In the afternoon a temperance meeting was held on the Park, at which Rev. Mr. Preston presided. Speeches were delivered by Messrs. M. Knowlton and M. W. Manville, and the singing was conducted by Mr. J. P. Samuels. At the close of the speaking, the pledge roll was opened for signatures and 104 persons subscribed to the Red Ribbon Club pledge and received the simple badge of the order. The day passed off very pleasantly, and all the visitors got safely away shortly after 6 o'clock.

A New Salt Rock.

In a paper read by Dr. T. Sterry Hunt, at the late meeting of mining engineers, an account is given of some newly discovered salt beds at Goderich. Two beds have been found; one at the depth of 1,069 feet, and another at the depth of 1,092 feet. These beds may be regarded as practically one bed 59 feet thick, since they are separated by something less than seven feet of rock. The amount of foreign matter contained in the first, or twenty-five feet bed is less than a quarter of one per cent., while the celebrated Cheshire rock salt contains 2.67 per cent., and the Cardona (Spain) salt 1.45 cent. of foreign matter. Dr. Hunt also submitted the following table by which he claimed to show the superiority of the newly discovered Goderich rock salt over all others, whether rock or the product of evaporation:

	per cent. of impurities.
Turk Island salt	2.34
Saginaw salt	2.00
Syracuse solar salt	1.15
Syracuse boiled salt	1.50
Goderich solar salt	1.097
Goderich new rock salt	0.234

—*Saginaw Courier.*

WROXETER.

MELANCHOLY SUICIDE.—In distorted representations of human life met with in certain kinds of fiction, we sometimes read events not unlike the one narrated below. In real life, however such events are happily extremely rare, that when such an occurrence takes place, the community dwells upon it as an almost unheard of exception to the usual flow of its experience. Miss Mary Halliday, daughter of Mr. James Halliday, Howick township, was a young lady of prepossessing appearance, of a happy but excitable disposition, and unexceptionable character. Her attractions brought to her two suitors, and, unable to withstand the importunity of their addresses, she placed herself in the false position of promising to each her hand in marriage. Upon reviewing her conduct, her sensitive nature became so alive to the situation in which she had placed herself, that she fell into a state of extreme melancholy. Unable to see any escape, she took the rash resolve of putting an end to her sufferings by voluntary death. On Friday morning last she took a quantity of strychnine sufficient to ensure death. Although she said nothing of what she had done, her sickness was immediately perceived, and medical assistance procured. But the strychnine had done its work, and in a little over two hours after taking the poison, she was a corpse. Before her death she made a confession to the doctor, having first sworn him to secrecy in the event of her recovery, and the above is the substance of her statement. A coroner's inquest was held, and a verdict was returned of death from poisoning by her own hand. A suspicion, not wholly allayed, is rife that her resolution to commit suicide was not entirely originated in her own mind, and evidence has transpired since the first in-

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—A Methodist parsonage is to be erected in Blyth.

—Waterworks and temperance are topmost topics in Brussels at present.

—Mr. P. Kelly, of Blyth, is about to erect a large saw mill.

—Bread is 12½ cents per loaf in Wingham.

—A broom factory is being started in Clinton by Mr. Straith.

—J. Jordan of Clinton has purchased Turner's hotel, Varna.

—Mr. Moffat, of Stanley, has oats measuring 5ft 6 inches in height.

—East Wawanosh has to raise this year the sum of $5,223,80.

—Wm. Hill, of Seaforth, has presented a clock to Walton Methodist church.

—A rate of 3 9-10 mills in the dollar has been imposed in Howick township.

—Hay Mutual Fire Insurance Co., at its last meeting, passed 85 applications for membership.

—Mr. McCutcheon, of Wingham has taken possession of Kelly's new hotel in Brussels.

—A cow belonging to John Hyslop, of Grey, was killed by lightning a few days ago.

—A man named Patterson, of Blyth, for threatening John Shultz, of Manchester, was last week fined $9.50

—Tuesday of last week was Blyth's holiday, and the citizens excurted to Kincardine.

—Six loaves of bread were stolen from the kitchen of Mr. Wm. Birtch, Wingham, a few nights ago.

—Polling on the Dunkin Act by-law in the County of Bruce commences on the 18th September.

—The Lucknow Caledonian Society will hold its annual games on the 12th September.

—H. McIntosh senr., has resumed the change of the Exchange Hotel, Wingham.

—Jas. Holland of Morris was recently fined $20 and costs, by Squire Harris, for selling liquor without license.

—Efforts are being made to quash the Wingham waterworks by-law, and the opinion of M. C. Cameron, Q. C., is being obtained.

—Non resident pupils are admitted only to the senior department of Wingham school, and only on payment of $1,50 per month.

—Stanley has to raised this year for county and township purposes, $5,654. For school purposes seperate rates to be levied in each section.

—An exhibition game of lacrosse was played in Seaforth on Tuesday evening last, the grounds being lit up with Chinese lanterns.

—Recently, an Oshawa Champion threshed, on lot 13, con. 7, Morris, 2 bushels in 48 seconds, and 95 bushels in 40 minutes.

—A sneak thief entered the *Expositor* office, Seaforth, on Wednesday and stole $40 from a coat hanging therein, belonging to one of the employers.

—John Mooney, of Clinton, will make application for a bill of divorce from his wife Louisa Ann, at next session of Parliament, on the ground of adultery.

Mr. R. L. Holmes, a few days ago shot near Wingham, a crane which stood 4ft high, and measured nearly 7ft from tip to tip of wings.

—Among the local quoiting champions reported by the Provincial Association, is Samuel Leggatt, of Wingham.

—Messrs. Isaac Carling, B. V. Elliot, R. Bissett, P. Drew and R. R. Elliot, and Mrs. I. Carling, Mrs. T. Bissett, Misses Flora and Lizzie Carling, all of Exeter, have started for Duluth.

—Wingham Presbyterian Church, which has been enlarged, will be reopened next Sunday. Services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. James, of Knox Church Hamilton.

—Mr. Wm. Murdoch, 14th con. Ashfield, has a crab apple tree which was in full bloom, as well as being loaded with fruit, week before last.

Mr. E. W. Strathy, late manager of Molson's Bank at Exeter, has been removed to Owen Sound, and was last entertained by his many old friends at a farewell supper.

—Messrs Dark & Calder threshed 150 bushels of fall wheat on Thursday last, on the farm of Mr. R. Dickson, lot 8, concession 11 Grey, in one hour and ten minutes.

—Messrs. Mackie & Young, of Paisley, having declined to take the contract for building the Wingham school house, the Board has accepted the tender of J. W. Jackson, being $7,999.

—Lydia Thornton, of Morris, aged 12 years, went to look for her father's cows one evening lately, and got lost in the bush. Next morning she was found asleep in a field, where she laid down in a state of exhaustion.

—Some malicious individual having circulated a report that Mr. John Beattie, of Seaforth, was seen drinking whiskey from a bottle at the recent excursion to Kincardine, that gentleman offers a reward of $200 for evidence of the fact.

—On Wednesday night last an attempt was made to set fire to Mr. A. Strong's stable, in Seaforth, but one of the family noticed the flames as she was retiring for the night, and a serious conflagration was prevented.

—About twenty of the young men of the neighborhood assembled on Monday night of last week, and bound 12 acres of oats for Mr. Thomas Darling, second concession of Hay. Mr. Darling has, for some time past, been greatly afflicted by rheumatic pains.

—Pullman & Hamilton's "great London sensation" circus and baloon ascension, visits Seaforth on Thursday, Clinton on Friday, Blyth on Saturday and Brussels on Monday.

—Frank Bell and Wm. Rutledge, of Morris, were badly hurt a few days ago, by being run over by a wagon. The seat on which they had been sitting broke, and they fell to the ground, the wheels passing over them.

—Some strangers are digging for gold on the farm of Mr. John Govenlock, near Bayfield. A short time ago they purchased the privilege of digging a hole eight feet square, paying $50 therefor, and profess to be sanguine of getting the precious metal.

—Last spring while Mr. Wm. Pollard, 13 con. McKillop, was washing a ewe with two lambs it died in the water and was buried near by. The lambs were taken and turned into a field. On the third day they were missed and after a lengthy search were found at the spot where the mother died, searching about anxiously. The lambs were only about seven months old, and yet they made their way through several fields to get to this spot.

—Says the Wingham *Advance*: J. A. Morton, Esq, Barrister, had a narrow escape from drowning on Tuesday He had shot a duck on Fisher's mill-pond and went in to get it out, when his legs became entangled in the long weeds, and he was held fast for about 20 minutes. At length his cries for assistance were heard, and he was helped out by Messrs Alex Young and Netterfield, being well nigh exhausted. Had he not been an excellent swimmer he must have drowned.

—Lucknow is agitated with discussions on the Dunkin Act and the approaching vote.

He will be confined to the house for some time.

—The following is a statement of the amounts received by the several municipalities of South Huron from the liquor license fund, for the year 1877: Seaforth, $1,303.43; Exeter, $345.37; Bayfield, $243.91; Stephen, $257.57; Hay, $203.91; Usborne, $120.77; Stanley, $150.25; Tuckersmith, $128.77; Goderich township, $32 20. The total amount thus distributed is $2,791.17, which, together with the share of the Province $837.11, makes a total of $3,628.28 collected for licenses in South Huron, exclusive of all expenses.

War News.

SATURDAY.

Accounts of the battle before Eski Djuma are meagre and conflicting.

The *Standard's* Eski Djuma special, dated Thursday, says: Steady fighting has been going on for thirty-six hours, the Russians attacking in force from Jaslar to Paphoi. The Turks were at first driven in, but being reinforced, retook their original positions.

The Russians confess that their losses were great in Thursday's fight.

The Porte's circular to its agents abroad charges the Russians with the massacre of 1,100 Mussulmans in cold blood at Eski Saghra, the women and children at Lovatz, pillaging Mussulmans' houses, and then afterwards devastating the surrounding region. The Russians and Bulgarians burned all the men and some of the women of the village of Heiste Themann, and 60 Mussulmans of Yuklem were burned alive in a barn, and 44 others massacred. All the women were outraged, eight girls who resisted being killed, and two more were burnt with the men afterwards. All the women and children but twenty were slaughtered. The Bulgarians massacred 400 Mussulmans in the District of Kesanlik and still, continue to massacre the Mussulman population. The women and children seeking refuge in Khedir Reni were killed. Sofedji and other villages were put to the sword, and the women and girls were outraged, killed and horribly mutilated.

MONDAY.

The Turks assaulted the Shipka Pass on Thursday on three sides. Every onslaught was repulsed.

The Russian troops at Sistova mutinied because of bad provisions, and threw 100,000 mouldy loaves into the Danube.

Suleiman Pasha telegraphs confirming the battles of Wednesday and Thursday. The Russians are surrounded, and likely to be captured.

It is supposed Suleiman Pashas attack on the Shipka Pass was a mere feint to enable him to effect a junction with Mehemet Ali. The Pass offers front for only one thousand men.

It is officially announced that all the Great Powers and Belgium, Holland, Sweden, and Portugal, adhere to the German protest against the Turkish cruelties.

Servia is mobilizing two army corps, and has taken an active position in the war.

The Paris *Temps* says intelligence from an authentic source states that Suleiman Pasha has captured the Shipka entrenchments with fifteen guns, and advanced toward Gabrova.

The Russians admit after defeating the Turks at Aghaslar they were compelled to retire to Sulban Koi. Mehemet Ali puts the Russian loss in these operations at 400 killed, many wounded. The Russians assert their loss at 79 killed and 285 wounded.

The Russians say their loss at the Shipka Pass is considerable, 927 wounded being brought to Gabrova. The number of killed unknown.

Mukhtar Pasha telegraphs from Guedikler on Saturday that the Turks carried the heights of Kizilepe on Friday night, repulsing three Russian attempts to retake them. Two hundred cannon were brought into action. The engagement became a great battle, lasting till six on Saturday evening. The Russians were routed, losing 4,000, including General Tchoutchawsoff, commander of the cavalry, and a large quantity of arms and munitions. The Turkish loss was 1,200. Mukhtar Pasha's horse was wounded.

Canadian News.

Kingston will be represented at the Paris Exhibition by twenty different manufacturing industries.

A movement has been set on foot in Halton with the view of submitting a Dunkin by-law to the electors of the county.

Rev. W. F. Campbell, of London is to be the new rector of St. Thomas' Church, Seaforth, vice Rev. W. Craig, who goes to Montreal.

The young man Ward, so badly beaten in London a few nights ago, shows no signs of improvement. He has not spoken since the outrage was committed.

Mr. Vennor has discovered on the Upper Gatineau an immense mountain of crystaline phosphate of lime, which is said to be nearly pure and very valuable.

It is reported that Bishop Walsh of London will shortly succeed Archbishop Lynch, of Toronto, and that the Rev. F. B. Kilroy, of Stratford, will be appointed Bishop of London.

Mrs. Smith, wife of a carpenter of Wales, Ont., was shot a few nights since while the family were asleep, it is supposed by some one who raised the window and fired. She died a few hours later.

The *World's* Montreal special reports that several large fortunes were made there within the past week by Western Union stocks Sir Francis Hincks, Theodore Hart and Henry Judea, cleared from $50,000 to $100,000.

On Monday evening last as Mr. Robt. McKee, of Mansfield, was attending his horse at the stable he received a severe kick in the abdomen from one of them. He died on Wednesday night. He leaves a wife and five children.

As Mr. Holmes, of Stayner, was plastering the ceiling of the new Methodist Church at Allanwood on Thursday he missed his footing and fell on his head on the floor. He died about midnight that night. The deceased leaves a wife and eight children.

Robert Neil, charged with attempting rape on the person of Arabella J. Paisley, near Ilderton, London township, was last week found guilty and sentenced to six months imprisonment, with hard labor.

A lad sixteen years of age, named Adelard Labelle, was stabbed on Saturday evening by his stepfather, Jas. Levesque, who lives near St. Lawrence market, Montreal. The lad had interfered to prevent Levesque from beating his mother. The wound is not fatal.

A boy named Lafayette, age about four years, fell out of a punt and was drowned near Ferry Point, Lake Ontario, on Thursday afternoon. The accident was seen by several persons, but the child was drowned before assistance could be rendered.

Alex. Drummond, lately an attendant in the London Asylum, on Saturday shot his wife in the breast. He was drunk at the time, and quarreled with his wife about money matters. She is not expected to recover, and he is under arrest.

A man who had broken into and robbed A. Taylor's store in Shelburne was arrested on Friday in a bush near Maxwell. Part of the stolen goods were found near the spot where he was secreted. While stopping a short time at the hotel he managed to escape from his captors and has not since been found.

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