

Local and Other Items.

A HEALTH Committee has been organized for the County of Peel. This action is said to be prompted by a fear of small-pox.

The Belleville Intelligencer is reliably informed that the value of fish taken in the waters of the Bay of Quinte and exported in 1865 was \$4,000; in 1873 it was \$91,000—an increase of 775 per cent.

RETURNED.—On the 21st inst. the gentlemen from England, who for a month or two past have been in this country on a tour of inspection, and who are large stockholders in the Great Western Railway, left New York, whence they sailed in the steamship Russia for home.

FAT CATTLE FAIR IN BRANTFORD.—The first fair for the exhibition of fat cattle, horses and seeds, was held in Brantford on the 21st inst. The Courier pronounces it a grand success, and doesn't see why they should not be continued and make Brantford the central market for the sale of horses and cattle.

WHO SAYS PICKLES?—The St. Catharines Times anxiously asks this question. It wants some one in Canada to start the manufacture of the important article, and concludes its remarks with this strange paradox:—"We can see valid reasons why we should not become large exporters of the article, instead of getting our supply from a distance."

BASE BALL IN HAMILTON.—At a meeting on the 22nd inst., the Maple Leaf Base Ball Club of Hamilton organized for the season with the following officers:—President, Henry Sweetman; Vice-President, Geo. Childs; Corresponding Secretary, Jude Hills. The Times says of the club: "We will be much mistaken if they do not give an excellent account of themselves."

A DEAD-BEAT DIRECTORY is the latest idea. Two righteously indignant individuals in Toronto have actually published a book giving the names of the "beats" of the Queen City, and have consequently riled many of the shoddy aristocracy. There is no redress, however, for the grievance, and the "nobs" will be under the painful necessity in future of paying their debts or having a free advertisement of their character.

IS IT A HOAX?—Below we give verbatim et literatim a copy of an inscription from off a small piece of board found on Tuesday on the banks of the whirlpool below Niagara Falls by Charles Sullivan and Daniel Wadsworth, of Queenstown. It may be of interest to some:—"Dec. 10th, 1873—Friends and others concerning.—Three young men lost on the banks on the River Niagara. Any persons finding this will address to their parents, and oblige one of the lost, James Wilkins, London, Eng., one of the lost, John Charlton, Nottingham, England, one of the lost; John Sympton, Bothwell, Canada West. Good-bye, good-bye; we are lost."

A NEW LOOP LINE.—The Galt Reporter is agitating the necessity, on account of the increased traffic on the Grand Trunk Railway, of shortening the present circuitous route. In the case of freight from Toronto, for instance, to Hamilton, and around to Paris, connection should be made at Berlin so that trains could run from there to Paris direct. The distance from Berlin to Paris by the Stratford route is about 60 miles, while the direct line would be only about 25, of which 12 are now in running order. All that is necessary to make the present route shorter by about 33 miles, and obtain an air-line to Buffalo, is to finish the 12 or 13 miles of road between Galt and Paris. The matter has been submitted to the Grand Trunk Company.

THE BALANCE OF NATURE.—A writer says:—"In the natural state of things the balance between plant and animal life, and the relations both have upon the earth upon which they live and the air which surrounds them, are most admirably adjusted, as are the effects of the carnivorous animals upon those which live upon vegetables. In our cultivation we break up the natural balance. We raise an excess of certain plants, and the insects that live upon such plants increase to a wonderful extent; we kill off insect-eating birds, and complain that insects destroy our crops. We destroy every snake we meet and shoot every owl upon sight, and look about for remedies for tree and shrub that have been gnawed by mice and rabbits. In our cultivation we have undertaken to supplant nature in producing better plants than would naturally grow, and we must accept the rest as the natural consequence."

Two Russian guns and carriages, trophies of the Crimean war, have been received at the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, having been returned from Colechester, where they have stood as public monuments for about seventeen years. It has been notified that several other trophies of a similar character have been given up by the local authorities of other towns, and that they are on their way to Woolwich, where they will be broken up. There very few Russian guns to be seen in the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich, and these are, generally speaking, only such as are remarkable for some peculiarity, one, for instance, having a cannon-ball from a British gun lodged in the muzzle and jammed fast. The sentiment which induces country corporations to return their trophies out of a compliment to the Duchess of Edinburgh will, we hope, endure, but it is doubtful.

Mr. Charles Nordhoff has been for some time engaged in collecting the materials for a detailed account of the Communist Societies now existing in the United States. For this purpose he has been visiting and personally examining all of these societies—no slight undertaking; as they are scattered from Maine to Oregon. He proposes to give an account of the religious creeds and practices, the peculiar social customs and regulations, the history and present numbers, conditions and industries of each society.

BREAKFAST.—Epps's Cocoa.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well-selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills."—Civil Service Gazette. Made simply with boiling water or milk. Each packet is labelled—"James Epps & Co., Homoeopathic Chemists, London."



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