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FRIDAY, OCT. 30th, 1885.

The editor of the Star has a 25c bet standing that Riel will be hanged. It now remains to be seen whether it will be the rebel chief or the Tory editor who will get no quarter!

SOME years ago Sir John A. Macdonald dramatically exclaimed: "Would to God I could catch Riel!" He would doubtless say the same thing were Riel in Dumont's shoes. However, now that Riel is caught let us see how sincere the Tory chieftain is regarding the rebel leader.

UNDER Tory misrule there is a deficit this year of \$2,500,000. The people of Canada should awake to the fact that the mal-administration of public affairs by the Tory government is driving the country into bankruptcy.

SIR LEONARD TILLEY has resigned his position as Finance Minister. It will now be seen why the Tories coquetted with Sir Richard Cartwright during the summer. But the member for South Huron was too loyal to his Liberal friends to desert them. Macdonald is now in a sore fix for a Finance Minister. There are breakers ahead for the Tories.

EVERY in the matter of Thanksgiving Day, the Dominion Government had no settled opinion. At first it was to have been Thursday Nov. 5, but that being Guy Fawkes' day, it was changed to Nov. 7; but now it is still further changed to Thursday Nov. 12. We hope it will not be again changed next week. The Government evidently desires to emphasize it as a movable feast.

THE Hamilton Times says—"Chief Justice Cameron says the increase of insanity in the country arises from 'our living too fast.' He believes that each county should have a House of Industry. In former times, he pointed out to the Grand Jury at the Brant Assizes, there was a law compelling the establishment of such institutions in every county, but the dislike of members of Parliament to offend in certain counties led to its being made discretionary, and it was under the impression that it was to be regretted."

Petitions are being circulated and numerous signed, asking the Government to appoint Mr. John Beattie Police Magistrate for this county without a salary.—[See fourth page.]

The Ontario Government, which has the power of appointing such an official, cannot afford to treat the request of the temperance people with contempt. Unless they can show good reasons why Mr. Beattie should not be appointed, they may lose enough votes in East and West Huron to lose these constituencies. We would be reluctant to the best interests of the Reform party if we did not point out this danger. We have no personal preference for Mr. Beattie, or any other applicant for the position; we merely endeavor to truly read the signs of the times on the question.

The Principal of the Public School had another column of invective against the Principal of the High School last week in the Star. The interests of education are suffering greatly by the presence of this combative individual. Who will be the next target for his abuse it is hard to say, but if the majority of the public school board had less spite against THE SIGNAL and a greater desire for the welfare of the school, they would send their quarrelsome principal about his business, and get a man who would be able to agree with others, even if he couldn't control them. Mr. Embury is committing professional suicide by his vitriolic pen. He ought to give the public a rest—and go somewhere else and begin life anew on better terms. His usefulness is gone in Goderich.

## FREE VACCINATION.

Mayor Horton informs us that arrangements have been made to have these wishing it vaccinated free of cost. A liberal supply of vaccine has been procured from the Toronto Board of Health, and arrangements have been made by which a local surgeon will be at the town hall every day next week from ten until one o'clock, for the purpose of vaccinating any persons who may present themselves, the town paying all the expenses.

The action of the mayor and his advisers is to be commended. The best way to meet any possible attack of the small pox contagion is to be vaccinated. Happily we have no cases of small pox in Goderich. Yet all the people should be vaccinated.

## BOGUS "PRESCRIPTIONS."

On Saturday we were shown a blank liquor prescription, with the signature of De Witt Martyn, M. D., of Kincardine, attached. It is said that a large number of these "prescriptions" were given away at London recently, at some secret society gathering, by a person purporting to be Dr. Martyn, of Kincardine. If it was not the real doctor, then the rascal should be punished for forgery; if it was the doctor himself, he acted a part not creditable to him or his profession. We are loth to think that any professional man would so demean himself, and it must surely be that some vile quack personated the Kincardine physician. Dr. Martyn should immediately notify the liquor vendors here in respect to these certificates, and the inspector should look up the matter, and see if any of these blank forms with the doctor's signature attached were filled out, and who got the liquor. We have pointed out this fact, and we hope the inspectors will see the vendors, and look up the Kincardine medicine man. The whiskey heads of Huron must be pretty sick when they cannot get a doctor in this county able to treat their case!

OUR brilliant contemporary, the Toronto World, is growing more and more readable. Billy McLean is a hard worker, and he knows how to make the best of every bit of news sent the World.

By an Order in Council the County Crown Attorney must now supervise the collection of all fines to which the Province is entitled. He will get from 2 to 4 per cent. of the money for his trouble.

THE newspaper is a powerful auxiliary of our common schools. During the discussion on "Teaching Reading" at the recent meeting of the West Huron Association, several teachers bore testimony to the fact that the best readers among their pupils belonged, as a rule, to families that took newspapers; and that the children of parents who took no newspapers appeared to disadvantage when compared with their more privileged companions. One of the speakers, however, remarked that the political articles of the average Canadian newspaper had rather too much ornamentation to be used as a substitute for the authorized "Readers."

TENDERS were opened on Monday, October 5th, for painting St. Patrick's ward school, and were found to be as follows:—E. E. Watson, \$99; L. Eller, \$84.50; H. Clucas, \$38. Of course Clucas was awarded the contract. He subsequently informed the secretary that he had made a mistake in his estimates, and would not do the work unless he got an extra \$20. The Board met to discuss the question on Monday night (three weeks after the tenders were opened and the contract awarded), and decided not to give the contract to the next lowest tender, but to ask new tenders in the spring. Then one of the other painters can put in a low tender, and after it is accepted raise it to a few dollars below the next highest, etc.

The Canada Presbyterian concisely expresses the case when it says that "hanging Riel does not expiate the government."

Depend upon it he is not elevating Reformers on the bench, and stowing them away in the Senate, and buying up Antigonish and St. John and East Durham for a trifle. A crisis is at hand, and when it culminates, as soon it will, he must show his hand.—[Kingston Whig.]

Rocheport's attack upon the Queen and Prince of Wales, because of the Riel outbreak is about as sensible and merited as the action of the Tory newspapers in Great Britain in holding Mr. Gladstone responsible for the "gross misgovernment in Canada which led to this lamentable state of affairs."—[Ex-

## TEACHERS IN SESSION.

Semi-Annual Convention of the West Huron Teachers' Association.

A Record of the Business Done—Drawing in the Public Schools.

GODERICH, Oct. 23, 1885.

The association met in the High school at 10 a. m. President Brown in the chair. J. H. Miller, P. S. I., led in prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Messrs. Moore, Blair and Beattie were appointed a business committee.

The President then gave an epitome of the papers read at the Ontario Teachers' Association, for which a vote of thanks was given him, and his expenses as delegate ordered to be paid.

Mr. Delagaty then read a valuable paper on "Reading," after which an animated discussion on the subject took place.

The Association then adjourned.

On ressembling at 1.30 p. m., Mr. R. Morrish took up writing, illustrating by blackboard exercises, after which Mr. J. H. McFaul, of Toronto Normal School, illustrated still further the peculiarities of teaching writing. Mr. McFaul then, in an exhaustive manner, illustrated the method of teaching entrance drawing, confining himself to the first book of the series. This part of the afternoon's business was very much enjoyed.

The business committee then brought in a report, recommending the appointment of Messrs. Strang, Murch and G. Baird, Jr., as resolution and nomination committee, and Messrs. Craswell and McPhee as auditors, which on motion was adopted.

J. R. Miller, P. S. I., then read a communication from the Education Department, requesting teachers to interest their pupils in preparing specimens of the various subjects taught in schools, with a view to making a selection to send to the Colonial Exhibition to be sent to England next year. Mr. Miller also brought in his report as treasurer, which was handed to the finance committee.

The meeting adjourned to 7.30 p. m. On ressembling at 7.30 p. m. a communication from the Waterloo Teachers' Association with reference to third class teachers' certificates, etc., was read and referred to the resolution committee.

Mr. Thos. McGillicuddy then took up the subject of "Phonography," during which he illustrated some of the absurdities in the present method of spelling, to the amusement of the teachers assembled. He also exhibited the phonographic alphabet, and was listened to with interest as he described the salient points of "Phonography."

Mr. A. B. Henderson then favored the audience with a bear solo.

Mr. McFaul followed with an excellent lesson on the drawing course, as found in his own method of building block letters, and laid before the teachers one of the most interesting and useful of the large and properly proportioned letters. He followed this up by a very instructive example of model drawing, from a large vase used in the schools. He also gave interesting examples in sketching trees, and the Scotch applauding upon taking his seat.

Miss I. Wilkinson then gave a Scotch song in excellent style.

Mr. Henderson followed with "The Boatman's Yarn," and was rapturously applauded.

Votes of thanks were given to the vocalists and accompanist (Miss Andrews) and the meeting adjourned.

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The convention reassembled at 9 o'clock. Before the regular business of the day was taken up, an opportunity was afforded the members of inspecting specimens of drawing by pupils attending Toronto Normal school. All the work shown was that of those who had but one term in drawing, and the sketches were very creditable to teacher and pupils. Following Mr. McFaul's addresses upon model drawing, the exhibition of these specimens made a very good impression upon the spectators.

Mr. Murch took up the first subject of the day, and read an instructive paper on his method of teaching the "Initiative Mood," which called forth some lively remarks.

Mr. McFaul then explained more fully how to draw objects in perspective, using models as before. He held the closest attention of the gathering, and his work, which was very fully described by voice as well as by chalk, was very favorably commented upon. He was again loudly applauded as he laid down the chalk.

[We are requested to state that the models accompanying the authorized drawing books can be obtained from J. H. McFaul, Toronto Normal School, on payment of \$8.75, express, c.o.d.]

Mr. McPhee then read an admirable paper on "Dismissal of Teachers," which was fully discussed, and a strong common sense. Some of the points were much applauded. We hope to publish this entertaining paper next week, for the benefit of teachers and trustees.

The auditors reported the secretary's and treasurer's accounts as correct, and that they showed a balance on hand of \$96.75. Report adopted.

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THE FALL SHOW.—When we take into consideration that 31 years ago the town of Whitehead, where the show was held, had no existence, the railroad not being built, nor the abode of a white man within 100 miles, it was a grand success, in point of entries and attendance of people being about equal to the Duncan show. In the quality of the exhibits, garden stuff, magnificence, cabbage, cauliflower and beets of immense size. Also wild hons, tobacco, squash, ripe tomatoes, and in fact every variety of garden stuff grown in Ontario. A good display of butter, cheese and home made bread, also wild fruit preserves. There was also a good show of fancy work. Owing to the frost the grain show was small, but some good samples were shown. Stock—Some thoroughbred Durham and sleek grade cattle show that the country produces good stock. A good show in the pig line; also some sheep. The horses were the poorest part of the show when compared alongside of the horses at a show in Huron.

A. B. POTTER.

## A Terrible Experience.

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Michael P. Scanlon was swept off the deck of the schooner Belle Browne, between Milwaukee and Chicago, one dark night two weeks ago. His shipmates reported his loss when the schooner arrived here, and nobody doubted that he was dead. Scanlon opened his eyes in a Milwaukee hospital a day or two ago after two weeks' unconsciousness and delirium and told what happened to him. After he went over the rail of the Belle Browne schooner here, but could not see him, although he saw it. After floating for a time a spar came within his reach. He clung to that all night and the following day, with nothing to eat but dead fish, boats passed near by, but he could not make himself heard. When night came he gave up hope, but that his dead body might be sent to his family at Kingston, Ont., he lashed himself to a spar with his belt. Then he became insensible, and knew nothing until he woke up in the hospital. He had been picked up for dead by a tug, but the fact that there was yet life in his body was discovered when he was taken on shore at Milwaukee.

## Bicycle Record Breaking.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Oct. 27.—Win. Dow, in an attempt to break Henderson's mile record of 3:15 seconds in Hampden park, today, made the distance in exactly the same time. Win. Woodside, in a 50 mile run, lowered all the American records from 5 to 44 miles inclusive, except his own yesterday, and all the English records from 3 to 9 miles inclusive, but failed to break either the American or English 50-mile record. His time for 5 miles was 14:30, 6 miles 17:20, 7 miles 20:45, 8 miles 23:45, 9 miles 26:45, 10 miles 29:45. The best previous American time was 2:32. He also established an American record for one hour, covering 20 miles 23:45 yards. The English distance is 20 miles 69 yards.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 27.—A. A. McCurdy, who started last night to break the 24-hour bicycle record, tonight finished 255 1/2 miles in 23 hours 50 min. 30 sec., thus beating Ives and Rhodes record of 241:9:32 miles.

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THE FALL SHOW.—When we take into consideration that 31 years ago the town of Whitehead, where the show was held, had no existence, the railroad not being built, nor the abode of a white man within 100 miles, it was a grand success, in point of entries and attendance of people being about equal to the Duncan show. In the quality of the exhibits, garden stuff, magnificence, cabbage, cauliflower and beets of immense size. Also wild hons, tobacco, squash, ripe tomatoes, and in fact every variety of garden stuff grown in Ontario. A good display of butter, cheese and home made bread, also wild fruit preserves. There was also a good show of fancy work. Owing to the frost the grain show was small, but some good samples were shown. Stock—Some thoroughbred Durham and sleek grade cattle show that the country produces good stock. A good show in the pig line; also some sheep. The horses were the poorest part of the show when compared alongside of the horses at a show in Huron.

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