

LOCAL AND DISTRICT.

News Notes and Pithy Paragraphs from Correspondents and Exchanges.

A Good Growth.

Mr. James Buchanan, of Larga, has a field of wheat of such rapid growth that the straw is already lodged. This is a very unusual sight in this part of Canada for the third week in May.

Stallion Dead.

The French stallion, Bank of England, the property of Constable L. W. Walker, of Lawrence, died Friday from indigestion. He was sired by Old Bank of England, and was valued by Mr. Walker at \$1,000. Mr. Walker will be out between \$800 and \$900 through the loss of the stallion this season alone. The stallion was insured for \$500.

Fryer Gets off With a Light Sentence.

Geo. J. Fryer, the absconding Glencoe express agent, having been convicted of forgery, was arraigned for sentence. Mr. Justice Street said that in view of the fact that Fryer had paid the forged note before maturity, and taking other things into consideration, he would give him a light sentence. He sent him to the Kingston Penitentiary for two years.

A Scoundrel's Work.

Mr. D. A. Whyte, one of the Whyte Brothers, musical evangelists, bought a farm near Canning, Brant county, and put in a saw mill. It soon became evident that he had incurred the ill-will of some revengeful being. Spikes were driven into logs which destroyed the teeth of the saws. This was followed by the burning of a pile of valuable lumber. Then, on or about the 1st of April last, the house and stables upon the place were burned. The house was unoccupied at the time and fire was seen issuing from it at the same time that the barns were seen to be afire.

This is Right.

At the Provincial Board of Health meeting at Toronto Friday, a report was submitted and adopted, dealing with the transportation of dead bodies over railway lines. Some of the recommendations were: So long as bodies are transmitted by rail, we would recommend that the following be absolutely forbidden, viz: Diphtheria, anthrax, scarlet fever, measles, puerperal fever. In those cases where corpses are transmitted it is the opinion of this board that inasmuch as undertakers are not examined or licensed in this province at present it is imperative that a supervision for the preparation of the body, and the whole details of the funeral be supervised by the medical health officer, whose affidavit must be had that every precaution under the public health law has been taken.

The Northwest Flour Trade.

Minneapolis, Minn., May 15.—Although fifteen mills ran to a greater or less extent last week the aggregate production of flour for this week was only 34,070 barrels, against 88,220 the previous week, and 170,300 barrels for the corresponding week in 1888. Fifteen mills are in operation again to-day, and indications point to quite a gain in the output for the week. Most of the mills got some orders ahead last week, and though the demand is lighter now they are grinding stronger to fill them. Nearly 50,000 barrels of flour, mostly patents, were withdrawn from store at Duluth during last week, leaving 156,000 in store there Saturday. Considerable held in store here is also being shipped. The direct exports of flour for the week were 35,000 barrels, against 40,500 barrels the preceding week.

Groer Gets a Caning.

A number of the friends of Mr. Groer, recognizing his valuable services during the small-pox scare, assembled at Partridge's hotel on Wednesday evening last and presented him with an address and a gold-headed cane. The chair was occupied by Peter Stalker and T. W. Kirkpatrick acted as vice-chairman. The following toasts were drunk and responded to: "The Queen," "Dominion Legislature," T. W. Kirkpatrick and J. A. McKillop; "Guest of the evening," Municipal institutions, J. J. Stalker; Mercantile interests, D. McPherson, and H. McColl; "Railroads," Messrs. Armstrong and McMillan, of Rodney; "Farming interests," J. Barber and J. J. Stalker; "Press," G. W. Wray; "Ladies," J. A. McKillop and A. Partridge. After the program had been disposed of the party proceeded to Welch's house, which was burned together with the contents. In the afternoon the Welch's has been provided with new clothing and immediately set out on foot for Iona.—Advance.

Totally Annihilated.

A frightful accident occurred on the Michigan Central Railway Wednesday night about a mile east of Buxton. On the arrival of the train at Ridgeway, Engineer Lawlor and Conductor Cole of No. 20 express reported that they had struck what they believed to be a number of cattle on the track at some point between Tilbury and Fargo. About an hour afterwards Conductor Hannon in charge of an extra westbound freight, reported that he had found on the track about a mile east of Buxton the dead bodies of a man and a horse, and the remains of a vehicle which had been totally demolished. From papers found in the dead man's pocket it was discovered that his name was Jack Bechard, and that he resided in Dever South. It is supposed that he was driving over the crossing and was struck by No. 22 express, with the result stated.

Canadian Shipbuilding.

An event of importance in the annals of shipbuilding on the shores of our great lakes has just occurred at the pretty town of Owen Sound, Ontario. We refer to the launching of the new C. P. R. steel steamship, "Manitoba." The first steel boats built for the C. P. R., for their Lake Superior service, came from the dockyards of the Clyde three years ago. The wreck of one—the Algoma—made another boat necessary, and then Canadian genius and enterprise put in a bid for the work. The contract went to Canadians and from the dockyards at Owen Sound, the other day, eleven months from the day that the order was received, was launched the largest vessel on inland waters in the world. The Manitoba is 305 feet long, 38 feet beam, 13 feet draught, and has a capacity of 3,500 tons. The engines are of 3,000 horse power; there are three steel spars and seven bulkheads. The boat cost in the neighborhood of \$2,500.

A Boy Murderer.

Chicago, May 17.—Frank Jasinski, aged 16, stepped out in front of his father's saloon last night with a rifle in his hand. Glancing down the street he saw Frank Kiowski, a lad of his own age standing in the front door of his home. Jasinski raised the rifle, took deliberate aim, and fired. Kiowski fell, the ball having passed through his body two inches above the heart. Jasinski then coolly took aim and fired at another acquaintance, Mike McKay, who stood at the front door of his home, 100 feet away, and Mike fell to the ground, the ball having entered six inches below the left shoulder blade. Jasinski belongs to the gang of which young Kubrowski, who shot a lad named Triner last Sunday night, was a member. Jasinski had in his room a "Wild West" outfit, including knives and revolvers, and a lot of flash literature.

Ohio Road Making.

The suggestion regarding the importance of a better system of rural road making having proved fruitful of discussion, the following from S. J. Woolly, of Franklin county, Ohio, in the German town Telegraph will be of interest: I will give a little experience of my 60 years' observation in road making in Ohio. Many years ago this State had as bad roads as could be found anywhere; but now she has the best roads and the best system of making them perhaps of any State in the Union. In the early days of Ohio, roads were made by scraping from either side of the road to the center, leaving ponds of water on either side of the road to soak the roadbed. Roads made in this way, if the season was dry, would not be entirely flattened out and be as bad as ever until the next spring. The only successful system of road making is to lay a string of tile on either side of the road bed of sufficient depth, from three to five feet, by this system a good solid road bed can be made in black alluvial land. A tile drain will more thoroughly drain a road than open ditches on the sides. If the money and labor expended on the roads were expended in an intelligent and scientific manner, we would have much better roads, with at least one-tenth of the expense. A string of tile on either side of a road, four feet deep, will make a much more solid and drier road bed than one raised four feet above the surface and not drained, and at half the expense. On a side hill, a string of tile on the upper side is sufficient. Tile is not needed all the way along all roads. Some lands are well drained by nature, but where draining is needed tile should always be used if possible, as they drain land so much better and more perfectly than the open ditches.

DRESS GOODS!

LADIES, We want you all to see our stock of new dress goods, The largest by far we have ever shown. The choicest new colorings, such as Santel-Santel Mixes, Mahogany, Cadet, Saphyre, Lizard, Vieux Rose, Reed and Serpnet Greens. These colors being especially in demand this season. We show all these shadings in both double and single fold goods with a grand assortment of new and suitable trimmings to match everything. Gimps, Sectional Braids, Passamenter etc. Grand display of Black and Colored Silks, Marvileux and Failus. Beautiful new goods in mantle goods, Flouncing Laces &c. If you want the correct and most stylish thing don't fail to see our immense stock.

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