

St. Thomas Reporter.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 1880.

THE CANADA SOUTHERN HYMN.

This line to heaven through Christ was made, With heavenly truths the rails were laid, From earth to heaven the line extends, To life eternal, where it ends.

The Bible is my Engineer, Which points the way to heaven so clear; Thy tunnels dark and dreary air, It does the way to glory steer.

God's love—the fire; his truth—the steam, Which drives the engine and the train, All you who would to glory ride Must come to Christ, in him abide.

In first and second, and third-class, Repentance, faith and holiness, If you'll but stop and turn from sin, The train will stop and take you in.

Come now, my neighbors, now's the time At any station on the line, If you'll repent and turn from sin, The train will stop and take you in.

JAMES COOK.

CONDUCTOR JOHN ROBB.

HIS CAREER AND DEATH.

Among the men who located or became known in this town through the inception of the Canada Southern Railway none was more popular or more highly esteemed than he who succumbed to a fall disease on Friday last.

John Robb left home at an early period of his life with a determination to make of his own way, and settled in the land of liberty, where he prospered. Upon the opening of the American Rebellion in '67 he tendered his services to the cause of the Union and served with honor throughout that memorable struggle. Subsequently he became a contractor upon the Union Pacific Railroad, but there he met with ill fortune, until upon the opening of the Canada Southern he became an employe of the line, being placed in charge of the gravel pit and afterwards rising through every grade till he attained the position of passenger conductor, which he occupied at the time of his demise.

Deceased was an old and very highly esteemed railway man—thoroughly mature in experience although young in years, having only attained his thirty-fourth year. He had been in the employ of the company since the inception of the road, serving successively in the capacity of conductor on both freight and passenger trains. Previous to coming here he had been connected with the Northern Pacific Railway which he left to assume a position on the Canada Southern, where by his gentlemanly conduct and courteous manners he became one of the most popular—if not, indeed, the most popular—man upon the C. S. R., and only a universal expression of sorrow is felt at his sudden demise.

On Monday, 19th inst., he passed through this town in charge of a train, and on Tuesday was attacked with the illness which culminated fatally last Friday.

Deceased was a prominent member of the Masonic Order here, and his remains were interred at Port Huron on Sunday afternoon with the highest honors attendant on the ceremonies of the Order. He was also a member of the Conductor's Aid Association, through which connection a legacy of some \$2,500 falls to his bereaved relations. The bereaved friends have the warmest sympathy of all with whom deceased was acquainted, in their affliction.

THE MANTLY ART.

ITS EXPONENTS ENGAGE IN A FRIENDLY EXHIBITION.

The noble science of self-defence has its ardent votaries in St. Thomas, who took place at a set-to which was ev'g between two well-known bruisers, who answer to the classic sobriquets of "Chummy" and Brodie. The contest was rendered somewhat interesting from the fact that "Brodie" engaged to punish his opponent with one hand tied behind his back.

The preliminaries having been arranged and the men unshaken hands in the old-time manner, stripped and loed the string. An exciting set-to ensued, and the bruisers succeeded in getting in their work upon each other in pretty quick time, although Brodie received the neatest colored optic witnessed for some time. The stakes, amounting to \$1.50 were expended in quenching the thirst of the enthusiastic spectators, who all took sugar in their n.

A committee of the Elgin County Council has been appointed to wait on the General Manager of the Canada Southern Railway with reference to local passenger accommodation at the several stations in the county east and west of St. Thomas.

DARLING EDA'S LAMENT.

Young men must attach little importance to the love letters sent to them by their sweethearts, judging from the contents of one picked up on the public thoroughfares a few days ago. "Loving Eda"—ain't that a charming name—writes to her darling Frank in terms of endearment that almost cause the reader to club himself because he is not Frank.

Frank was expected to visit sweet Eda, who thus describes her feelings about the time the faithless avain was due: "I got to the station about half an hour before the train came in, I could not sit still a moment I was that overjoyed to think I was to see you in so short a time. So when the train came in sight my heart seemed to stand still I was so nervous, Yum! Yum! But when it stopped and only three got off I seemed so disappointed that I wished for once in my life I could die; I almost felt as if I could not bear it. It just seemed that the tears would come and I could not control myself." But still the fair damsel wants Frank to go and board with her ma. Now Frank, how how we'd like to embrace the opportunity—and the girl. Just think of the luxury of dining with a beautiful strawberry blonde as attendant angel, her wavy tresses kissing your cheek and her breath like balmy zephyrs fanning your fevered brow, while anon a stray strand of red hair finds its way into the butter or the mysterious boarding house staple "hash." Why Frank, we'd be glad to invest our whole pile on such a lay out as that. And little Eda says that if dear darling Frank will only return to his waiting love how happy she would be again. And her devotion is so great that she writes to her lover although her head is aching dreadfully. Now Frank, freeze right to that little girl, for she's a perfect treasure and you've got her sisters and her cousins and her aunts solid too, for best turkey she will first be sure Frank's coming. She says it did not taste half as good as it would have done if he had been there.

Loving Eda, come and let us love you; we'll cling to you closer than a brother, and you'll never have to reproach us for not coming to collar that turkey. Young man, darling Eda offers you a splendid snap, so brace up and take it in.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Friday, Jan. 23.—Geo. A. Baker, Toronto; H. G. Wright, J. J. Thomas, Hamilton; W. D. Taves, Guelph; Joseph O'Hara, Juno; Harry Greer and wife, St. Louis; Juno Rielen, Wallacetown; D. F. Cowan, A. T. Ford, London; Wm. Robertson, Oakville. Saturday, 24.—T. W. Stansfield, Jas. Spence, London; Samuel J. Walker, B. W. Boyd, Guelph; Wm. J. J. Thomas, Toronto; J. G. Polo, Wm. Gillies, Toronto; F. Allen, New York; J. Davis, Windsor; W. Black, Dunton; R. C. Davis, Montreal; J. A. Armstrong, Liverpool, England. Monday, 26.—J. M. Macfarland, F. M. Williams, Wm. Rogan, Chas. Richardson, H. Nesbit McFry, Juno. Sery, London; J. H. Hamilton, R. S. T. Davidson, John W. Hamilton, Toronto; S. Young, Kingston; Chas. Coristine, Montreal; John Gillard, S. H. Quarry, D. G. Ellis, Wm. Goodwin, Thomas Feden, Ritchie, Glasgow, Scotland; Thomas Feden, Mitchell, N. Newark, O. N. Benjamin, Detroit; G. F. Wilson, Lambeth. Tuesday, 27.—Wm. J. James, Port Hope; Wm. I. W. Mohr, J. E. Macgregor, Toronto; J. W. McLure, Wallacetown; Alf Elsiey, Buffalo; Jno. Macfarlane, J. A. Schneider, Buffalo; H. Bray, London; Henry L. Wood, Brantford; F. VanNorman, Oakawa; P. Close, Hamilton; E. H. Phelps, St. Catharines; Jno. G. Watson, Arr; 15 members of the Popular Dime Company; Wednesday, 28.—S. E. Burwell, John Swisher, Wm. Bush, Fingal; J. Simpson, Hamilton; Hamilton Corbett and wife, Greenock, Scotland; Jno. H. Scott, D. E. McLeod, E. Gunther, A. M. Alexander, Toronto; C. W. Fringie, E. F. Young, Advance Agents, Georgia Mines, H. Bailes, Montreal. Thursday, 29.—Chas. Gorabue, Danville, Que.; A. Jack, John Halley, Jos. O'Hara, Montreal; Geo. M. Holm, W. H. Willford, John Millet, M. Newman, Chas. S. Landan, Toronto; A. Humphrey, D. McLaren, Rodney, Harry Gooding, J. W. Stansfield, James Taylor and lady, London; W. E. Sanford, Thos. E. A. Hooper, R. S. Bradley, McGregor, J. H. Quarry, Hamilton; Robt. Blackwood, West Lorne; J. E. Scott, Collingwood; Smith Pierson, Detroit.

HUTCHINSON HOUSE.

Friday, Jan. 24.—Thos. McCosh, Brantford; Ager J. Jacobs, St. Marys; Jas. McKay, J. Bell, Toronto; Chas. McCullin, Wallacetown; Thos. D. Turville, Aylmer; J. Hanratty, Stratford; W. C. Hoag, Toronto; Blythe, Chatham; Thos. McKenzie, Toronto; James Laurie, do.; W. H. Riddell, do.; John Westcutburn, Dubuque Iowa; James Ball, Fingal; W. Caswell, Eden; W. E. Deolus, Aylmer; Thos. Watson, Charring Cross; James Manning, do. Saturday 25.—D. McIntyre, Fingal; A. McArthur, Lawrence; A. Edwards, do.; D. McKillop, do.; P. G. Haues, agent Fox Bros. Concert, Berlin; Thos. Dickison, Montreal; Cluquart Dor-schiner, Buffalo; Buffalo; John M. Boyce, Washington Harbor; James Anderson Ridge-town, M. Montreal. Monday, 27.—Jno. Macdonald, Montreal; J. Campbell, Wallacetown; Jno. McCullin, do.; J. L. Corbridge, G. A. Jones, Flint, Mich.; G. L. Yvonne, Shrinigdale; Geo. Sutfel, Flint; J. Yvonne, Sam. Sheppard and wife, Port Stanley.

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