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T. J. MOORHOUSE.
Goderich, July 24th, 1877.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, AUG. 22, 1877.

Should we Encourage Manufactures.

Last week we called attention to the burning of Mr. H. H. Cook's large saw mills at Midland, and advised the Council to assemble and, if possible, devise a scheme by which Mr. Cook could be induced to come here and erect his mills; where upon the Mayor promptly called the Council together, but as six Councillors were out of town and two others could not come, those present on Friday evening could not proceed for want of a quorum. It was thought advisable by those Councillors present that the Mayor should obtain an interview with Mr. Cook and if possible find out what proposition from this town would meet with his approval and acceptance. As a general rule we do not approve of the system of granting bonuses, but the present appears to us an exceptional case and one demanding prompt and united action. Other places are offering large bonuses to secure these mills, but we believe Mr. Cook has considered the matter fully and, all other things being equal, would prefer establishing his works here, rather than rebuild at Midland, or go elsewhere. It would cost from $60,000 to $80,000 to erect such a mill as the one burned in Midland, and if erected here other works would certainly be constructed in connection with it, such as salt works, stave and barrel factory and other wood works. There is no doubt but the difference between the cost of manufacturing lumber at Midland and shipping that lumber here, and that of rafting the timber and cutting it here, would be a large per centage in favor of the latter method; and when we consider the value of the refuse at such a mill, as fuel for other works as well as the mill itself, we find a large margin in favor of establishing such mills at this town as the chief western distributing point. To give some idea of the value to this town of such an interest we might mention that the capacity of a saw mill similar to the one burned would be about 20,000,000 feet at least, a year; the cost of building, &c., would probably range from $50,000 to $80,000; an average of fully 200 hands would be employed, whose wages would amount to about $7000 per month, nearly every dollar of which would be expended in town. As a general rule the men employed have families which would increase the population of the town about 1000. That the business of such an establishment would be permanent we have every reason to believe as Mr. Cook owns such an extent of timber limits that supposing he were to manufacture 20,000,000 feet a year it would take a lifetime to exhaust the present supply. Considering this case on its merits we believe the ratepayers of the town would be consulting their own interests to grant a liberal bonus together with exemption from taxes for a term of years. The increase in population alone would produce a return equal to a very large bonus every year by average taxation; and when we take into consideration all the other sources of advantage to the town the amount of the necessary bonus, when compared with such advantages, would be a mere bagatelle.

The only serious difficulty we see in the way is where to find the proper accommodation for buildings, boom, &c. The shallow water from the foot of the Lighthouse point to the point of the pier might be sufficient to contain the logs, if part of the flats could be purchased at a reasonable figure for the erection of buildings and shipping yards, and we understand the owners of these flats have signified their willingness to sell at a reasonable figure. There is also a portion of the harbor inside the old pier that has not been dredged out; this could be cribbed round and the mill erected there; the logs could be rafted up the river and brought to the mill by a tug as required. But probably for building purposes the position on the flats would be preferable. We trust our town Councillors will give the subject that attention it requires and that they will act promptly and liberally.

An address of welcome was presented to his Excellency the Governor General, by Governor Davis of Minnesota at St. Paul, in reply to which Lord Dufferin made use of the following language in his usual happy style:—"The two people are engaged in pushing the civilization of the past centuries across those vast tracts of land which are still but scarcely inhabited, but I trust are destined to become the home of prosperous millions before the century is finished. Of that army of civilization Canada is as it were, the right wing. We feel towards you, therefore, gentlemen, as one half of a regiment may feel towards the other half, knowing well that upon your side you are faithfully discharging your duties, and are alike trampling down the physical impediments offered to your progress, as we, upon our side, are endeavoring to advance the banner of civilization into the heart of the West, and so friendly is the feeling that I assure you, should it ever happen that your own rich territory come to be furnished forth to a more complete degree than it is capable of sustaining, there are in our North West vast tracts of country, where, if you choose to assist us in settling them, you will find a hearty welcome and, I trust, institutions under which you will be able to live as contentedly as under those where you have now the happiness of residing. All that you have to do is to take ground to your right, always provided that you do so metaphorically, and not in a material sense."

Messrs. Warner & Wilsted thrashed on the farm of Mr. Jno. Winkenlader near Exeter one hundred bushels of wheat, in the short space of one hour.

The West Riding Show.

This week the prize lists and rules and regulations of the Society will be issued. In nearly every class the prizes have been advanced from 25 to 50 per cent, and the classification considerably altered from what it formerly was. Altogether the present is probably the largest list that has been placed before a Huron public for competition, and the amount of prize money is certainly much larger than on any previous year of the Society. We believe the prizes for all grades of stock to be sufficiently large to induce all breeders within the Riding to exhibit, and probably many others as well. In the indoor department among fruits and flowers a very important change has been made, and one which should induce a much larger competition than formerly. Rule No. 20 states that "no person showing the twenty varieties of apples shall compete in the ten or six varieties; nor can any person showing the ten varieties compete in the six varieties. The same rule to apply to plums, grapes, Dahlias, verbenas and gladiolus." Formerly when the competition in these classes was open to all, it was found that the large growers carried off the prizes in the small collections as a matter of course; and hence the competition has hitherto been confined, in these "varieties," to a few competitors. But under the present rules the exhibitors in the large collections being prohibited from competing for a prize in a smaller collection, there is an opportunity for medium and small growers to compete for prizes in the smaller collections; and hence we expect to see a large increase in the competition in these classes. It is absolutely essential that intending exhibitors should study these rules thoroughly and act strictly in accordance therewith, as the directors have instructed the Secretary to enforce them to the letter. All entries should, if possible, be made before the show opens in order to avoid mistakes and confusion, besides those making enteries after the show opens will be charged extra. The grounds have been levelled off and fenced in, and the building enlarged so as to give ample room for a proper display; in fact everything has been done to make the forthcoming show on Sept 20th and 21st the largest and best that has yet been held in Huron.

War Notes.

The last great defeat of the Russians has changed the state of affairs considerably, but by no means has it hastened the end; on the contrary every engagement appears to bring up some fresh complication. The Russians now stand on the defensive and are pushing forward reinforcements at the rate of 12000 daily to Studen the present headquarters of the Grand Duke Nicholas. Their generals evidently intend to sweep Bulgaria and furnish a strong force to hold the pieces, their main position being at Kasaulik. General Tchildner for incapacity and neglect at the fight at Plevna is to be courtmartialed; while on the other side Abdul Kerim and Eschudt Pasha are to be tried, the former for incapacity and the latter as a traitor. The Turks are concentrating a large force against Montenegro and to the relief of Nicsica, and have secured the services of Col. Baker and other English officers. The Bashi Bazouks continue to plunder, rendering thousands of women and children homeless and destitute. The probabilities now are that the war may be perlonged for another year, as the season is now far advanced, and soon the heavy rains will be on and render it impossible to move an army. In this event the Russians have a large advantage over their opponents whose exchequer is empty and their general resources almost at an end.

The Turks, however, are showing much activity and their recent success has had a very inspiriting effect. Mehement Ali and Suleiman Pasha have effected a junction of their faces before Plevna, and present a powerful opposition to the Russian army, which though dispirited by its recent losses, and the effects of cholera, is being strengthened and increased by reinforcement. A decisive engagement is daily expected at this point, and both parties are making the most complete preparations possible.

In Asia Minor the Russians were defeated with a loss of 1200, after a severe fight.

Model School Pupils.

THE CHOSEN ONES.

The following is the list of candidates who have been selected to attend the first session of the Model Schools at Goderich and Clinton, twenty five being the number selected for each school.

GODERICH.

Joseph A. Abbot,	Benjamin C. Case,
Alex. Davidson,	John E. Elliott,
Thomas Elliott,	Thomas A. Huston,
Wm. Henderson,	James Hingston,
Albert E. Hooper,	John C. Linklater,
Rob. McDonald,	John G. Murdock,
Frederick Pearen,	Alex. P. Sheppard,
Maggie Linklater,	Agnes Stewart,
Louisa M. Trainer,	Kate A. Watson,
Elizabeth Weir,	Mary Jane Lewis,
Elizabeth Moonie,	Agnes Scott,
Eliza A. Blair,	Ellen J. Campbell,
Marion Whiteford.	

CLINTON.

Lizzie Forsyth,	Lucy Reynolds,
Jessie Craigmill,	Jeannie Dickson,
E. Hamilten,	Mary A. Holmes,
Regena Kellnar,	Margaret Moylan.
C. A. Whitefoild,	Sophia A. Patton,
Bella Logie,	John Beatty,
Wm. T. Cluff,	James Dickson,
C. Dickson,	Edward Floody,
William E. Groves,	Neil Gilmour,
G. I. M. Kilty,	J. C. McPherson,
John Rome,	John R. Steep,
Paul Powell,	Wm. T. Mosgrove,
Wm. H. Stewart.	

POINT FAMAR ARRIVALS.

Toronto.—S. Stovel wife, 3 children and nurse; John Kay; Mr. and Mrs. Allison, child and nurse; W. J. McGuire; Mr. and Mrs. G. Walker; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Lee; Miss Edna Lee.

Hamilton.—John Harvey wife, 5 children and nurse; Mrs. Wyatt and the Misses Wyatt.

Chicago.—Mrs. James Warrick; Miss Riraden.

Windsor.—Mrs. Emory, child and nurse; Miss Waters; Duncan Dougall.

New York.—Miss King.

Woodstock.—Mrs. Baird.

Sarnia.—Miss Dennis; Masters G. and D. Carman.

London.—Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson; 3 children and nurse; Miss Robinson; Miss Nicholson.

Detroit.—Geo. D. Benleu; Mrs. A. R. Legitt; Mr. Hart.

Clinton.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ransford; Mrs. Hale.

Guelph.—Jas. Anderson; Miss Howitt.

Stratford.—A Matheson wife and two children; Miss McLeod.

Bay City.—G. H. Young; George Webster.

The British army in India exclusive of Europeans, has 177,821 men: 27,900 Mohammedans, 2,270 natives Christians, 250 Jews, and the rest Hindoos.

Once more the Keely motor comes to the front and asks for a share of public attention. Mr. Keely says that he has just about completed his new machine, which is made of wrought iron and cast-steel, cost $60,000, and weighs twenty tons. He says that he has obtained a pressure of 11,000 pounds to the inch, and then stopped because the gauge would not stand more, and that if the metal would hold he could work his present engine up to 10,000 horse power. "It is," he told a reporter, "a quart machine—that is to say, it uses only a quart of water. With the condenser that I have now nearly complete I will make that quart of water produce 1,000 horse-power motion of sufficient duration to run a steamship across the ocean."

Roughing It.

NOTES OF A TWO WEEK'S CRUISE ON LAKE HURON.

Almost every individual possesses, more or less, the spirit of vagabondage, which, like an intermittent fever breaks out at regular intervals. With the advent of warm weather, the complaint breaks out among those accustomed to sedentary employment, and after a few nights of tenting out in gardens or lawns the disease becomes confirmed. Then the desire turns to broader and more novel fields for vent, and the desire to "rough it" in exploring and searching for sport away from the settled communities becomes paramount with many. Editors are not free from this passion, and when the opportunity offered itself to take a trip along the northern Canadian shore of Lake Huron, it was readily taken advantage of. The party consisted of thirteen, together with the skipper, who was thoroughly acquainted with the coast and proved himself more valuable even than the merry, fun-making tailor who kept our party in excellent humor throughout the trip. All the preparations for tenting and cooking were made by the genial leader, and each individual carried his blanket, overcoat, gun, fishing tackle, &c. On Saturday evening, 3rd August, the party started out on board the barge Mary Robertson with their sail boat the Eliza Jane, and a small row boat in tow. A number of lady and gentlemen friends were present on the dock to bid farewell. The weather was pleasant, and the trip to Kincardine was made in good time. After the barge had "wooded up," the journey was resumed, and from 3 a. m. until about 2 p. m., when Main Station at the Fishing Islands was reached, continued uninterruptedly. It was our fortune, as we first thought, to be detailed to steer the sail boat in tow, but after the novelty of the situation had worn off and the rough weather, which began early in the morning, had begun to take effect and nature was subjected to serious internal eruptions long continued, the enthusiasm weakened wonderfully. The glorious sunrise was paled underneath the influence, and existence comprehended nothing but its present misery and the long, agonizing heavings of the lake, each one of which seemed to add to the unfortunate individual's misery. Not even the fact that the physician of the party was a companion in misery and that wry faces were visible here and there among the party, gave consolation or relief.

Opposite Main Station and about 20 miles therefrom we cast off from the barge, giving a farewell cheer, and after a tedious run before a poor wind, the sick ones had their heart's desire gratified by stepping on land. They had gotten their "sea legs," but great difficulty was experienced in accommodating those useful appendages to the sudden changes, and they acted decidedly groggy for several days. A suitable camping place could not be found at this point, which obtains its name from the fact of its being the centre of the fishing operations of the Goderich fishermen, and after threading among several islands the camps were placed on a level wooded point on the main land. The first meal was partaken of with great zest, the long journey, the bracing air and the unkindly voracity of sea sickness putting a keen edge on the appetites of the party. On beds of fragrant spruce, under our canvas roofs and with the musical ripple of the lake sounding in our ears we slept soundly and refreshingly, free from the cares of business, without a fear of protests or of the Sheriff and scorning the conventionalities of civilization. An accident happened at this point, which was dubbed Ross Landing in honor of the visit. One of the younger members of the party, while splitting some wood cut his foot badly with an axe. Our physician, with the assistance of our tailor's needle and thread stitched and dressed the wound, but it was several days before the lad was able to move about himself.

On the following forenoon a start was made for Old Woman's River, about fifteen miles to the north, which was reached in good season, some excellent black bass, weighing from three to eight pounds being caught on the way with the trolling hooks. Here we found a primitive log shanty occupied by a family engaged in cutting tanbark. A few hours were spent fishing in the river, hunting for game and sketching. The woods contributed nothing to the amusement of the sportsmen, but those who contented themselves with the gentler sport had excellent sport with perch, pike, bass and pickerel. Our stout commodore caught a beautiful pickerel, which weighed seven pounds, and had considerable difficulty in landing him. Previous to arriving at this point, we passed numerous large and small islands, all very much alike in appearance—a flat mass of rock covered with a scrubby growth of cedar, pine, balsam and spruce. Excellent harbors were numerous, and unoccupied fishing stations, creeking net reels and delapidated landing places indicated the character of the occasional inhabitants. The mainland showed about the same evidences of civilization. The soil is utterly useless for tillage—in fact there is just sufficient to give life to the scant foliage, and a thick carpet of juniper, moss and ground lichs. Several saw mills were passed, among them Mr. Doty's (Goderich) mill at Pike Bay, and a call was made at the mill in Little Pike Bay.

About 4 p. m. the party started from Old Woman's River, and after a short and rapid run made Garden Island. Tents were struck in a pretty situation, and after a little sport had been furnished to some of the party in the capturing of three spoonbills and two handsome grey ducks, dinner was served. Fish, ham, eggs, potatoes, tea, bread and butter made up an excellent bill of fare, and such little defects as might be expected from novices in the culinary art under such circumstances only added a pleasanter flavor to the repast. Garden Island is about fifty acres in extent, but possesses nothing to commend its cognomen as very appropriate. We found a number of sheep peacefully nibbling at the scanty grass. These animals had been left on the island some time previous, by a person who intends to commence farming on the mainland in the vicinity shortly. On Tuesday afternoon the journey was resumed with a fair wind, which however died down later on, leaving us in a dense fog off Greenock Point. Our skipper was equal to the occasion, however, and the breeze freshing, Greenock Point harbor, a snug and safe port, was made in safety. Here we remained over night, enjoying for our evening meal an excellent Irish stew, the ingredients of which were original and tasty if not according to the good housewife's receipe. An early start was made for Cape Hurd on Wednesday, a distance of thirty five miles. The wind was not favorable until passing the cape and entering the channel leading to Georgian Bay, when it blew briskly and Tobar Moray bay four miles further on, was made in quick time. This fine harbor was occupied by the Colling-good & Toronto Fish Company. The country consisted of a mass of rock, from which a few years ago the pine forest had been completely cleared by fire. A young growth of cedar, &c., was springing up but everything had a terribly drearey and cheerless aspect. All along this coast, six miles in extent the country is of this description, and huge boulders of all conceivable shapes seem to be the sole product thereof, barring a few barrel staves and small quantities of tanbark. Tobar Moray consists of two harbors, the one running westward, being a deep, well-protected inlet running parallel with the coast, in which the heaviest vessels may lay in safety. The shore is rocky and perpendicular, so that vessels may lay close to it as to a dock. The basin is 750 yards wide, about half a mile long and has an average depth of 40 feet. Being convenient to the course of vessels running out of the Georgian Bay on the southern course, in stormy weather many vessels put in here for safety. An effort is being made to have a lighthouse fixed at the entrance, which would prove very useful, as well to be a guide to the channel south of Cape Hurd as to mark the bay. This channel is safe, and saves about ten miles to vessels running from Georgian Bay to the lower ports on Lake Huron as compared with the present route north of Cove Island.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

HIGH SCHOOL.—The High School will re-open on Monday, September 3rd.

RECOVERY.—Mr. John Brophy who was injured two weeks ago at the harbor mill, will soon be entirely recovered.

NEW BOOK STORE.—Mr. George Sheppard, of Clinton, has opened out a book and stationery store on North street, in the new Acheson block.

MAIL CLERK.—We are glad to learn that Mr. James Doyle, brother of Mr. B. L. Doyle, Esq. has been appointed Mail Clerk.

ASTRONOMICAL and cognate books are reduced fifty per cent during the discussion of a "plane" theory at Moorhouse's, The Bookseller.

FURNITURE SALE.—There will be a sale of household furniture at Trueman's Auction Mart, corner Market Square and North street, on Saturday next at 10 a. m.

REMOVED.—G. M. Trueman has moved his sale rooms from Hamilton street to the corner of Market Square and North street, in the building lately occupied by J. C. Currie.

TENDERS.—The manager of Ridgewood Farm, as will be seen by advertisement, will receive tenders up to 30th inst., for cleaning and levelling the bush on the farm.

JUDGES' CHAMBERS.—The County Clerk has received orders from the Warden to have the office lately occupied by the County Attorney, in the Court House, fixed up suitable for a chamber for the County Judge.

MASS MEETING.—In connection with the Red Ribbon Association excursion to this place to-day, a mass meeting will be held this afternoon at 3 p. m., on the Park. Rev. Jas. Graham, of London, well-known to the people of Goderich, Messrs. Manville and Knowlton will address the meeting.

A FINE YIELD.—Mr. C. Crabb's field of Minnesota wheat is a picture for an artist and gladdening to the heart of the farmer. The yield is splended and Mr. Crabb is so well pleased with the result that he intends reserving all the grain for seed.

A CURIOSITY.—Mr. Isaac Martin of Smith's Hill, has a curiosity in the shape of a Canada thistle with a well formed potato on the root. It is supposed that the thistle was beneath the growing potato and forced its way through and both grew in harmony.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Robt. Evens, of the firm of Evens & Son, a wealthy firm of bakers in Buffalo, N. Y., was the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. Wm. Dickson, Governor of the Gaol, for a few days past. He was making a short trip for the benefit of his health.

Joseph Tomlinson, C. E., general superintendent of Lighthouses, was in town on Wednesday and Thursday last arranging for the building of an elevated walk along the North Pier, and other matters connected with the Lighthouse. He went up the lake on Saturday.

POISONING.—On Thursday night last some "person unknown" set poison in or near the Square, and the result was that next morning several parties missed their dogs and cats. Some valuable animals were poisoned through the carelessness or spite of the unknown perpetrator of the act.

ACCIDENT.—On Monday 1st inst., a little boy named Nicholson met with a severe accident. He, in company with some other lads, was playing, when a board on which he was perched slipped, and he was thrown to the ground, breaking his arm close to the wrist. Dr. Cassidy was called and set the limb, and the boy is doing well.

ENTAINMENT.—Mr. Dodrickson intends giving his entertainment "An Evening with Poets," at Point Farm, this evening. While retaining some of the best pieces from his entertainment given some time since in Goderich, he has added several new choice pieces. Arrangements have been made to have a moonlight night, and it is expected that a number will go from town and have a pleasant evening.

FIRE.—A fire occurred on Friday night a little after midnight in the furniture store lately occupied by Mr. Eric McKay. The alarm was given and the engine was out promptly and soon had the fire under control. The damage is estimated at about $150, insured for $800. The fire was clearly the work of an incendiary as no one has lived in the building for over ten days. Our detectives are investigating the case carefully.

CHEAP EXCURSION.—The Grand Trunk Railway will run a mammoth cheap excursion to Niagaria Falls and Buffalo on the 23d August. Fare from Goderich and return good for Falls and Buffalo, $2.00 The tickets are good for three days. Our citizens should turn out en masse when such a chance is afforded them. No doubt, with the fine crops of this year, the farmers will turn out in large numbers. The excursion is designed to be the people's grand popular excursion of the season. 1592 a

THE EXCURSIONS.—On Wednesday last about 200 Mitchell excursionists visited town and proceeded to Kincardine by steamer. A large number from town accompanied them. Messrs. Hutty and Ball had the management of the excursion and all concerned were well pleased. Mr. Vivian chartered the Bertschy to give an excursion from Bayfield and this town, but the steamer did not put in an appearance in proper time, and hence a great many would be excursionists were disappointed. At Bayfield, we understand, a public holiday had been proclaimed and a large number of the citizens intended joining the excursion party. The delay of the boat is to be regretted as Mr. Vivian had made very complete arrangements.

NILE.

LARGE YIELD.—Mr. Reuben Tiffin has a pea that grew in his garden which had one hundred and seven pods, each containing nine and seven peas alternately with the exception of two pods. Huron beat that if you can.

HARVESTING.—The harvest is progressing favorably; the rain last week, it was though by many would cause the grain to grow, but where the sheaves were stocked properly there was not much danger. In this vicinity the greater part of the harvesting will be done this week if the weather continues favorable.

PORT ALBERT.

LARGE OWL.—Mr. Joseph Girins, on Friday night, shot a large owl near the lake. The bird measures 5ft 2in, from tip to tip of wings.

RECOVERING.—Rory Munro, the victim of the recent assault, is steadily recovering. The wound on his head is healed, but the wound on the leg is still bad, and it is probable the limb will have to be amputated.

TANBARK.—A large business has been done in tanbark this season, and there is still a considerable quantity to be shipped.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Mr. Jas. Mahaffy is rapidly completing the repairs to the Port Albert Mills. The new flume, dam, and breakwater, will be completed in the course of two weeks, it is expected, and the rattle of the machinery will soon again be heard in the village.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Father Boursaq has gone on a visit to Sandwich, and his place in St. Joseph's Church was taken on Sunday last, by Rev. Father de Cantillion of Louisville, Ky., who preached an excellent sermon.

A youth refused to take a pill. His crafty mother thereupon secretly placed the pill in a preserved pear and gave it to him. Presently she asked, "Tom, have you eaten the pear?" He replied: "Yes, mother, all but the seed."

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

Seaforth School Board requires $2700 for school purposes this year.

The editor of the Blyth Review lives principally on beets.

Brussels has corn 13 feet high Goderich can beat that by 2 inches.

Bread is down to 10 cents per loaf at Wingham.

Clinton 'sports' have adopted the red ribbon.

A Kincardine cow died from an overdose of potato tops on which Paris green had been sprinkled.

At Seaforth the dry goods salesmen beat the printers at baseball by a score of 40 to 11.

McKillop's assessment is 2 mills in the dollar for County purposes, and 1½ mills for township.

Mr. Ed. McNamara, of McKillop, had a finger taken off on 10th inst. while working a reaping machine.

Mr. P. Moore recently purchased lot 1, con. 11 Grey, from Mr. Walter Burgess.

Mr. Archibald Malcolm, of Howick, has a field of oats from which he pulled one stalk on which he counted 1,281 grains.

Mrs. Schoales, of Kinburn, has growing in her garden a citron which measures 28 inches one way and 24 inches the other.

Miss F. Buchan, sister of Mr. G. L. Buchan, of Brussels, had her arm dislocated on 15th inst. by a fall on the rail track at Kincardine.

Mr. John Sullivan, Lake Shore Road, Kintail, has a pea stalk with 121 pods containing in all 787 peas. This is the produce of one pea.

Joseph and William Ritchie of Blyth were this week fined $8 and costs, for letting their pigs out of the pound unknown to the pound keeper.

Mr. Dickson, of the 14th concession of McKillop, sold a draught horse to an American buyer, a short time ago, and received the handsome sum of $175 for it.

Some idea of the increase in business in Exeter may be conceived when we inform our readers that the charges on freight coming into the Exeter station for the month of July was an increase of $261.64 over the corresponding month last year.

On 16th inst. a fire destroyed a house and barn on an unoccupied farm on the 17th con. of Grey, owned by Mr. James Kendoll. About four tons of hay, and a small quantity of lumber were alsoburned. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

On 16th inst. the barn of Mr. Michael O'Connor, township of Hibbert, about three miles east of Egmondville, was struck by lightning and reduced to ashes together with its contents, which embraced nearly all this season's crops. Mr. John O'Connor, who was in the building when the accident happened, was struck by the electric fluid and killed.

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, $260 91; Usborne, $128 76; Stanley, $150 24; Tuckersmith, $128 77; Goderich township, $32 20. The total amount thus destributed is $2,691 17, which, together with the share of the Province $837 11, makes a total of $3,528 28 collected for licenses in South Huron, exclusive of all expenses.

A few days since an old man named Hodgins, a resident of Lucan, was driving along the road near Prospect Hill and was thrown from his buggy. On being carried into a house near by, and on examination by a doctor, his collar bone was found to be broken and a portion of it driven into his lung. It was speedily drawn out by the attendant physician, but in the operation, a portion of the lung was drawn away with it, causing internal bleeding.—Up to the time of writing but little hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Mrs. James Brown, of Wawanosh, met with a sad accident on Monday. Mr. Brown were driving to Clinton, when the horse shied, the harness gave away, allowing the shafts to fall, and the vehicle was instantly upset. Mr. Brown was dragged some distance, and on regaining his feet found his wife beneath the buggy, and insensible. He conveyed her home, and called the services of Dr. Sloan into requisition, and were glad to learn that her injuries were found not to extend beyond some very painful bruises and that no serious results are apprehended. Mr. Brown escaped comparatively without injury.

Roman Catholic church is to be erected in Wingham on the property recently purchased for that purpose from Messrs. Leet & Davies. The building is to be of brick, and of modern Gothic style, having a tower on the corner with spire 90 feet high. Size on the ground 31x60, with council 18x20, basement under church only. Side walls are to be six feet high, and ceiling 24 feet. The plans were drawn by Mr. G. Proctor, of the firm of Proctor & Dunlas, who have the contract for $3,200—the whole work to be completed by the first of January next.

If the law were enforced, nearly every pathmaster in the county would be called upon to pay over a sum of money into the treasury of the county, in the shape of a fine, for neglecting to see that the Canada thistles in their division were cut down. We have driven over a number of roads of late, and almost without exception large numbers of thistles are to be found along them. Now the seeds are carried by every wind, and farmers who have managed to clear their farms, to some extent, of this obnoxious weed, will likely find themselves the undesired possessor of a fine crop next year. Township councils should take this matter in hand, and for the future endeavor to see that pathmasters perform their duty, in default of which let the law be resorted to, and a few examples made, which will produce a decided effect.

The temperance reform movement has reached Nova Scotia. Two thousand have taken the pledge in Yarmouth.

The temperance people of Prince Edward county are forming an association to secure the due enforcement of the Dunkin Act.

A public meeting in Ottawa has passed resolutions favoring the establishment of "an association based on Canadian national principles."

About one ton per day is now being turned out of the Dominion of Canada Plumbago Mine at Buckingham. Shipments are being constantly made to New York, Boston Pittsburg, Chicago, Philadelphia, Taunton, Mass, and other places.

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A Sabbath school teacher was attempting to teach a very small boy the meaning of wages in this lesson. "The wages of sin is death." "And what does you think your father get when he work night?" "Drinks, sir," promptly answered the boy, without any hesitation.

GENERAL.

The Murphy temperance is sweeping through Ingersoll, and gaining many followers.

John Lynch, Esq., of Seneca, has threshed 203 bushels of Seneca wheat off 5 acres, or ten bushels over an average of 32 3-5 bushels per acre.

According to the Woodstock Review, a young lady in the neighborhood of 14th line, East Zorra, last week cut 14 acres of oats in eight hours.

On the 14th Robert Swift, lot 18, 4th concession, of Reach, thrashed the produce of two acres of barley, and realized the extraordinary amount of seventy-three bushels per acre.

One McDonald, a hotel-keeper, of Shannonville, was fined $50 and costs and sentenced to one month's imprisonment in the county gaol for selling liquor to an Indian on July 12.

Gold mining is being successfully carried on by several firms in the county of Beauce. Messrs. A. Lockwood & Co. employ 75 men; Messrs. St Ouge & Co., 40 men; and Messrs. Payne & Sands, a number. All are said to be finding gold in paying quantities.

A great number of cases of personation have been discovered in the Dunkin Act voting. The friends of the Act claim that the aliens who have voted after simply taking the oath of allegiance administered by Mayor Morrison are liable to be struck off on a scrutiny.

A return has been issued of the expenditure in the Tichborne prosecution. The total costs, charges and expenses of the prosecution amounted to £60,674 19s. 4d., of which £18,712 6s. 1., goes to witnesses, agents, etc., £10,268 5s. 11d. to law stationers and for printing, £3,637 10s. 4d. for shorthand writers' notes, and £3,780 to the jury.

A swarm of bees escaped from a hive in a commune of the Aube, France, and established itself in a better box. When the postman went to the box the next morning the bees rushed out of the slit and so blinded him that he could not insert his key. The bees had to be smoked out before the letters could be removed.

An Ohio paper tells of one of the customs of some people of the State. When a young man of Upper Sandusky calls upon a young woman of Upper Sandusky he finds a Murphy badge on one corner of the centre table, and on the opposite corner the miniature of a mitten, and before proceeding to business he is required to choose which corner he accepts.

The last swindle: A peddler calls at a house with a fine lot of articles, which he offers at ruinous sacrifices. He makes a sale and goes his way. The next day two men drive up to the house with printed bills, giving an accurate account of the robbery of a certain store, and claim the property as stolen. This the unsuspecting victim is led to believe, when he gives up the goods and the swindlers depart.

Mr. Geo. Agar, con. 2, Morris met with a painful accident a few days ago. Mr. Agar was in the act of laying down a fence, on the other side of which was a bull. Scarcely was the gap opened from the animal bounded through. He struck Mr. Agar furiously, throwing him down on a heap of burning ashes. His sleeves being up, his arms were burned in a fearful manner. The infuriated animal would have charged again had not the ashes rising in his face forced him to turn away for a moment, when Mr. Agar found time to get beyond his reach.

Aug. 12th the dwellers in a yard in rear of 186 George-street Montreal were horrified to hear that Julien Lebrun, the head of a family occupying a house there had committed suicide. It appears appears that deceased, who was a shoemaker by trade, had been twice married, the present Mrs. Leburn having been his wife nine years. A son, aged twenty-two, by the first marriage, who has caused him much anxiety, and was in a bad habit of drinking, led the father to believe that he had fallen in with fast companions. Being of a very sensitive disposition, he brooded over this, and finally, in a fit of dispondency, took poison and died shortly after.

A disgraceful drunken row occurred on the streets of Lucknow on 11th inst. Out of respect for the feelings of the family of one of the parties we withold the names, but the next time we have to mention such an occurence on the streets we shall be obliged to give the names in full. We think our hotel-keepers should refuse drink to a man who has no control of his appetite for liquor, as in the case with this parties referred to, and we hope they will in future do so, as in the end such a course will benefit them more than the price of the liquor.—*Sentinel.*

The committee appointed at the public meeting to promote the T., G. & B. Railway extension at Wingham have written the company: 'That, in view of the road becoming a 4 ft. 8½ inch guage, what amount, inclusive of Government aid, would be required to extend their line to Wingham, and request a definite reply, so that the Committee at once can take initiatory steps with the municipalities interested.' Upon a satisfactory reply being received the matter will be brought before the Municipal Councils, for an expression of opinion as to what sum they may think reasonable to submit By laws for, in aid of this important connection. The committee had arranged to meet East Wawanosh Council on the 15th inst., but have decided first to lay the matter before the Council of Wingham.

As the Flora was returning from Cleveland on the 15th with excursionists, and after being out some time, David Smith, son of Councillor Smith of Peterville, was lost overboard. He had been asleep on the deck, and awaking went aboboard to the side of the vessel, put his feet over the railing a few feet forward of the wheel, and tumbled into the Lake. It was supposed the wheel struck him and that he was instantly killed. Several saw the accident. The young man was sober. Some supposed he was in a somnambulistic state, while others imagined that he awoke from a feeling of sickness, and scarce knowing where he was, walked in that dazed condition, to the grave he met in the waters. The engines were reversed, and a boat lowered and manned, but no trace of him could be found.

Gorrie obtained such notoriety by Sir John A. Macdonald's visit, that bad characters from different parts are flocking into it. Two ladies of easy virtue recently cast their tent near the river side and soon seduced a girl into their way of living. Her brother in-law forbade her keeping company with them, whereupon she left his house and went to camping out with the women. This gentleman returning from his lime kiln last Friday night at midnight was set upon by the three desperate women, heavily armed with bludgeons. Discovering one to be his erring sister-in-law he seized her by the shoulder to bring her home. He then received some heavy blows on the extended arm from the savage women, rendering it powerless. He narrowly escaped with his life.

A few days ago an aged woman professing to be deaf and nearly blind was around from house to house in town seeking charity. She made such a plaintive tale about a sick husband, and so on, and was herself such a pitiable looking object that wherever she applied she excited the sympathies of those to whom she told her tale, and must have raised a considerable sum of money. On Tuesday evening the same woman, in company with a man, were staggering around the streets intoxicated and were provided with lodgings for the night in the lock-up. On Wednesday night they were at Winthrop, and were still both drunk, and had with them a bottle of whiskey. The woman had in her possession over twenty dollars in money which, no doubt she had received as charity from those whom she deceived with her false stories. This unworthy couple should be passed around, and when they apply for aid should not be encouraged by a generous public.—*Kincardine Review.*

Communications.

Flat Earth.

To the Editor of the Signal.

DEAR SIR,—In your last issue I find two very abusive letters singed "Hibernicus" and "Astronomicus." Now, these are two very impudent and abusive *cusses*, judging from the choice epithets they so profusely hurl at me, such as, "idiot, blasphemer, benighted mortal, plunged in the chaos of ignorance," &c. Now, for two men professing to be gentlemen by education, to have to resort to such vulgar, cowardly, low, abusive language in order to enable them to defend a cause so popular as the Newtonian theory of astronomy is surely something very strange. But I can tell them that ridicule and abuse shall not prevent me from maintaining the views which I have held and advocated, that this earth is a plane. I do not care to to call these two *cusses* fools, for that would be base, *poor* and unworthy of a *man*; but as my friend Hibernicus is an admirer of the poets, I think Pope had some such "cusses" in his mind as the two referred to, when he composed the following lines:—

"All fools have still an itching to deride,
And fain would be upon the laughing side.
Yet, if we look more closely, we shall find
Most have the seeds of judgment in their mind."

But the weakest reasoners are always the most positive and abusive in debate; and the cause is obvious, for they are driven to maintain their pretentions by violence, who want arguments and reasons to prove that they are in the right. A fierce fanaticism may, it is true, be prompted by a conviction that the cause it represents is founded on immutable truths; it may, on the other hand be stimulated by a lurking sense of weakness, and a dread least that which it opposes should prevail. But abusive words break no bones. I must tell this young Astronomicus, that had he lived in the time of Joshua, and belonged to the hosts of the Amalakites when they went up to fight against Israel, as an auxiliary to their forces, his ears would have been of more service to his countrymen than his brains; for when Joshua commanded the sun and moon to stand still, then the kings of the Amalakites could have said, stand forth young man and spread out your pondered ears, so that one of them may eclipse the sun, and the other the moon, in order that darkness may come upon us, and that the hosts of Israel may not be able to pursue and utterly destroy us! Struck birds always flutter, and it seems as if this young one of "Mother Carey's chickens," had already taken the alarm, least that baseless structure, the Newtonian theory of astronomy, should fall by the assaults of one small gun, which he professes to regard with so much contempt. How will it be when the siege guns are placed in position to attack the citadel? Why, sir, ere another generation is educated, this monstrous theory will have passed away and vanished,

"Like the baseless fabric of a