

POLITICAL POINTS.

From the Polls to the Court Room.

Another Batch of Election Petitions Filed.

No Write Returned for Chicomitot or Cariboo-General Notes.

Toronto, April 28.—Another batch of petitions was filed yesterday at Osgoode Hall against the return of candidates elected for Ontario constituencies at the recent general election. Several cross petitions were also filed. Following is the list:

Addington, Dawson (Lib.); Bothwell, Mills (Lib.); Cornwall and Stormont, cross petition against Sestinger (Lib.); Grey, South, Landarkin (Lib.); Haldimand, cross petition against Colter (Lib.); Huron, West, Montague (Con.); Huron, West, Cameron (Lib.); Lennox, Allison (Lib.); Middlesex North, cross petition against Taylor (Ind); Monck, Brown (Lib.); Oxford, Cartwright (Lib.); Perth North, Griere (Lib.); Prince Edward, cross petition against Platt (Lib.); Northumberland, West, Hargrave (Lib.); Welland, German (Lib.); Wentworth North, cross petition against Wardell (Con.). The petitions so far reported are as follows:

Against Liberals: East Bruce, Kent, North Waterloo, South Waterloo, West Middlesex, East Elgin (cross-pet.), South Victoria, North Victoria, East York, South York, Peel, London, East Hastings, Prescott, West York (cross), Van der Veer, Brantford, West Huron, Welland, South Grey, Essex, W. Northumberland, Lincoln, Haldimand (cross), Addington, South Oxford, N. Middlesex (cross), South Wentworth, Prince Edward (cross), Brantford, Cornwall and Stormont (cross), North Perth, Queen's N.B., Charlotte, Queen's N.S., Digby, Yarmouth.

Against Conservatives: East Bruce, Kent, North Waterloo, South Waterloo, West Middlesex, East Elgin (cross-pet.), South Victoria, North Victoria, East York, South York, Peel, London, East Hastings, Prescott, West York (cross), Van der Veer, Brantford, West Huron, Welland, South Grey, Essex, W. Northumberland, Lincoln, Haldimand (cross), Addington, South Oxford, N. Middlesex (cross), South Wentworth, Prince Edward (cross), Brantford, Cornwall and Stormont (cross), North Perth, Queen's N.B., Charlotte, Queen's N.S., Digby, Yarmouth.

The date for the return of the writs for the general elections has expired. The writs for Chicomitot and Cariboo have not been returned. All the others, excepting, of course, Algoma, are in. If, however, the members for Chicomitot and Cariboo bring certificates from the returning officers and get them certified by the Speaker they can then be sworn in and take their seats. The election in Chicomitot was held March 5, and a Liberal was elected.

The Government have decided not to disallow the Quebec bill conferring power on the Local Government to cancel the charters of railway companies which fail to fulfil their obligations.

There are already over 103 applications for private bills, a greater number than for several years past.

Seven divorce cases will come before the Senate. They are as follows: Thomas Bristow, of Collingwood, Ont.; Mary Ann Beattie, of Glanford, Ont.; Matala Ellis, of Toronto; W. J. Murdoch, of Toronto; H. B. Mead, of Pincher Creek; Adam Russell, of Carleton Place; and Isabel Carpenter, of Hamilton, Ont.

A petition has been filed in the Court of Appeal to void the election of Archibald C. Miller (Con.) as M. P. for Prince Edward county.

Hon. Alex. Lacoste has been appointed Speaker of the Dominion Senate. The honorable gentleman has been a member of the House since 1884.

The supporters of Mr. Allan, M. P. for South Essex, say that a petition is filed against his return which will enter a cross petition against Mr. Wigle's return.

Killed by a Cherry Stone. LINDSAY, April 27.—The 10-year-old daughter of John Fowler, of the 14th constituency, died yesterday morning of a cherry stone which lodged somewhere in the bowels. An operation was performed to relieve her pain and the stone taken out, but death put a stop to her sufferings.

The "La Proteste" Against Sunday Shows. SCRANTON, Pa., April 27.—The International Young Women's Christian Association, which has been in session here, adjourned today, leaving the selection of the next place of meeting to the Executive Committee. One of the closing acts of the convention was to record its protest against the opening of the World's Fair on Sunday.

"Jack the Ripper." NEW YORK, April 27.—There seems at least to be no doubt but that the old woman was killed by the supposed "Jack the Ripper." F. Flower, in whose family she worked two years ago, identified the body. She told him she was born in Canada and married a woman employed in Bellevue Hospital also identified the body. There have been no other results from the strenuous work of the police.

Battle with a Bull. ST. CATHARINES, Ont., April 27.—A Jersey bull belonging to Mr. Joseph Cameron, of Louth township, broke from the premises of Mr. Tobias Wismer, who, with his son, started to drive the animal away. The brute charged to drive the animal away, but was unable to do so, and the animal was shot.

A Pleasant Herb Drink—A Spring Medicine. The druggists tell us that people call for the new cure for constipation, Dr. Sills' Laxative. It is said to be Oregon grape root (a great remedy in the far west) and is made for use by pouring boiling water to draw out the strength. It sells at 50 cents and \$1 a package and is called Laxative Family Medicine.

REVERSES FOR REVOLUTIONISTS.

The War in Chili—Insurgent Ironclads Sunk by Balmaceda's Fleet.

Secretary McCreary, of the United States consulate at Valparaiso, who has an armada party has all the coin and the army is 25,000 strong, but the rebels have every port north of Valparaiso and they have most of the Spanish families, who are jealous of Balmaceda's attempt to play dictator. There is no lack of food, the rebels getting all they require.

Panama, April 27.—Advice from Chili state that during the battle at Caldera five ironclads were discharged at the Chilean insurgent war vessels, sinking the Blanco Encalada, as well as the Balmaceda's fleet. The rebels were having sustained any damage. The ship Florentino, which, up to the present has been loyal to President Balmaceda, has gone over to the insurgents. It is stated that Balmaceda is in dread of being poisoned, and will not partake of food which has not been prepared by his own mother.

New York, April 27.—The following cablegram was received from Santiago today: "On the morning of April 22 the Government torpedo cruisers Almirante Lynch and Almirante Condell attacked the Bay of Caldera, the ironclads Blanco Encalada and Huscar, of the insurgent squadron, and destroyed the ship with Whitehead torpedoes. The Blanco was the ship of Capt. Montt, chief of the insurgent squadron. The Government vessels received no damage, and have returned to Valparaiso, where they are preparing for another trip to destroy the remaining vessels of the revolting squadron. This is considered the decisive blow to the rebellion, and it is believed the revolution will be terminated within fifteen days, as the Lynch and Condell have greater speed by at least ten miles an hour than the insurgent vessels.

London, April 27.—A dispatch from Valparaiso says: The Government cruisers, Almirante Condell and Almirante Lynch, pursued and engaged the insurgent cruiser Aconagua. The latter retired stoutly, but was about to strike when a man-of-war, supposed to be the insurgent vessel, appeared. The Aconagua was sighted, whereupon the cruisers retired, and the Aconagua escaped. The casualties on the Government boats were one killed and ten wounded. On the Aconagua 150 were killed. The insurgent vessel was destroyed. Telegrams received in Paris from insurgent sources confirm the foregoing, and state that the engagement lasted 90 minutes; that the Aconagua was hit seven times; that she then forced the entrance to Caldera harbor, and that she sustained no serious damage.

TORONTO TOPICS.

Banquet to Hon. Frank Smith—A Woman's Body Found in the Bay. TORONTO, April 28.—Hon. Frank Smith was banqueted last night by the wholesale and retail grocers of the city. About 100 persons were present, Wm. Leckie presiding and Robt. Barron in the vice-chair.

The body of a woman apparently about 35 years of age was fished out of the bay yesterday. It had evidently been in the water two or three weeks.

Agents of the Dominion Government are here making inquiries into the workings of the Temperance Colonization Society, with a view to its investigation, which will be instituted when Parliament meets. The entire list of scrip contracts will lapse on May 1, but in view of the investigation it is believed an extension will be granted the holders.

The annual dinner of the Young Conservatives was held last evening. It was well attended and passed off pleasantly.

The annual meeting of the Employing Printers' Association of Toronto was held last evening in the Rossin House. The committee appointed to negotiate with the Typographical Union respecting the wages of press reported satisfactory progress had been made. The following officers were elected: W. A. Shepard, president; C. Blackie, vice-president; Daniel Rose, treasurer; and Bruce Brough, secretary, all re-elected by acclamation.

BUILDINGS BURNED.

COMBER, Ont., April 27.—At 10 o'clock fire was discovered in the third story of a farmer's hotel here. Most of the furniture was saved, but the building, a large frame three-story, is one mass of flames. The residence of Moses Creighton, also in flames. The village is in great excitement. The M. C. R. came to the rescue by sending an engine to aid with water. The big barn belonging to the hotel is in flames, and Ludlow and Ansley, plating mills and the elevator at the station, besides a row of houses, are in great danger. The station too, it is feared, will be doomed. The station too, it is feared, will be doomed. The station too, it is feared, will be doomed.

BLENHEIM, April 27.—The frame dwelling owned by the John McGregor estate and occupied by Frank Deer and Alfred Garrett, was completely destroyed by fire to-day. Frank Deer saved nearly all his household goods, but those of Alfred Garrett were mostly consumed. No insurance on any of the contents. The house, valued at about \$600, was insured for \$400 in the London Mutual.

BRUSSELS, April 27.—The dwelling belonging to Mr. Geo. Carr, farmer, one mile from Brussels, leaked this afternoon. Part of the furniture was saved. Loss about \$800; insurance \$100.

HAMTOWN, April 27.—Frank Rowlin's fertilizing works burned to-day. Loss, about \$7,000; insurance, \$4,000.

What threatened to be a serious fire broke out in one of the buildings at Prof. Hand's fireworks factory to-day. The fire started in the film-room, where the rockets and Roman candles are filled, but was soon put out. Damage about \$200.

MONTREAL, April 27.—A fire in the shops of McLane & Co., woodware manufacturers, 141 Frontenac street, did damage to the amount of \$24,000.

SPRINGFIELD, Ont., April 27.—The residence of Leonard Woolley, of South Dorchester, about one mile north of this place, was burned to the ground this afternoon. Nearly all the contents were got out. Loss about \$800. Insured for \$800.

COLORBORN, Ont., April 27.—A frame house owned by E. C. Colborne, M.P., was destroyed by fire yesterday. The house was occupied by Joseph Young. Insurance, \$400.

DESMOND'S FILLS cure Bilious and Nervous Stomach.

TERSE TELEGRAMS.

Gathered From All Quarters of the Globe.

Attempted Suicide of a Female Gambler at Monte Carlo—Gladstone's Contractors Parnell.

Canal navigation on the Rideau opened on Monday.

Many settlers are removing from South Dakota into Manitoba.

A landslide near Glacier on the Canadian Pacific caused some delay to trains.

Mr. Thomas Coffey, father of Mr. P. J. Coffey, registrar of Carleton county, died Monday.

Fire last night caused damage to the amount of \$24,000 in McLane & Co.'s woodware factory near Montreal.

Ald. J. P. Rhinneau, senior member of the Quebec City Council, died Sunday. He had been in the council for 32 years.

E. A. Manny, foundryman of Beaumont, has compromised at 20 cents on the dollar cash. His liabilities were \$21,000, and his assets \$11,000.

Albert Stealey has been sentenced by Judge Woods at Stratford to ten years' imprisonment for assaulting his employer and attempted arson.

The trial of Narcisse Larocque for the outrage and murder of the little Meunier girls at Cumberland, Nov. 7, is about to begin at L'Orignal.

Mr. McLaren's new mill at Ottawa collapsed Monday by the pressure of a gust of wind, the entire structure coming to the ground. Two workmen, Henry Bingham and Andrew Desselet, were badly crushed, but will recover.

The party of men which left Quebec a few days ago to seize some whisky concealed down the river returned home Saturday evening without the whisky. Contraband cigars and liquor estimated to be worth \$60,000 were seen, but the entire populace turned itself and defied the officials to make any seizure.

UNITED STATES.

William Terry, the fifth victim of the poisoned wedding feast at Louisville, Ky., died on Saturday.

Harrieville, a thriving village near Watertown, N. Y., was destroyed by fire yesterday. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

FOREIGN.

The French ambassador to Russia has resigned.

The Newfoundland Cerebral Bill passed its second reading yesterday.

The Duke of Rutland has received the demerit of the Order of the Garter in succession to the late Duke of Bedford.

The Portuguese Government has not yet accepted the convention proposed by Great Britain regarding South Africa, but, in fact, the convention has been accepted.

A commission composed of three cardinals has been formed by the Pope's order to effect economical reforms in the administration of the interior affairs of the Vatican.

Thousands of persons viewed Voltaire's remains Monday. Many wreaths were placed on the coffin, among them two being from the Queen of Victoria and the Prince of Wales.

The French newspaper comments on the late General Von Moltke are generally unsympathetic, and often marked with a view to its investigation, which will be instituted when Parliament meets.

Mr. Gladstone says the statements made by Parnell in Clonmel that Gladstone and his colleagues first deprecated and afterwards approved the plan of campaign for party purposes are entirely without foundation.

The steamer Scythia, from Boston, passed a steamer, supposed to be the Denmark, of the National Line, which sailed from Liverpool for New York, lying at anchor off Kinsale, apparently disabled.

British columns are now within ten miles of Imphal, the capital of Manipur. The British force will attempt to take Imphal by assault unless the capital surrenders at once. Manipur is said to have been destroyed.

Excitement has been caused at Monte Carlo by the attempt at suicide made by an English lady of fashionable appearance, who jumped headlong into the sea from the top of the terrace. A sailor sprang into the water and brought her to land. It is presumed she had been gambling and lost heavily.

LINK AND LEVER.

Prospects of a Railway Rate War—Boycott of the Grand Trunk.

The "Geo" officials deny that there has been any cut in through passenger rates either west or eastbound.

A cut in the freight rate from New York to St. Paul has been made by the Canadian Pacific in connection with the West Shore road, which road is leased by the New York Central. A rate war is likely to result.

An eastern statistician estimates the loss to the railroads of this country, due to competition, to be annually \$200,000,000. If this be the case, the business public reap the benefit, and leaves no ground for abusing the railroads or legislating for lower rates.

In consequence of the Canadian Pacific's reduction in freight rates from New York to St. Paul and Minneapolis a meeting of all the lines in the States has been called to be held in New York on Thursday. The action of the Canadian Pacific seems to have been the result of a misunderstanding.

The Grand Trunk road has decided to join the boycott against the Alto as far as business over its line between Chicago and Buffalo is concerned. This, however, does not refer to the main line in Montreal, which will continue to interchange traffic with the Alto as usual. The Grand Trunk's boycott takes effect May 1.

QUEEN'S CONVENTION.

KINGSTON, Ont., April 27.—Proceedings in connection with the convention were begun yesterday morning by Principal Grant, who delivered an address on "How to Read the Bible." The list of graduates in arts includes among the B. A.'s: G. E. Newman, Leamington; M. A. F. A. V. Ireland, Chatham; and John Miller, Kincardine.

For bracing up the nerves, purifying the blood and curing sick headache and dyspepsia there is nothing equal to Hood's Sarsaparilla.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Wm. Godfrey, G. T. R. station agent at Southampton, has been appointed to Listerdale. Mr. Godfrey's place is being filled by the appointment of Mr. Gray, who has been agent at Milverton, and the Milverton station has been placed in charge of Mr. Bell, operator at Warton. Joseph Cavanagh, until recently operator at Listerdale, has been removed to Warton. A farmer was fined in Walkerton the other day for tying his horse to a shade tree.

Levi Krupp, of Port Hope, an insane inmate of the county jail awaiting transportation to an asylum, died in his cell from starvation. Application had been made for his admission to the asylum, but he died pending the completion of arrangements. Everything possible had been done for his comfort and all his wants supplied, but he steadily refused to either eat or drink. He would allow nothing, not even wine or milk, to pass his lips. The verdict of the jury was that death was caused by lack of nourishment.

The party of Sullivanites who went to Montana last week are all on their way back. They were unable to procure work of any kind, and starve or return was the alternative that stared them in the face.

George Drinkwater, merchant tailor, is leaving Warton for Hepworth.

The engineer of the Public Works Department of Ontario has been sent to inspect the harbors of Port Elgin and Southampton and report on some wished-for improvements.

James Craig, Arran, has a 600-acre farm on which he has 300 head of cattle at present.

It is reported that A. W. Robb, of the Walkerton Telegraph, has purchased the Walkerton Telegraph.

The Walkerton Telegraph is publishing a list of subscribers who are in arrears. The list includes eighteen names with the amounts owed by each varying from \$3.50 to \$16.

John McKellar, Tiverton, has sold the remains of the factory to Aquila Reid, of Lyndoch, Norfolk county.

Dr. S. D. Bradley, of St. Clair, Mich., has been visiting at his old home in Kincardine township. His brother was lately killed in the explosion at Patoka.

Charles Barge, Arran, died April 16, Alex. Spence, aged 78.

F. S. Spence, Toronto, was lecturing at a meeting on "Local Option" in several towns in this county, but was called back suddenly when Judge Galt's decision was announced.

John Black has gone from Ripley to British Columbia.

Kincardine's Junior Lacrosse Club is called the Hustlers.

Ben township has some well bred cattle, and the number is constantly increasing. The following were lately purchased from Mr. Patterson, postmaster, Toronto, for farm at Kesteven, Ont.: Scott, a bull and cow with heifer calf at foot; James Campbell, young bull and cow; and Peter Steele, a cow with heifer calf at foot.

Died, in Kincardine, April 13, John Ryan, aged 74, for 22 years a resident of the township.

BRANT.

A. H. Baird, Paris, has been elected a member of the Council of the Canadian Lacrosse Association.

Miles Burnett has sold his farm near Brantford to John R. Vancourt for \$8,000.

Albert Peat's farm near Brantford has been sold to John Campbell for \$7,000.

Died in South Dumfries, April 18, Robert Witty, aged 67.

Robert Yule, an old and prominent figure in Wickliffe hall and in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, Brantford, has been obliged to leave town owing to illness. Mr. Yule is 83 years of age and quite active. He had an attack of sickness last week which has laid him up.

A man named T. Robertson, some three years ago, had a fight with A. Dunsmuir at Kincardine, during which the latter had his thumb bitten off. Robertson skipped, but has not since been heard of. County Constable Hunter saw the delinquent in Brantford on Saturday and promptly placed him under arrest.

GREY.

John Cressor, G. C., Green Sound, has been appointed junior judge, vice Judge Lane, deceased.

Miss Christie McEwen, Maxwell, who had been in Calgary during the winter for her health, died suddenly at the residence of her cousin, Dr. McCullum, there, from hemorrhage of the lungs. She intended leaving for home on the day following the one on which she died.

Rev. Principal Grant, D.D., Kingston, will lecture in Owen Sound on May 22 on "Imperial Federation."

The Hastings Mills Fishing and Game Company (limited) has been incorporated with a stock of \$6,000. The promoters are as follows: A. C. Chadwick, of the city of Kesteven, county judge; R. T. Hunt, of Orangeville, bank manager; J. B. Moore, physician, E. Berwick and R. A. Riky, merchants, all of the village of Shellburne; W. L. Roberts, merchant, and G. Lyons, blacksmith, both of the township of Melancthon, in the county of Dufferin; and W. H. Lally, of Toronto, merchant.

Several McIntyre farmers report cows having had twin calves this spring.

The South Grey teachers will hold their convention in Durham on Thursday and Friday, May 21 and 22.

The Milton district Methodist annual meeting will be held in Burlington on May 20. Rev. John Wakefield, convenor.

Rev. E. Mitchell, Milton, has been elected second vice-president of the Canadian Lacrosse Association.

A white swan, sitting about three feet out of the water, sailed around the marsh near Oakville on April 12. It showed great discretion in choosing a Sunday for its visit and in leaving before Monday, and the local mirafra was disappointed.

C. A. Barclay, son of the late registrar of Halton, is leaving Toronto for Waukegan, Manitoula.

Mrs. McCroney has gone to Vancouver, B. C., to join her husband, Wm. McCroney, who is the P. R. for Halton, who has located there.

Some of Scotland lodges have been organized in Milton and Georgetown—about 40 strong in each place.

KENT.

The farm of the late Thomas Renwick, Tennyson, has been sold by auction for \$4,010. The lot contains 82 acres, and is well watered by Big Creek, with four sons and one daughter. The eldest son, Henry, is in business in Walkerton; the second, John, is in Atlanta, Georgia, when last heard of.

the duties of manager of a canning factory and director of a glass factory, the latter of which is just now organizing. Building operations will be commenced as soon as a lot is chosen.

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The \$1,000 reward offered for the apprehension of the northern old man Holton, of Tilbury, was divided the other day at Chatham. Detective McKee, of Windsor, received \$250.

LAMBTON. Walter Wake, G. T. R. policeman at Point Edward, is dead. He has been in the employ of the Grand Trunk at Point Edward for the past 32 years, and was known to almost every railroad traveler on the system from Portland to Chicago.

The Oil Springs Chronicle has been resurrected, and a lively institution it is again with Editor Gadd at the helm. The paper is clean, the news plentiful and the advertisements numerous. With a live people and an energetic Chronicle should live long and grow strong.

Albert P. Shewman, a Petrolia boy, has been elected president of the Los Angeles, California, Typographical Union.

Died, in Petrolia, April 17, John McMillan, aged 66, of Bright's disease, a prominent oil refiner.

WINDERMERE. The death of Mrs. A. Atkinson, of Caledonia, occurred the other day. Deceased was a daughter of the late Rev. Father Willoughby. Mrs. Atkinson had been married but ten months. The immediate cause of death was blood poisoning.

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Geo. A. Gibson has been duly installed as postmaster at Cayuga.

Dr. Harrison is president, Dr. Thompson vice-president, Robt. Buckley second vice, J. W. Holmes secretary, and A. A. Davis treasurer of the Haldimand Reform Association, and at a meeting last week a protest against the election of Dr. Montague was decided on.

Eggs are 9 cents per dozen at Cayuga.

James and John Hicks and Warren Deam have gone from Cayuga to the States.

EUROPE.

The Huron district Methodist annual meeting will be held in Centralia on May 13 and 14.

G. A. Hyndman, who has conducted a grocery business in Exeter for some twelve years, has been compelled to make an assignment for the benefit of his creditors, who have been aggrieved in the neighborhood of \$2,500.

John Sloan is about leaving Blythe to take up his residence in Toronto to engage in the furniture and manufacturing business.

B. Wilson, manager of the Bank of Hamilton at Wingham, was in Lucknow recently regarding the location of a branch of that bank in this county.

Miss E. Watson, an expert violinist and organist, late of Wingham, has been appointed organist in the Presbyterian Church at Kesteven.

Lucknow people will entertain the county councilors when they visit that place on the third Tuesday in June.

OXFORD.

The business of the Thomas Organ Company in Woodstock has been purchased by J. G. Short, who has taken James Danlop into partnership.

The Woodstock Amateur Athletic Association have made arrangements for holding their annual sports on May 25. They expect a large number of American bicyclists to take part in the games and have therefore applied to the Minister of Customs to get their wheels in free duty.

The Tilsonburg School Board are enforcing the compulsory clause in the school law, and have had nine heads of families before the P. M. for neglecting to send their children the requisite number of days in 1890.

The Presbyterian Church in Drumbo purposes purchasing an organ, and a good choir will at once be formed.

The contract for the erection of the new school house at Drumbo has been let, and work will at once be proceeded with.

Geo. Law, Drumbo, recently shipped two car loads of trunks across the line, this being the last shipment of the season.

A number of converts were immersed in the Baptist Church, Woodstock, on Sunday.

Chas. Fuller, son of E. Fuller, Beachville, formerly of Woodstock, is making quite a reputation for himself in the theatrical line. He has already appeared in several popular theatres in Detroit, and is now announced to appear in the Lyceum Theatre.

Mr. Larnor, station agent at Princeton, has been leased from. He is in Bridgeport, Conn., with his wife, and has been ill.

Rev. William Cuthbertson, formerly of Woodstock, is now pastor of a Congregational church in West Bromwich, Staffordshire. Mr. Cuthbertson was pastor of same church 30 years ago, just after leaving college.

Died, in Wawanose, N. W. T., on April 10, N. B. Thompson, aged 81. Deceased and Wm. Ingram went from near Woodstock a few years ago.

WATERLOO.

A. J. McDougall, son of John McDougall, registrar at Berlin, and who has lately represented the Illinois Central Railroad in Canada, has been appointed eastern passenger agent of that road, with headquarters at 343 Broadway, New York.

D. Clark's flour and oatmeal mill at Ayer had a narrow escape from destruction by fire on Thursday afternoon. The fire started by friction in the elevator heads and spread to the roof. The fire was extinguished by having barrels of water and pails handy and ladders to the roof. The damage done was small. The Wellington Mutual had \$2,000 insurance on mill and warehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. D. Webster, of Preston, celebrated their silver wedding on April 17.

New Hamburg, according to the census returns, has a population of 1,321.

Henry Hagey, ex-reeve of Preston, returned from a walk on Friday apparently as well as usual. He entered an adjoining room to prepare for dinner. Shortly after Maurice Hagey, hearing a noise, entered Mr. Hagey's room, when he was shocked to find his grandfather lying on the floor quite dead. Mr. Hagey was born in Preston in 1822.

Died, in Puslinch, April 18, John Campbell, aged 55, a resident for about 50 years. Died, in Galt, on April 18, Mrs. James Havill, aged 82. Her husband still survives, but is very infirm, with four sons and one daughter. The eldest son, Henry, is