

THE ALVINSTON NEWS.

The representative journal of Brook Township and East Riding of Lambton County, Ontario.

Every Wednesday Morning, AT THE

NEWS BLOCK, RIVER STREET, ALVINSTON

Devoted especially to the interests of Alvinston, Township of Brocks, and surrounding Townships, it aims to furnish a large amount of local items and editorials concerning such interests than can be found in any other journal.

It is an advocate for social reform and moral elevation. On political issues it maintains a strict independence, unbiased by political creed or party.

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Nearly 150,000 Readers.

Advertisements should be sent in not later than Tuesday morning, and all changes not later than Monday of each week. Transient advertisements charged for by the line.

All communications intended for publication, must reach this office by Monday of each week; and in all cases the name of the writer must be made known to us as a guarantee of good faith on their part.

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Editor, Business Manager.

The News.

ALVINSTON, WEDNESDAY OCT., 30TH.

EUROPEAN nations never seem contented unless there be wars or rumors of war among them. Just now the cable wire brings reports of renewed difficulties between Russia and Turkey. The Great Bear is restless and bound to keep up the excitement, even if he transfers it from Europe to Asia, where he is now threatening England's control of the Indian Empire. Swords as yet have not been turned into ploughshares.

LAST Wednesday a terrific hurricane passed over the eastern states. Roofs of houses, stores and churches, were blown off in many cases. In Philadelphia especially the damage inflicted was heavy, where the gale lasted from 2:30 in the morning until 9. The wind moved at the rate of 72 miles per hour. Over fifty churches were damaged. Steeple of First Baptist church, 170 feet high, was blown down. Spire of Emanuel German Lutheran Church, 222 feet high, met with a like fate. School-houses, market houses and railroad depots were damaged. Six men and one woman killed, and over seventy-five seriously injured.

THE yellow fever still rages in the South. In the city of New Orleans there have been 12,312 cases, and 3,733 deaths. This city seems to be the breeding place for this terrible plague: it is, taken altogether, the dirtiest city of its size in America; yet during the civil war when General Ben Butler was in command of the U. S. troops, quartered there, he transformed it in a very short time into a very clean and tidy looking city and thereby kept in check the ravages of the dread pestilence that season. If the people of New Orleans knew when they were well off, they'd have urged him to stay among them: and give him absolute control over the sanitary condition of the place. Had they done so, we doubt if such a sad record of death would now be printed.

THE News office, is the oldest building in Alvinston and a glance at the interior proves the assertion that it is also the shabbiest, though the exterior belies it. We rushed the office up, expecting the building would be put in reasonable condition. We have printed the neatest and brightest looking newspaper ever issued from a country office and we think the owners of the building, as a representative man of Alvinston, might render the interior of the office as creditable in appearance also. Visitors form a poor conception of Alvinston's enterprise, when they enter the office for the first time.

THE killing of George Giff, by the special train near Bridgen, gives us opportunity to make a few remarks on the criminal recklessness of engineers, or engine drivers, who having the honor, as they esteem it, of taking a few Company officials over the road, make it a point to see how fast they can run the train without a smash-up or break-down occurring. Eye witnesses state that the special in question was running at a very high rate of speed, just before the man was run over. The verdict of the jury would have been more forcible and to the point, if they had left out any reference to the man having been under the influence of liquor, which had nothing to do with the question. Drunk or sober, if railroad companies allow people

to walk on their track, they should be responsible for any injury resulting. A few examples made of those who infringe the law relating to trespass, would soon put a stop to the dangerous practice, and a general law prohibiting the running of trains beyond a certain speed, until such a desideratum was reached, would quickly end the list of run over-by-the-train, accidents.

THE NEW CABINET.

The following is the Ministry under the present Conservative rule:

Sir John A. Macdonald—Premier and Minister of the Interior.

Hon. S. L. Tilley—Minister of Finance.

Hon. Charles Tupper—Minister of Public Works.

Hon. James Macdonald—Minister of Justice.

Hon. John O'Connor—President of the Council.

Hon. Mackenzie Bowell—Minister of Customs.

Hon. Hector L. Langevin—Postmaster General.

Hon. L. F. Mason—Minister of Militia.

Hon. Alexander Campbell—Receiver General.

Hon. J. C. Aikins—Secretary of State.

Hon. J. H. Hope—Minister of Agriculture.

Hon. L. F. Baby—Minister of Inland Revenue.

Hon. J. C. Pope—Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

THAT FISHERIES AWARD.

Uncle Sam is a shrewd old chap, and no mistake. He can wriggle through a knot hole, as easily as though he was made of soft india rubber, and he often does it. The Fisheries Award question is now claiming the old fellows attention and the amount of hocus pocus and shenanigan he is indulging in over the matter, is more amusing than edifying.

If our memory serves us, the original amount of award to Canada, agreed upon by the Commissioners, was five millions of dollars, and against this amount was allowances for damages done by the privateer Alabama and others to the extent of two millions, thus reducing the award to three millions of dollars. And now comes a dispatch from Washington, D. C., stating that the Canadians were only entitled to one million, two hundred thousand dollars of award, and a contra account of Uncle Sam's for remission of certain special duties on fish and fish oil, amounting to about three million dollars, would leave Canada indebted to the aforesaid Uncle Sam, in the sum of one million five-hundred thousand dollars.

"Now you see it and now you don't see it," seems a favorite game of this figurative personage, who is generally supposed to be a representative of the United States Government; and the dispatch from which we derive our information, very reasonably says, the gentlemen connected with this business will undoubtedly be called upon to explain their conduct. We should remark!

HOUSES TO RENT.

Last week we referred to this subject in our local column. This week we give it the importance it deserves by commenting upon the subject editorially.

It has been the experience of every village or settlement having any prospective growth whatever, that unless an enterprising spirit is exhibited by the present inhabitants and some encouragement of such growth made manifest however bright the future prospects might be, they speedily dwindle down into things of the past.

While we do not wish to believe that such is the future of Alvinston, we must say that unless a more active spirit is shown by property holders here, the prospect of any continual increase in population or importance is very small indeed. There are men here, large property holders, who could by the exercise of a little ambition, having for its object the improvement and settlement of this village, become important factors in giving stability to the remarkable growth of this place in the past six years.

But unfortunately they lack the courage to take the initiatory step. They doubt if the yearly accession to our population will continue. They look at the dark, not the bright side of the question. They forget that the prospect of this place is not dependent upon the uncertain and fickle oil wells or the unhealthy excitement of any newly discovered article of commerce, but upon the prosperity and steady improvement of the farmers and farm land in this part of the county. Those who have settled in this village of late years, are men of steady habits and of good business ability; if there be any exceptions, they are like hen's teeth, few and far between. The projected addition to our present railroad facilities, in the way of additional daily trains,

will be an incentive to increased business in the place.

Now, the very men who claim to be the most anxious to see the village become a town, and from a town, climb to the importance of a city, are the men who will not build a hen-coop without the chickens stand waiting for shelter, or a house unless a would-be tenant has given his bond to take a lease of it while the plastering is still green and the paint not yet dry. Consequently any man proposing to settle here with his family, must come in advance, incur the expense of a board bill and watch, as a terror does a rat hole, for the slightest chance to rent or wait on the dilatory movements of some lot owner while he contracts for the erection of a house.

Then there is another class of men who pay twenty-five or fifty dollars down on purchase of a lot, then fold their arms and wait for a chance to sell at an advance of fifty dollars or so, on original purchase price. Such men are as much stumbling blocks in the way of progress as the class we have already referred to. We may refer to this subject again; for the present we will commend it to the attention of our village land owners.

ARE THEY STREETS, OR BARN-YARDS? WHICH?

There is a By-law prohibiting the running at large of horses, cattle, hogs, geese or turkeys, in any part of Brocks township, and this of course includes Alvinston. That is, there is such a By-law, recorded on the minutes of the township council, and there it seems to end. The most careless observer can hardly fail to see evidence on the village side walks, that such a law is a dead-letter at present; if he does not see the evidence, his sense of smell will likely lead him to find the proof on his shoe soles after he has entered his own or a friends house.

The question of the day for Alvinstonians, would seem to be, shall Alvinston resolve itself into an immense stock yard, or shall it go on and become a tidy village; shall the streets be used as such, or as barn yards, for the general accommodation of Tom, Dick and Harry, or Anybody else? Of late there has been very strong opinions expressed on the subject by many of our citizens, and through the News we are authorized to make the following offer to either boy or man who will take right hold and go at it.

For every hog, driven to the pound, we will pay the person driving and producing a receipt from the pound-master, twenty-five cents; and for every goose or turkey, five cents each. Money will be paid at this office. Fred Benner is the pound master and as such, is, according to law, obliged to impound any animal brought to him and not release the same until the fine is paid.

There are some smart boys in the village, who have now an opportunity to make a little money. They can go right ahead and fear no one. If any person interferes, or in any way undertakes to prevent them driving hogs, etc., to the pound, just complain to John McTaggart, J. P., and they will have a little fine of \$5 and costs to pay for their interference.

We mean business, and so do the gentlemen who authorized us to make the above offer. The hog and cow and goose nuisance is going to be stopped, if it is necessary to hire a man at day's wages to drive the "critters" to pound.

THE FAMILY CIRCLE.

One of the chief causes of contention and unhappiness in the family circle, where there are children, is the bickering and disputes indulged in by parents in their presence, over matters of either trivial or serious import. This invariably results, as it ought to do, in a feeling of disrespect for the parents, by their children, which must ultimately lessen the control and influence they should exert over them. "Practice as you preach" is a very true saying, and liable to be strictly applied by the observant children, to parents, who, while teaching them to avoid quarreling or punishing them when they do, fail to strengthen their instructions by their own example.

These family unpleasantnesses most always arise from the irritation produced by overwork on the part of the housewife, and sometimes, from the same cause on the part of the husband, but more often from an over anxiety on his part to "rush" the work in which he is engaged, thus rendering him impatient of delay occasioned by an unpunctual meal, or a failure on the wife's part to attend with promptitude to any urgent demand.

Responsibility for such disputes, in the majority of cases, rests with the husband. The scriptural injunction, "wives obey your husbands," has proved the most unfortunate of advice, so far as the wife is concerned, having been seized upon by the so-called "gold and master" as authority, given him from an inspired source, to exercise

the function of a slave owner over a slave. Such a condition of affairs in the family circle is to be regretted, but even though through stubbornness or nullity, (to use a homely expression) on the husband's part, there may be no advisable remedy at command, it is altogether unnecessary that the children should be witness to disputes arising from such causes. Their presence should act as a check to the first sharp or unkind remark, that may lead to lengthened disputation between the parents.

The fact is, the husband and father, who has the management, and attendant labor, of a farm, or in fact of any other business, on his hands, leaves the care and management of the children too much in the wife's hands, and if he does take any special interest in their upbringing, it is to reprove the mother in the children's presence, for what he imagines is undue severity on her part, or to suddenly become over stern and harsh with them himself.

To make a happy home for the children and for themselves, the parents should treat them, so far as an exhibition of unseemly dispute is concerned as so many strangers, before whom they would always appear wearing "company manners." The old adage "familiarity breeds contempt," is just as applicable to children as to adults; if parents disregard this fact and make a public family matter of all their petty quarrels, they must not expect to exercise a control or influence over their children, that is only in consonance with a mutual consideration and treatment on the parents part.

LAMONT'S SADDLERY EMPORIUM

Is the place to buy cheap goods. His assortment of

TRUNKS, VALISES, and SACHELS,

is immense. Having purchased direct from the best manufacturers in the Dominion, at a liberal discount for cash, I am prepared to sell at the lowest possible figures

Ladies Satchels \$ 75 and upwards

Gents Valises 1 25 "

Trunks 75 "

Please call and examine for yourself before purchasing elsewhere.

J. C. G. LAMONT.

River Street, Alvinston.

October 16th, 1878. 1-yr.

THE DOMINION GROCERY,

EAST SIDE, RIVER STREET,

Alvinston, Ontario.

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The subscriber begs to intimate to the inhabitants of Alvinston and vicinity that he has opened up in the premises recently occupied by P. E. Hoare with the

Largest and Best

Selected Stock of

CHOICE FAMILY

Groceries and Provisions

Ever shown in the place, and is determined by close attention to the wants of his customers, and by the adoption of the motto:

Live & Let Live,

In the strictest sense of the term, to merit a full share of public patronage.

THE STOCK IS

FRESH & NEW!

And having been

Bought for Cash

Will be

SOLD CHEAP

FARM PRODUCE

Of all kinds taken

IN EXCHANGE FOR GOODS!

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A delivery wagon is kept in connection with the store and all parcels will be delivered within the limits of the Village

FREE OF CHARGE.

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Please call and examine the Stock and Prices at the

Dominion Grocery

Before purchasing elsewhere.

JOHN MARLATT,

PROPRIETOR.

October 16th, 1878. 1-yr.

E. & N. BOWLBY,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in HARDWARE!

The cheapest place west of Hamilton to buy Carpenters Tools, Axes, Saws, Cutlery, Glass, Paints, and Oils.

No. 1 COAL OIL

a specialty, and cheaper than at any place in town.

CLOCKS, WATCHES, JEWELRY.

Kept constantly on hand. Repairing of all kinds promptly attended to. River Street, opposite Benner's Hotel, Alvinston. 3m.

October 16th, 1878. 3m.

ALVINSTON FOUNDRY,

JAS. PANNEL, PROPRIETOR.

All kinds of

CASTINGS

Made on short notice. Having the services of a first-class MOULDER, I am prepared to make to order anything in

Agricultural Implements.

Repairs Promptly Executed.

October 16th, 1878. 1-yr.

CLARKE & ARCHER

Cabinet Makers,

AND

UNDERTAKERS.

Having lately removed to more commodious quarters we keep all kinds of furniture on sale or made to order and furniture repaired. A fine assortment of

PICTURE FRAMES,

Of latest styles in stock.

A First-Class horse kept on hand.

UNDERTAKING,

In all its details promptly attended to. Please call and examine stock before purchasing elsewhere. Opposite Ray Brothers Hardware store.

October 16th, 1878. 1-yr.

ALVINSTON Steam Flouring Mill.

This is one of the largest flouring mills in Lambton County; it is fitted up with new and improved machinery and in every way merits its claim as

AN A 1 MILL.

Customer's grists attended to with Expedition and Satisfaction!

Flour, Meal, Bran, Shorts, Etc.,

For sale by the hundred, or less, for cash, and delivered in any part of Alvinston free of charge.

PINCOMBE & MARTYN, Proprietors,

October 16th, 1878. 1-yr.

Clarke's Saw Mills.

I am now running two heavy teams for the purpose of hauling in a large stock of lumber suitable for

BOARD FENCING

and will be in a position to furnish any quantity of such lumber to farmers and others. My mill being situated by railroad side I have unparalleled facilities for freight-

Lumber Shipped

To any point via Canada Southern. During the winter I will be prepared to do

CUSTOM WORK

With prompt dispatch for patrons. Correspondence solicited.

ADAM CLARKE, Proprietor.

October 16th, 1878. 1-yr.

ELLIS & McINTYRE

Wagon and Carriage Makers.

Blacksmithing in all its Branches.

Plough repairing and Horse Shoeing a Specialty.

All Work Guaranteed.

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Come and give us a call. Center street, east of River street, Alvinston.

October 16th, 1878. 4 yr.

Lands for Sale.

1,900 ACRES in the Townships of Brocks and Euphemias.

IMPROVED AND WILD LANDS

At from \$8 to \$40 per acre.

Parties intending to purchase will do well to call at my office and see description of properties.

Lands Sold on Commission

And advertised by me. No commission charged unless a sale is effected.

Alex. Lucus,

Real Estate Agent.

October 16th, 1878. 1-yr.

FAWCETT'S BANK

ALVINSTON,

Does a general banking business.

ISSUES DRAFTS PAYABLE AT PAR ON THE

Bank of Montreal,

And all its Agencies.

In the United States

GOLD AND CURRENCY DRAFTS

on Southern & Western New York agents Bank of Montreal.

INTEREST PAID ON DEPOSITS.

Highest price paid for Mortgages and Debentures. Money to loan on real estate at 8 per cent.

ALEX. LUCUS, Manager.

Alvinston, October 16th, 1878. 1-yr.

CASH

PRODUCE STORE!

John A. McKenzie,

PROPRIETOR.

Groceries,

Crockery,

Dry Goods,

Boots and

Shoes Clothing, Etc.

Unexcelled for cheapness and quality by any store in town.

Everything First-Class,

Examine his fine line

Hand Sewed Boots,

For men and boys, before purchasing elsewhere.

River Street, North, Alvinston.

October 16th, 1878. 4-yr.

J. W. BRANAN

PROPRIETOR OF THE

GLENELG

FLOURING MILL.

This mill being run by either steam or water power, no derangement of power is likely to occur to prevent its continuous operation.

Flour, Corn-Meal,

and Mill Feed, Etc.,

Sold in quantities to suit, at lowest market price for cash.

Grain Bought at Good Prices.

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Having lately erected a brick block on River Street, the chief business thoroughfare, I have for rent a commodious store, also a spacious hall on second floor, 40 x 50, for entertainments, lectures, etc.

J. W. BRANAN.

October 16th, 1878. 1-yr.

THE Medical Hall