

The Western District.

Serious Accident to an Amateur Sarnia Sport.

The Legality of Collecting Tolls on a Highway to Be Tested.

The Grand Trunk Station at Blyth Entered and \$55 Stolen.

An Elgin County Mail Carrier Who Has Not Had a "Hair-Out" for Over Sixty Years—Good Oil Well Struck on a Plympton Farm.

Galt's population is 36 less than it was last year.

The principal and two teachers of Tara public schools have resigned.

The total amount paid out in prizes at the Northern Exhibition was \$1,200.25.

The Riverside Canning Factory (now closed down) had a very successful season.

Mr. Donald McIntyre, of Paisley, is removing his electric light plant to Midway.

Mr. Aaron Moyer, merchant, late of Midway, is going into business in Walkerton.

Mr. D. Lutton, ex-M.P., Mapleton, has bought the residence of Mr. T. Hutchinson, St. Thomas.

It is reported that Michael Najwan, an Indian, was drowned off White Cloud Island while fishing.

Miss Crocker, of Sarnia, has taken a position as teacher at St. John's Ladies' College, Winnipeg.

Trinity Church, Berlin, has erected a commodious two-story parsonage with modern improvements.

His Honor Judge Mackenzie will hear the appeals on the Forest voters' list on Monday, Oct. 28, at 2 p.m.

Miss Emma Morgan, for twenty years a teacher in the St. Thomas public schools, has resigned.

The report that Miss Ada Jones, injured in the Essex accident, was dying is untrue. She is recovering.

In Delhi potatoes are selling for 15 and 20 cents a bushel. One farmer had 4,000 bushels off eleven acres.

W. E. Collins, of Sarnia, has struck a splendid oil well on the farm of Isaac Fisher, second line, Plympton.

Fire did \$1,000 worth of damage to the stock of Wm. Coventry, music dealer, Woodstock, Thursday night. Insured.

Andrew McCullum's carriage and blacksmith shop at Largie, north of Dutton, burned Friday night. Insurance \$800.

Baled hay is selling at \$15 a ton in Walkerton. Some farmers say they have been offered \$20 a ton for the home product.

The county judge will be at Camlachie on the 14th inst., at 1:45 p.m., to hear appeals on the Plympton voters' list for 1895.

Mrs. Hugh Wilson, Walkerton, has disposed of her farm to Mr. John Standish for \$5,750. The farm contains 120 acres.

J. M. Fisher, who went from Forest to Manitoba in August, has secured a good situation in a drug store in Portage la Prairie, Man.

The Sydenham Glass Company have closed a contract with Scott & Browne, of New York, to patent medicine men, for \$15,000 worth of wares.

The question of purchasing the Hay property by the town of Listowel will be submitted to a vote of the electorate at the January elections.

Mr. John McWaters, of Watford, was called to Sarnia on Wednesday, having received a telegram announcing the death of his mother.

John Upton, who was one of the oldest settlers on the London road, Sarnia township, died in Sarnia Friday night. He leaves a widow.

Mrs. Charles Malsonville, of Windsor, is suing her father-in-law, Capt. Malsonville, of Walkerton, for alienating her husband's affections.

The turnips in the neighborhood of Tara on a few farms are being destroyed by some kind of vermin. Both leaves and roots are dying rapidly.

A circle of King's Daughters and Sons has been formed at Morpeth, with Miss Ethel Smith as president, Miss Leithner vice leader, and Miss Duck, secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Wm. Curtis, mail carrier between Muirkirk and Palmyra, asserts that his hair has not been cut since 1854, all most 61 years ago. He is 90 years old and marvelously spry.

The Ladies' Orange Lodge of Wingham and L. O. L. No. 794 have presented Mr. James G. Stewart with an address and a gold-headed cane on the occasion of his removal to Belmont.

Robert Fee, bookkeeper of the Sadler, Dundas & Flavell Mining Company, of Lindsay, Ont., who disappeared on Sept. 20, has been arrested at Rochester, N. Y. He is charged with embezzling \$3,000.

Edward Mooney, the father of the two young men killed by a Michigan Central train at Essex two weeks ago, intends suing the company for \$40,000 damages. Dennis Burke's relatives will also sue for damages.

Francis Hebert, a Maidstone farmer, has reported to the railway detectives that his 11-year-old son is missing. The lad left Pelton last Wednesday on a Michigan Central train, and has not been heard from since.

A lot of relics has been found in an old cemetery at Amherstburg by laborers working on the Michigan Central extension. In one grave there were unearthed with a skeleton silver brooches, knives, pipes and a tomahawk.

Saturday morning between 1 and 2 o'clock the safe in the G. T. R. station at Blyth was blown open by burglars and about \$55 in cash stolen. An entrance was made by bursting open the front door of the waiting room. No clue to the guilty parties.

The death occurred at the hospital at Detroit, Mich., Friday of Clara Wilkinson, eldest daughter of Alfred Wilkinson, printer, Detroit, and granddaughter of J. Wilkinson, of the St. Thomas Times, from blood poisoning. Deceased was in her 14th year.

Miss Mary Glendinning, formerly of Forest, died last week at her home at Lethbridge, Alberta, on Sunday. Deceased was 63 years of age, and was highly respected by all who knew her in Forest and vicinity. The remains were taken to Watford for burial.

John Watson, in the customs service at Windsor, has been superannuated. Mr. Watson was born in 1824 in Sandwich and is, therefore, now 71 years old, and had been in the ser-

vice 31 years. Messrs. Bauble, Morton and Doyle have also been shelved.

The Watford Council on Wednesday night accepted tenders for the purchase of the engine house debentures, amounting to \$1,500, extending over seven years, interest at 4-1/2 per cent. The offer of George Zavitz, of Brooks, par, was accepted.

Mr. J. A. McLean, of St. Thomas, has been instructed by a client residing in Port Stanley to enter action against the owners of the London and Port Stanley gravel road and the courts of Elgin to test the legality of the owners of the road collecting tolls thereon.

At Berlin the other day Joseph Weaver and August Heimbacher were each fined \$5 and together \$25 costs for overdriving a livery horse. Unless the fine is paid they will have to spend twenty days each in jail. They drove the animal eighteen miles in an hour and a half, and it had to be taken in charge by a veterinary surgeon.

John A. Bain, David Lowery, Ezra L. Brown, James A. Wallace and John D. Patterson, all of Brantford, together with Lyman M. Jones and Walter E. H. Massey of Toronto, are seeking incorporation as the Bain Waggon Company, limited, with headquarters at Woodstock, and a proposed capital of \$25,000.

The following changes in the active militia are gazetted: Twenty-fifth "Elgin" Battalion of Infantry—To be second lieutenant provisionally, Sergt. Henry Newman Westaway, to complete establishment. Thirty-ninth "Norfolk" Battalion of Rifles, No. 6 Company, provisional Second Lieutenant George H. Cross is permitted to retire, to be second lieutenant provisionally, Hugh Paterson Ennes.

Albert Shaw, who said he had been sent to Port Huron from a Chicago convent school, has been identified by his mother, Mrs. Hollenshaw, as her son Albert. When her husband died six years ago, Mrs. Hollenshaw was in destitute circumstances, and gave her baby to the sisters of charity till she could support him herself. After the lapse of years neither could recognize the other. The boy has been taken to Wallaceburg.

Saturday morning Joseph Merrick, caretaker at the park in Sarnia, started out duck shooting on the bay. His gun was standing up against the boat house, and just as he went to take hold of the weapon, his dog ran between the boat and the gun, striking the trigger, causing it to explode and blowing the first two fingers off the left hand. One shot went through the rim of his hat and three of them embedded themselves in his neck and face.

Last week Mr. John Pengelly, a farmer residing near Eden Grove, was instantly killed in his own barn by a scaffold falling on him. It seems in questioning the harvest he had put some three loads of oats on the scaffold, and the timber not being sufficiently strong to endure the weight, had sunk down until one end was leaning on the barn door. On the day in question Mr. Pengelly proceeded to open the barn door, but no sooner was the scaffold deprived of its support than it gave way with a crash. Mr. Pengelly was quite dead when found by his son. Deceased was born in 1831 and came to Canada in 1862. He was a Methodist and was highly esteemed.

REPLY.
Ripley, Oct. 11.—Mr. John Humberstone, late grain buyer, intends putting up an immense flax mill here. Cannvassers are out getting farmers to either rent or sow a trial field for him.

A new planing mill is being put up by Alfred Woodgate. An iron turning lathe and other iron working machines are much needed. Mr. Woodgate's enterprise will be a boon in this agricultural section.

Mr. David Kay has bought out the old Kay homestead from his father, James Kay. This is a beautiful and romantic residence, and will now be still further improved.

Mr. H. P. Chapman, of the "Big Book Store," has made special arrangements to provide his customers with Western Canada news at popular rates. We notice that his windows are loaded up with recent importations direct from manufacturers. Bibles form a special feature.

Mr. A. Munn, the pioneer drygoods merchant, has just returned from an extended purchasing trip abroad.

Mr. T. W. Davis is now erecting another new warehouse, the fourth. His large and increasing trade in tin and stoves make a supply of coal necessary.

John McPhail is erecting a large brick house on Fair street for Mr. Malcolm McLean.

Our postmistress, Mrs. McInnes, is adding a brick kitchen to her beautiful residence, corner of Huron street.

Many new buildings are going up this fall than for two years past. Ripley has struck a boom. A great deal of English money has been received here as legacies.

The Ripley fall fair was said by some to exceed Kincardine in the excellence of grain exhibits, and to equal the cattle and horse show.

Mr. M. Wilson, J.P., is at present socially ill.

Wm. Rance has secured a position with Goldie & McCulloch, Guelph, and will remove there. He has rented his beautiful new residence to Marquis Brown.

D. McGregor has just completed the oatmeal plant, an addition to his large custom mills.

SPARTA.
Sparta, Oct. 11.—The anniversary services and tea-meeting of the Sparta Methodist Church, held Oct. 6 and 7, were pronounced a grand success, in fact the greatest success since the dedication of the church. On the Sabbath, sermons of marked ability and power were delivered to large and attentive congregations, in the morning by Rev. C. T. Scott, of St. Thomas, and in the evening by Rev. R. J. Treleven, chairman of the Aylmer district. The choir of the church rendered beautiful anthems in excellent style. The programme at the tea-meeting was said to be the best ever given in the church. It was a musical and literary treat, and was received by the large and appreciative audience present with marked pleasure. The opening number was an anthem by the choir, followed by prayer. An organ solo, played by Mrs. T. R. McNair in her usual style, received the hearty plaudits of the audience. The tributes by Mrs. Prof. Warner and the Misses Amy and Sisk, were delightful. Mrs. Warner's beautiful voice showed to advantage in her selections, and she ably sustained her high reputation as a singer. Mr. A. Bingham's first appearance before a Sparta audience was an auspicious one, his singing being highly appreciated. The Rev. R. J. Treleven gave one of his characteristic addresses, the humorous telling emphasizing the practical points of the address. Miss Edith Murray, teacher of the collection, rendered, accompanied with rare excellence, several choice and classic recitations. Miss Sisk was an efficient accompanist to the singers. Rev. T. R. McNair ably filled the position of chairman. The receipts of the occasion were over \$32.

The Country Needs a Change.

How Millions of Public Money Have Been Misspent.

Why Canadians Have Not Been so Prosperous as They Ought to Have Been.

Hon. Geo. W. Ross on the Record of High Taxation.

Brookville, Oct. 12.—Hon. Geo. W. Ross was one of the speakers at the great mass meeting in honor of Hon. Wilfrid Laurier in Brookville on Thursday night. The opera house was jammed and hundreds were unable to gain admission.

Hon. G. W. Ross was warmly greeted on rising to address the meeting. He congratulated those present on the magnificent demonstration, and the Young Liberals on their good fortune in having on the platform such an admirable specimen of a live, talented and energetic young Canadian as Attorney-General Longley. One reason why he (Mr. Ross) had accepted the invitation to be present was a desire to stand within the Constituent Assembly of America one of the purest-minded and most exalted statesmen that ever held a seat in a Canadian Parliament. Another reason why he did come to Brookville was that he had much in common with his leader, Mr. Laurier. They were born in the same year, and entered Parliament the same year. Though Mr. Laurier had been born a Frenchman and he a Scotchman, for which both were entirely irresponsible, they were both good Canadians and both were of the same political faith. The Government was not representative of the Conservative and heterogeneous materials—bound together from a common desire to keep office and enjoy the fruits thereof. The Government did not represent the people, and what did represent them was a Frenchman and a Government that did represent them. He believed the people of Canada were more in earnest about the next election than about any previous election. It seemed to him that the Government had broken up of the old political faith. Politics had been regarded as largely a matter of sentiment, as it was at the last election, when an appeal was made to support the old policy, but he considered politics rather a matter of business. It was the duty of the people to find out what the Government took from them and to see that it was not too large. Ontario had no debt, but a surplus of \$6,000,000. How was it with the Dominion? Since the Government had come into power it had added \$100,000,000 to the debt. He did not say that the Government was all unwise, but it was necessary for a business people to consider how much they could bear. Canada's credit was good, but was it a wise thing for 5,000,000 people to be carrying a debt of \$250,000,000? It was adding to it \$75,000,000 less than \$5,000,000 was added to the debt last year. Although the United States went through a tremendous war, it had a debt of only \$15 per head, while England had a debt of \$100 per head. In the Indian war, had a debt of only \$4 a head. Canada's debt was \$50 a head. Our annual interest account amounted to \$10,000,000 a year, or \$30,000 a day. Ontario had investments that brought to the people \$1,000 of interest every day. Although the people paid \$38,000,000 into the treasury last year there was a deficit of \$1,000,000. The Government had borrowed \$17,000,000 to make up deficits. There had been a large increase in the expenditure for civil government. While the population had increased 50 per cent, since Mr. Mackenzie's time, the cost of the civil service had increased 70 per cent, or from \$800,000 to \$1,357,000; fisheries had increased from \$93,000 to \$482,000; Indian affairs from \$421,000 to \$935,000; militia and defence from \$618,000 to \$1,419,000; superannuation from \$106,000 to \$263,000.

GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION.
He did not know any more luxurious position than to be a pensioner on the bounty of the Government. It was an outrage upon the taxpayers of the country that they should be called upon to support this pension system. There were pensions that might be defended, but not who received liberal salaries in the civil service had no claim upon this bounty of the Dominion, and the system was not consistent with democratic institutions. Mr. Mackenzie, the present Minister of Indian Affairs, was 57 years of age, and who received a salary of \$2,200, was superannuated last year with a pension of \$2,115. A successor was appointed, and the salary of \$2,200 was paid to the late Deputy Minister of Public Works received a pension of \$3,800 a year. Civil servants were supposed to pay into the treasury a portion of their salaries by way of drawing, and to receive pensions in proportion to what they had paid in. Thomas Hewitt had paid in \$222 and drawn out \$18,282. W. H. McRae had paid in \$722 and drawn out \$11,112. A. G. Reid had paid in \$14 and drawn out \$937. E. B. Hubbard had paid in \$482 and drawn out \$39,916, and a man named Patrick had paid in nothing and drawn out \$27,668. There had been a large increase in the number of officers in the civil service, and there were a Minister of Justice and a Solicitor-General receiving salaries to attend to the law business of the Dominion, the Government had in eight years paid \$287,000 in lawyers' fees. In six years there had been paid out for advertising in the public press and elsewhere 2,087,000. He did not believe the Government of Sir Oliver Mowat could stand two weeks in the face of an indignant public opinion if it were shown that there had been such rascally business management in Ontario as the transactions he had pointed out. The erection of the new Parliament buildings at Toronto had been accomplished by good business management within the estimate. The Curran bridge, which had been estimated to cost \$123,000, had cost twice that amount, or \$246,000, and produced an annual revenue of \$58. The Little Rapids Canal, estimated to cost \$44,000, had cost \$300,000.



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FRUITS OF THE N. P.
Turning to the trade question, Mr. Ross condemned the National Policy because it had not kept the Canadian people at home. There were 1,000,000 of them in the United States at the present time. Last year, despite the National Policy, the failures in business aggregated \$17,000,000. It had not lightened the burdens of taxation, nor had it kept up the price of farm products. In Mr. Mackenzie's time the average price of wheat was \$1.11 a bushel. What was it now? The National Policy reduced our foreign trade, and it had driven Canadian commerce from the sea and sent our sailors to man the ships of other countries. It discriminated against British goods, the average duty on goods coming from Great Britain being 20 per cent, while on goods coming from the United States it was 27 per cent. The National Policy did not improve business; it created combines, it discriminated against the poor in favor of the rich, it discriminated against the farmer.

There was an outburst of applause when Mr. Ross concluded his powerful speech.

IN THE TREATY PORTS.
A Canadian Product Finds Favor in the Land of Confucius.

Vancouver (Special) Oct. 14.—A passenger by the last vessel from China stated the other day that among other Canadian products which are fast coming into favor in the Chinese treaty ports, is the Canadian specific remedy for kidney diseases of all kinds known as Dodd's Kidney Pills.

The medicine was first introduced by Canadians and the increase in its use both by Europeans and natives is attributed first to the accounts of its success in the Canadian and American newspapers many of which are received in Shanghai and other ports, and later to its established efficacy in curing all kinds of kidney diseases which are very prevalent in the country.

W. C. T. U. WORKER DEAD.
Detroit, Oct. 14.—Mrs. Crebbin, wife of John Crebbin, of 249 Second avenue, died Saturday morning, aged 62 years. She was of English parentage, and had lived in Detroit 45 years. Mrs. Crebbin was a noted woman in the city in religious and temperance work, and was especially prominent at the Central Methodist Episcopal Church. She was one of the most earnest Christian temperance workers in the State, assisted in the organization of the W. C. T. U. and attended every convention held in the district except the last one in Wyandotte this week; covering over a period of over 25 years. She was a woman very highly esteemed.

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