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A ... has been raised against King William because, when Napoleon threw down his sword, the "Teuton with the yellow hair," did not strike his tents and march home to the Fatherland.—While Napoleon was, of course, the instigator of this diabolical war, every one knows he had half a million Frenchmen at his back to help him to wage it, and eager to crowd to the left bank of the Rhine, and overrun, if they could, the whole of that fertile land. The entire French nation must now stand the consequences. King William and his advisers would have been worse than madmen to evacuate France under the circumstances, leaving the French hosts disorganized and leaderless to run riot as they pleased. The unwillingness of Prussia to enter into an armistice has also been exaggerated by Jules Favre, no doubt to stir up the resistance of the Republican leaders. It is clear now that Bismarck would, under reasonable conditions, have entered into the very truce wanted to give opportunity for further negotiations. The French people doubtless sigh for peace, but the frothy politicians are just in their element on the surface of a commotion. The surrender of Paris has been refused and a bombardment begun, but the moderation of Prussia, in carrying on the siege, is worthy of commendation. Rather, it seems, than be guilty of the barbarity of hastily destroying the beautiful city and sacrificing unnecessarily the lives of the inhabitants, Prussia is ready to winter around Paris. The alternative of starvation thus presented to the Parisians, may be said to be equally as cruel as swift destruction. Our hope is that very shortly the people will compel the self-elected republican government to open the gates. We believe nothing will save civil strife in France except a complete surrender to the Prussians of all the armies in the field. King William would then no doubt be magnanimous enough to grant honorable terms to France, and a stable government could be formed "broad-based upon the people's will." It is curious to remark the excitement the mere name of a republic causes among the restless and disaffected spirits of all lands. They worship as the goddess of liberty a dazzling phantasy of license and forget that in the background the "King of Terrors" is whetting his sword for carnage. No worse fate could befall the sunny land of France than have the reins of government snatched by the hot-headed irreconcileables of Imperial times. The anti-Prussian opinions expressed, in London, England, by Beazeley and his fellow chartists, are just as much the sentiments of Great Britain, as the opinions expressed by a meeting of Montreal fenians would be the sentiments of Canada. Prussian success, so far, has told in favor of the European party of progress, is hastening the advance of liberty in religion and equality in civil rights among all the Latin races, and will, we doubt not, do so to the end. Historians will dwell with emphasis on the moderation which has characterised the Prussians after victory. We shall much regret if the telegram i corroborated which announces that Garibaldi is about to throw himself into the struggle. Prussia deserves the moral credit of giving Rome to Italy; will not crush the genuine aspirations of France if once battle-cries were so silenced that the voice of the people could be heard; and we should be very sorry if the gallant Liberator, in mistaken enthusiasm, should aid the unreasoning "reds" to unleash the dogs of internecine strife and baptize the product a Republic.

FRUIT GROWING IN HURON.

From the address of Rev. H. Burnet, President of the Fruit Grower's Association, delivered at the meeting of that body on the evening of Tuesday, 4th October, we quote as follows:

"We are satisfied that the western borders of Lake Ontario; the northern of Lake Erie; the ridges of 'Long Point;' parts of Essex and Kent, and the shore of Lake Huron—as Bayfield, Goderich and Kincardine, will yet raise peach culture to an enviable eminence in our Province.—Nectarines flourish well in gardens as standards at Goderich and along Lake Huron from Sarnia to Kincardine. The inroads of that little Turk, the Curculio, is blamed for the almost total neglect of apricot, nectarine and peach culture; but as 'Eternal vigilance is the price of good fruit,' perhaps the blame ought to be laid at the door of our neglect. Many fruit-growers have overcome the unwelcome 'Turk,' and, once got rid of, a good crop is ensured.—Should any one hear me who may desire to enter upon apricot and nectarine cultivation, I strongly recommend, from my experience, that the trees be planted in a western exposure, of a house or other building, as the day is far gone before the sun gets round to shine on that aspect, when a frosty night night has rendered the branches and their sap-vessels liable to injury by the sun shining on and bursting them."

The question as to whether geological strata, as well as climatic conditions, do or do not influence the growth of fruit might be a profitable subject for discussion at our Horticultural Society meetings, and private investigation by our promologists. Hereare Mr. Burnet's remarks on the subject:—

"We are satisfied that attention has not been sufficiently directed to the geological strata of our country, and to the question of the influence of the different strata on fruit growing. Some years ago I was incidentally led in this direction, by the observation of the fact that the finer varieties of fruits flourished well in a friend's garden at Goderich. I tried to account for it, and passed in review before my mind the moderating influence of Lake Huron, and the height above the sea, but to the discomfiture of all my notions, I further found that the same fruits were only produced in certain localities, and not throughout the length of the district—Kincardine, Goderich and Bayfield. In looking at Sir Wm Logan's geological map, I saw that a certain formation cropped at these places, and from the fact that the varieties of fruit did not appear to do well at certain intermediate localities, where they had been tried and where a different prevailed, I was forced to the conclusion that the geological formation of a country has much to do with good fruit raising, and that the question of soil, now as of old, is of paramount importance to us as encouragers and directors of fruit growing. So impressed was I with this idea, when Mr Beadle and I prepared your last fruit report, that I then proposed a new distribution as a basis of comparison, viz:—a geological one instead of one into districts.—It has often happened that you get a report from two members living a stone throw from each other in the same district, in the same valley, on the same plateau, with similar exposures. Such reports are contradictory and unsatisfactory. Mention may be made of the same fruit trees, doing badly in one case and well in another.—Such reports are not only puzzling to compilers of statistics, but worthless as data on which to build up any practical plan and direction for local fruit growing. We would suggest that our Society should bring out the views of members on this point, give premium for the best essay on the different geological strata best adapted to fruit culture. It would ventilate this important subject, and nothing loses but mustiness by ventilation."

If such a classification as that mentioned below could be introduced into the prize-list of our Horticultural Society, it might induce a cultivation among amateurs of superior, though less marketable, varieties of apples and pears.

"This leads us to notice a distinctive feature of the prize catalogue of the present Provincial Exhibition, and that is the classifying the different kinds of pears and apples, and only bringing varieties of the same kind into comparison. We write in anticipation of the event, but we venture to augur that the display will exceed the most sanguine expectations of its promoters. The change, we believe, will work well, and simplify the labor of the judges. It is scarcely fair to ask a man to decide between a plate of Seckels and a plate of Bartletts. By the new mode the difficulty is obviated, and the decision is n 4 left to individual taste. We would like to see our Association introduce to general practice some discrimination between market varieties of apples, pears and plums, and those of higher flavor probably, but not so common on account of not carrying so well, or from some other such cause. Such discrimination in our prize exhibitions would go far to introduce a very general cultivation of apples and pears, which at present, for several reasons, are in abeyance. We might surely blend the profitable, the beautiful, and the pleasant, the interest of the nurseryman—the adornment of the orchard and table both of the farmer and professional man."

GODERICH HARBOR.

The Hon. M. Langevin, Commissioner of Public Works, arrived at Goderich on Saturday night on board the *Prince Alfred*, and during his stay resided with M. C. Cameron, Esq., M. P. As previously intimated, the Hon. gentleman is at present on a tour of inspection of Public Works on the Lakes and Rivers. He accordingly inspected the Goderich Harbor and freely informed several of our citizens that the Government had definitely decided to construct a Harbor of Refuge at this port. Tenders for the work would be advertised for this week, so that they might be opened by the first week of November. It was the intention of the department to secure all the necessary timber this winter, and the work would be proceeded with immediately on the opening of spring. Every shadow of doubt as to the intentions of Government is now removed, and our citizens may rest perfectly satisfied that the good news is true. Mayor Hays, on behalf of the Town, invited the Hon. gentleman to a public breakfast at 8 o'clock on Monday morning. Mr. Langevin expressed his deep regret at being compelled to decline the invitation, as he had, that day, to inspect the disputed location of the St. Clair Flats Canal, which would necessitate him leaving at 1 a. m. He expressed his intention of returning next summer with other members of the cabinet, when he would have pleasure in accepting the hospitalities of the town.

PRESBYTERIAN UNION.

There assembled at Montreal, on Wednesday, 28th September, a convention of the various delegates appointed by Presbyterian Churches in British North America, to consider a basis of ecclesiastical Union. Out of 25 delegates appointed 22 were present, whose names are as follows:

"Rev Dr Cook, Rev Principal Snodgass, Hon A Morris, and Messrs Jas Crocland McDougall, of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland; the Rev Drs Taylor and Topp, Rev Robert Ure, Hon Mr McMurrich, Messrs David McKay and Thos Macrae, of the Canada Presbyterian Church; Rev Allan Pollock, Rev Donald Macrae, Rev G M Grant, Hon John Robertson, Hon John Holmes and Jas J Bremner, of the Church of Scotland in the Maritime Provinces; Rev Drs Baine, Jas Bennett, G Christie, and Messrs Henry Webster and David Laird, of the Presbyterian Church of the Lower Provinces."

After an earnest and harmonious deliberation of two days duration, the Committee unanimously agreed to report to their several churches, the following, as a practicable basis of union:—

"1st. That the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, being the infallible Word of God, are the supreme standard of faith and manners. 2nd, That the Westminster Confession of Faith shall be the subordinate standard of this Church, it being understood that full liberty of opinion in regard to the power and duty of the civil magistrate in matters of religon as set forth in the said confession be allowed; and second, that the use of the shorter catechism be enjoined as an authoritative exposition of doctrine for the instruction of the people. 3rd. That this Church shall maintain fraternal relations with Presbyterian Churches holding the same doctrine, government and discipline, and that ministers and probationers shall be received into the Church subject to such regulations as the Church may from time to time adopt."

All who desire the progress of Christianity, must rejoice to see the increasing tendency among the churches of all denominations to eliminate unnecessary dividing lines and present a united front to the common foe.

Provincial Exhibition.

We conclude the list of prizes taken by exhibitors from Huron, as follows:—

JAMES MCDONAGH, Colborne, 1st prize for best 3 years old Agricultural Stallion, 1st prize for Best yearling filly.

CHARLES MASON, Tuckersmith, 1st prize for best 3 years old heavy draught stallion.

G WILLIAMSON, Seaforth, 2d prize for Wooden plough.

PETER GRANT, Clinton, 3d prize for horse pitchfork and tackle.

The receipts at the gates amount to about $17,589 which would make the number of visitors nearly 70,000. The Show, take it all in all, is pronounced a success.

GUNBOAT PRINCE ALFRED.

(By Special Telegraph to the 'Signal')

WINDSOR OCT. 10th, 1870.

To-day the gunboat *Prince Alfred* arrived here at noon from Sault Ste Marie, via Goderich, with the Minister of Public Works on board, passing through the new canal on the St Clair flats to allow Mr Langevin to inspect the disputed location. Our American cousins are likely to find themselves handsomely sold for once. The minister has just left this to complete his tour by inspecting the Welland Canal. The *Prince Alfred* will sail hence to-morrow for Sarnia.

CANADA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. — A full report of the meeting of the Presbytery of Huron at Goderich, will appear in our next.

DUNGANNON PRIZE-LIST.—We regret, and would beg to apologize for, having omitted the following:—Quilt or Cotton, 1st Miss Johnston, 2d Mrs W Crawford, 3d Mrs Thomas Disher.

Mrs. Archibald left Toronto for Manitoba yesterday.

Town Talk.

MARKET REPORT.—Our subscribers will understand that from this out we are going to the expense of getting by telegraph the markets of Montreal, Clinton and Seaforth. We have arranged with the Montreal Telegraph company to supply us twice every week, on the day of our publication. We are this year incurring the additional cost of getting Montreal prices that the farmers may know exactly what is doing at headquarters and what wheat buyers here should pay them.

APPRECIATION We recently heard several Clintonians give utterance to a truth which is everywhere acknowledged but not always as fully as it deserves. It was—that but for Mr Platt's energetic, persistent and 'never give up' style of drilling for oil (rewarded by salt) at the old Goderich well the saline deposits at Goderich, Clinton and Seaforth might not have been discovered this century. That's so, Mr. Platt deserves the credit and ought to get it, of being the means of discovering an inexhaustible source of wealth to the County of Huron.

HURON SEEDLING—Mr. James Wilkinson, Goderich Township, has just presented us with some beautiful specimens of this apple. In appearance it looks like a snow apple of twice the usual size, is not to be surpassed for richness of flavor by any fall apple we know, and now occupies the very highest place in all catalogues. As many of our readers know, the variety was raised from seed, by Mr Daniel Wilkinson, some 35 years ago.

EXPORT OF CATTLE. 46 head of young cattle, of an average live weight of 927 pounds passed through Goderich on Monday, on the way to southern markets.

YOUNG MENS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION—A public meeting will be held in the Temperance Hall, this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock. The exercises will consist of a reading, an essay and an address. Ladies and gentleman, young and old, are cordially invited to attend.

CHEAP EXCURSION.—On the occasion of the races at Brantford, 13th and 14th inst., the Grand Trunk R R. will issue return tickets from Goderich to Brantford and back for $2 80.

PLATT'S EVAPORATOR —We are glad to hear Mr Platt is receiving numerous applications from parties desirous of purchasing the right to manufacture salt by his patent process.

PENNY READINGS.—The first of the series came off in the Temperance Hall, on Friday evening, 7th inst, with a capital programme and a good audience. The readers were Dr. McLean, Messrs T J. Garrow, Alexander Cameron, James Young, and W F P. Smart. The Hon Alex. Vidall, of Sarnia, who happened to be present, recited in an admirable manner a beautiful poem from the pen of N. P. Willis. Our old favorites Capt. Thomson and Mr Harry Smith sang several solos and duetts and Miss Passmore made her *debut* in a pretty and touching, little song which she rendered very pathetically. Rev Charles Fletcher occupied the chair. This species of entertainment gives promise, this season, of far out stripping even its former popularity.

THE NEW SCHOOL HOUSE, in St. David's Ward is a very tasteful structure and a great ornament to that section of the town; while about the usefulness and necessity of it there can be no two opinions. We trust some good angel will ere long prompt Mr. Herr to remove the unsightly and ricketty log house which at present mars the appearance not only of the School House but also of his own brick dwelling.

ST. ANDREWS MANSE.—We are glad to see this building taking such a handsome shape. We believe it is to be of the same style of architecture as the house presently occupied by Mr. Smaill, acknowledged to be the most graceful in town. The total cost will be about $2000. $1300 of which are already provided.

VEGETABLES—If you want to see corn 13 feet high and Scotch 'kail' with the genuine curl, Mr T Andrews will show them to you in the market-house. His specimens would be very hard to beat.

OYSTER SUPPER.—Saturday evening last, Mr W. M Coxthe new landlord of the Huron Hotel of this town gave an oyster supper to a number of our citizens. The bivalves were served up in fine style, and better still in unlimited quantities, as were also the concomitants of turkey, ham, etc. The evening was spent most pleasantly in song and toast—not forgetting, of course, the host and hostess. The assembly broke up early on account of its being Saturday evening. Capt Cox knows, evidently, how to keep a hotel and is determined to keep up the reputation of the Huron in that respect.

A HIGH-CLASS NOVEL.—As soon as ever the agricultural shows are over, we intend to commence the publication, in regular instalments, of a novel of intensely thrilling interest from the graceful pen of Henry Kingsley. The tale will spread over the four or five winter months and will, we are sure, be very acceptable to our readers. Parties who are not already subscribers will do well to forward their names to us at once, so that they may have the story complete.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES.- Many of the Trustees being engaged at the Provincial Exhibition, the regular meeting will be held on Thursday, 13th October, instead of on the first Thursday of the month as usual.

NAMING THE PRICES.—In this issue the reader will notice R B. Smith's quotations. His stock is very large and suitable for the season and he always does as he says.

PRICES REDUCED FOR THIRTY DAYS.—Preparatory to moving to New Store, Geo Acheson has announced a great reduction of prices for 30 days. Bargains may be expected.

NEW FIRE COMPANY.—On Thursday, 6th inst., a meeting was held in the Fireman's Hall when 25 smart young fellows formed themselves into "Union Fire Co. No. 1," and appointed Mr Hadley their first Engineer. We hope they will take a pride in thoroughly understanding their work and having their engine always efficient.

EAST WAWANOSH.—Mr Jas Tisdale, who is about giving up farming, has instructed Mr McKay to sell by auction, on his farm lot 29, con 8, the entire stock of Horses, Cattle and implements, at 11 a. m., on Friday, 14th inst.

EXTINCTION OF COPPERS.—After this date, bear in mind, the old Canadian coppers and pennies go for one and two cents. Articles are to be reckoned no more in coppers and pennies, but in cents. Coppers and pennies will hereafter be taken at the Custom Houses, Post Offices, and stores at one and two cents. It is the interest of all to fall in with this arrangement.

CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS—We are happy to be able to chronicle a steady, marked improvement in this always handsome illustrated weekly. The leggotypes are getting more and more distinct in outline and show to better advantage on the pure, white paper now used than they did on the tinted sheet. Canadians could buy no better educator for the 'eye' of childhood, nor could they send to their friends in the States or on the 'old sod' a more interesting remembrancer.

SUCCESS AT THE FISHING ISLANDS.—We are very glad to hear that our Goderich fishermen are catching up the lake all the fish they can possibly handle. They will now be compensated for the comparatively poor take during the summer. So far, the large proportion of the catch is trout, herring having not yet gone north.

Charles Mair, with press, types, and goods, has left Windsor for Red River.

REMOVAL.—We notice Mr. W. M. Savage has moved his Stock to his new Store next door to Mr. Kerr's, When all the new Stores are opened, the square will look "Shent per Shent" better.

FIRE.—On Monday morning last the large frame barn belonging to Mr. Lamont, near Z tland was burned to the ground, with all its contents. The loss will be very heavy as the building contained the whole of his year's crop.

Bluevale and Wingham Fall Show.

PRIZE LIST.

HORSES.—Span draught Horses, 1st R. Hastings. Span general purpose Horses, 1st P Davis, jr.; 2nd Jas Nichol; 3rd S Black. Span carriage Horses, 1st Joseph Richardson. Brood Mare and Foal, 1st Geo Harris; 2d J Farrow; 3d Wm Henderson. Two year old Colt, entire, 1st J Brandon; 2d R Johnston. Two year old Colt or Filly, 1st L Lovelle; 2d G Harris; 3d D Geddis. One year old Colt or Filly, 1st J Richardson; 2d D Geddis; 3d R Johnston. Saddle Horse, 1st J Gardner; 2d R Sanburn; 3rd Wm Gordon.

CATTLE - Bull 3 years old and upwards, 1st J Deacon; 2d G Harris; 3rd R Currie. Two year old Bull, 1st G McKay. Milch Cow, 1st S Black, 2d Wm Smith, 3d S Black; Two year old Heifer, 1st G Cottis, 2d J Robertson; 3d J Robertson; One year old Heifer, 1st Wm Smith, 2d H Caesar, 3d A Reid; Yoke of working Oxen, 1st Wm Anderson, 2d W Isbister, 2d S Black, Four year old Steers, 1st T Jenkins; Bull Calf, 1st R Currie 2d G McKay; Beeve, 1st and 2d Wm Smith.

SHEEP.—Leicester Ram, aged, 1st L Lovelle, 2d J Nichol; Leicester Shearling Ram, 1st R Richardson, 2d J Nichol; Leicester Ram Lamb, 1st J Nichol, 2d R Richardson; Cotswold Ram, aged, 1st Jno Perdue; Pair Ewes, 1st R Richardson, 2d J Nichol; Pair Shearling Ewes, 1st Geo McKay, 2d J Nichol; Pair Ewe Lambs, 1st J Nichol; 2d R Richardson; Fat Sheep, 1st and 2nd J Nichol.

SWINE.—Large breed, Boar, age considered, 1st J Farrow, 2d H Caesar; Sow, age considered, 1st H Caesar Small breed, Boar, age considered, 1st J Hendry, 2d Wm Isbister; Sow, age considered, 1st J Hendry, 2d Duncan King.

GRAIN.—Two bushels Fall Wheat, 1st J Gallagher, 2d Farrow; Two bushels Spring Wheat, 1st W Smith; Two bushs Barley, 1st J Hendry; 2d R Hastie, Two bushels Oats, 1st J Hendry, 2d G Cultis; Two bushels Peas, 1st J Hendry, 2d G Cultis, 3d J Richardson; Half bush Timothy Seed, 1st G D Johnston, 2d Wm Smith; Half bush Corn in ear, 1st A Reid, 2d D Craig. 100 lbs Flour, 1st and 2d W H Leech.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Five lbs Butter, 1st L Lovell, 2d R Millan; Ten lbs Cheese, 1st T Anderson, 2d G W Harris.

ROOTS AND VEGETABLES.—Bushel Potatoes, any kind, 1st R Hasting, 2d Wm Isbister, 3d J Nichol; Half dozen Swede Turnips, 1st L Lovell; 2d J Hendry, 3d S Black; Half doz Mangle Wurtzel, 1st, W J Johnston, 2d J Farrow; Field Carrots, 1st J Hendry, 2d W J Johnston; Garden Carrots, 1st Thos Anderson, 2d J Thornington; One doz Onions, 1st R T Sibbald, 2d T Anderson; Doz Apples, 1st J Robertson, 2d R Richardson; Half doz Cabbage, 1st D King; 2d J Thornington; 1 doz Plums, 1st J Thornington; Pumpkin, 1st Alex Campbell, 2d J Anderson; Squash, 1st D King, 2d W H Leech; Three Citrons, 1st Alex Campbell, 2d J McKay; Twelve Tomatoes, 1st and 2d W H Leech; Beets belonging to J McKay were highly recommended.

FARMING IMPLEMENTS—Buggy—1st and 2d H Davis Plough, 1st and 2d W R Wilson. Set Harrows, 1st H Davis. Grain Cradle, 1st W Gordon; Churn, 1st John Korman; 2d do. Pair of Fine Boots, 1st J Sherritt; Pair Coarse Boots, 1st J Sherritt; Two Sides Calf Leather, 1st W Gordon.

POULTRY—Pair Geese, 1st and 2d H Caesar; Pair Turkeys, 1st and 2d H Caesar; Fowls, 1st and 2d John Whiteman Ducks, 1st and 2d H Caesar.

LADIES WORK.—Quilt in Patchwork, 1st Mrs Dr Tamlyn; 2d Mrs W H Leech. Quilt in Raised Work, 1st and 2d Mrs J Robertson; Five yards Satinet, 1st H Caesar; 2d G Johnston; Five yards Flannel Plaid, 1st J Gallagher, 2d Reuben Sanburn; Ditto Plain, 1st W J Johnston; Pair Socks, 1st Mrs Thos Anderson; Pair Blankets, 1st J Gallagher 2d W J Johnston; Pair Mits, Mrs T Anderson; Raised Worsted Work, 1st Mrs J Robinson 2d Mrs Thomas Farrow: Fancy Knitting, 1t Mrs Leech 2d Mrs Tamlyn; Tatting, 1st Mrs Tamlyn 2d Mrs W Gordon; Braiding 1st Mrs Gordon, 2d Mrs Robertson; Embroidery, 1st Mrs Tamlyn, 2d Mrs Gallaghar; Fancy Work in Berlin Wool, 1st Mrs Hobblethwaite; Case of Artificial Flowers, 1st Mrs Leech 2d Mrs Gordon; Business Hand Writing 1st T Farrow.

Wroxeter Fall Show.

PRIZE LIST.

1ST CLASS—HORSES

Span Draught Horses, 1st prize Crocket Willits; 2nd, Robert McKee. Span General Purpose Horses—1st prize Alex. Thompson; 2nd, John Gallagher; 3rd, Jas. Nichol. Brood Mare and Foal, 1st prize Geo. Harris; 2nd Geo. Harris; 3rd, Alex Thompson. Two year old gelding 1st John Gallagher; 2nd, Lawrence Lovell. Two year old Filly, 1st Wm. Douglas; 2nd, Geo. Harris; 3rd, Rich Miller. Yearling Colt, 1st Chas. McTavish; 2nd, E. Keiffer; 3rd, John Gemmill, sen. Saddle Horse or Mare, 1st Alex, Johnston; 2nd, Alex Finlay. Yearling Filly, 1st Robt. McLaughlin; 2nd, Alex. Thompson; 3rd, Reuben Sanburn. Entries 41.

2ND CLASS—CATTLE.

Durham Bull, 1st Lawrence Lovell; 2nd, Geo Harris. Durham Cow, 1st Wm. Sanderson, 2nd, Wm. Thompson; 3rd, Wm. Sanderson. Bull, aged considered 1st Samuel Johnston. Yearling Bull, 1st Geo. H. Moffat; 2nd, Wm. Sanderson; 3rd, Joseph Anderson. Milch Cow, 1st Geo. Fortune; 2nd, Robt. Gibson; 3rd, Robt, Gibson. Yoke of Oxen, 1st Crocket Willits; 2nd. John McTavish; 3rd, Andrew Mitchell. Two year old Heifer, 1st John McTavish; 2d, C. McTavish; 3d, Wm. Sanderson. One year old Heifer, 1st Wm. Sanderson; 2d Robt. Gibson; 3d, D. McMean. Three year old steers, 1st Wm. Douglas; 2d, L. Lovell; 3d, J. McTavish. Two year old steers, 1st L. Lovell; 2d, John McTavish. Yearling Steers, 1st Wm. Douglas. Bull Calf, 1st John Gemmill, sen.; 2d, Duncan McLean. Heifer Calf, 1st D. McLean. Fat Beeve, 1st Wm. Douglas; 2d, do; 3d, do.—Entries 63.

3RD CLASS—SHEEP.

Ram, age considered, 1st Jas. Nichol; 2d, L. Lovell; 3d, Robt. McLaughlin. Ram Lamb, age considered. 1st Jas. Nichol; 2d, H. Hamilton, senr.; 3d, Robt. Richardson; 2d, Jas. Nichol; 3d, Jas. Nichol. Ewe having raised lambs in 1870, 1st Robt. Richardson; 2d, Jas. Nichol; 3d, Jas Nichol. Ewe Lamb, 1st Jas Nichol; 2d. Joseph Anderson; 3d, Jas. Nichol. Shearling Ewe, 1st Jas. Nichol; 2d Saml. Johnston; 3d Saml. Johnston. Fat Sheep, 1st Jas. Nichol; 2nd, Jas. Nichol: 3rd, John Knox.—Entries 50.

4TH CLASS—SWINE.

Boar, age considered, 1st E. Keiffer; 2d, H. Hamilton, sen.; 3d, Thos Pope. Brood Sow, 1st J. Gallagher; 2d, Crocket Willits; 3d, Jas. Doubledee. Spring Pigs, age considered, 1st Jas. Doubledee; 2d, John Gallagher; 3d, Ruben Sanburn.—Entries 17.

5TH CLASS—GRAIN.

Two bush. Fall Wheat, 1st John Gallagher 2d, J s. Woods; 3d, D. Weir. Two bush. Spring Wheat, 1st John McTavish; 2d, D. McLean. Two bush. Barley, 1st Samuel Johnston; 2d, John McTavish; 3d, N. Young. Two bush. White Oats, 1st John McTavish; 2d, Alex. Johnston; 3d, Joseph Anderson. Two bush. Black Oats, 1st Joseph Anderson. Two bush. Peas, 1st Geo. Fortune; 2d, Joseph Anderson; 3d, Joseph Anderson.—Entries 30.

6TH CLASS—DAIRY.

Twenty pounds packed Butter, 1st L Lovell; 2d. D. McLean; 3d, E. Keiffer. Five pounds fresh Butter, for table use, 1st T. W. Irwin; 2d, Andrew Hinmason; 3 d, Saml. Johnston Ten pound: Cheese, 1st Geo. Harris; 2d. J. Knox. Factory made Cheese, 1st R. McKee.—Entries 29.

7TH CLASS—ROOTS, &c.

½ bushel Timothy Seed, 1st R. Richerdson; 2d. E. Keiffer. Dozen Tomatoes, 1st N. Allen; 2d, R. Dixon. Bag of Flour, 1st Jas. Woods, Dozen ears of Corn, 1st Andrew Mitchell; 2d, Mrs Days. Hotel. Bushel Potatoes, Early Rose—1st prize L. Lovell; 2nd, Saml. Warnock. Bushel Potatoes, Goodrich, 1st C R Cooper, 2d J Gemmill; Bushel Potatoes, Cups, 1st J Knox, 2d R Sanburn; Bushel Potatoes, any other kind, 1st J Kuntson, 2d S Warnock, 3d J Nichol; Bushel Swede Turnips, 1st D McLean, 2d G Moffatt, 3d E Keiffer; Bushel Turnips any other kind, 1st E Keiffer, 2d Wm Douglas, 3d Saml Johnston; ½ doz Mangold Wurtzel, 1st S Warnock, 2d D Weir; ½ doz. Beets, 1st E Keiffer, 2d Wm Robinson, 3d J Gemmill; ½ dozen Belgian Carrots, 1st S Warnock, 2d A Mitchell, 3d L Lovell. ½ dozen any other kind. 1st H Bowyer, 2d H Hamilton, 3rd Wm Robinson. ½ dozen Parsnips 1st D Gemmell. Peck Onions, 1st Saml Johnston, 2d E Keiffer, 3rd H Bowyer.—3 heads Cabbage, 1st Mrs Days, 2d Jas Woods, 3rd H Bowyer. 3 heads Cauliflowers, 1st Jas Woods. Dozen Apples, 1st Wm Thompson, 2d J Martin, 3rd A Mitchell Half dozen Pears, 1st D Weir. Dozen Crab Apples, 1st R Dickson, 2d F W Irwin, 3rd Mrs Days. Collection of Apples, 1st John Martin. 3 bunches Grapes, 1st Mrs Days, 2d Mrs Days. Dozen Plums, 1st John McTavish, 2d J Gemmill. 2 Squash, 1st Wm Lawrie. 2d John Miller, 3rd John Knox. 2 Khol Rabi, 1st John Miller, 2d John Miller, 3rd John Miller.—Entries 166.

8TH CLASS—DOMESTIC.

Factory Fabrics, 1st Robt. Forsyth; 2d, Robt. Forsyth. 10 yards home spun Cloth, 1st D Weir, 2d R Sanburn, 3rd Josh Anderson. 7 yards home spun Flannel, 1st E Keiffer, 2d R Sanburn, 3d John Gemmill. 10 yards home spun Drugget, 1st E Keiffer, 2d John Knox, 3d John Gallagher. Pound Yarn, 1st Mrs F W Irwin, 2d Mrs R Sanburn, 3d Mrs R Sanburn. Pair Women's Stockings, 1st Mrs Irwin, 2d Mrs Irwin, 3rd Mrs D Weir. Pair Socks, 1st Mrs J Woods, 2d Mrs F W Irwin, 3rd D Weir. Pair Mitts, 1st Mrs J Woods, 2d J Holland, 3rd J Holland. Patched Quilt, 1st Mrs J Sanderson, 2d D Gemmill, 3rd Mrs Sanderson. Coverlid, 1st E Keiffer, 2d E Keiffer, 3rd R McLaughlin. Fine Shirt, 1st Mrs John Gofton. Fine Coat, 1st J Kuntson, 2d R Dickson. 10 pounds Maple Sugar, 1st Joseph Anderson, 2d E Keiffer Loaf of Bread, 3 lbs. or over, 1st J Moffatt, 2d H Hamilton, 3rd R Gibson. Pump, 1st John Holland. Scruffler, 1st Turnbull & Lockie, (Listowel). Buggy, 1st H Davis, 2d H Davis. (Wingham.) Plough, 1st W R Wilson, (Ainleyville), 2d Turnbull & Lockie. Lumber Waggon, Wooden Axle, 1st W G Hay, (Listowel), 2d R Parker, (Wroxeter) Lumber Waggon, Iron Axle, 1st S Playford. Light Waggon, 1st R Parker. Democrat Waggon, 1st W G Hay. Wooden Harrows, 1st Josh Hall, 2d J E Moore. Sleigh or Bobs, 1st H Bowyer. Set Horse Shoes, hammered, 1st R Parker, 2d Josh Hall. Collection of Cooper Work, 1st Wm Robinson, 2d Wm Robinson. Assortment Cabinet Ware, 1st N Allen, 2d N Allen. Entries 69.

9TH CLASS, LADIES' DEPARTMENT.

Crochet Work in Wool, 1st Mrs J Sanderson; 2d Mrs A L Gibson, 3rd R Gibson. Crochet work in Cotton, 1st F W Irwin. Embroidery on Muslin, 1st John Gofton, 2d John Gofton. Berlin Wool Work, raised, 1st J Sanderson, 2d C R Cooper, 3rd N Young. Berlin Wool Work, flat, 1st A L Gibson, 2d J Sanderson, 3rd, R Gibson. Berlin Wool Worz, flowers, 1st J Sanderson. Bead Work, 1st Miss Harris. Mosaic Patch Work in silk, 1st J Sanderson. Fancy Knitting in Cotton, 1st F W Irwin. Fancy Knitting in Wool, 1st J Sanderson, 2d J Sanderson, 3rd N Young. Tatting, 1st N Young. Pearl Painting, 1st J Holland. Rag Matts, 1st J Moffatt, 2d J Moffatt, 3rd N Young. Crayon Drawing, 1st J Holland. Entries 66.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of the Signal:

MR. EDITOR,—As the time is fast approaching in which your worthy citizen, Mr. Ross, will again be in attendance to offer the Lands in arrears for Taxes for sale; and in his usual manner, inform the intending buyers that unless the lots sold them, will be redeemed within the year, then the County will give them a good and sufficient Deed or Deeds of the land sold, as the case may be The same language has been used by Mr Ross for years past, and had the deceptive influence over me, as well as others, which compels me to give this notice unto the unwary public.—Two years this fall, I purchased an unpatented lot, or part of a lot in the back part of the County of Huron, for which I paid within a fraction of $100, in cash; the lot was not redeemed; hence, one year thereafter I got a *supposed* good deed from the Treasurer and Warden of the County.—Resting contented that my title was everything it should be, I wrote to the Hon. Mr Richards, Toronto, to ascertain what I had to pay to obtain the Patent; and filed my deed in the office in Toronto. In the course of ten days I had a letter from Toronto informing me that the document I sent was duly received; but no further satisfaction, I went to Mr Ross and insisted that he should write the Government and get me the Patent. He told me to write again—I did so, and was treated the same as the first. I went again to Mr Ross—and what did he say, think ye? but that I must stand the brunt. This time he was rather cooler, and perfectly indifferent. In ordinary cases and course of business this would justly be called, obtaining money under false pretence, But this humbug is not yet done. Hark, a short time since I was called upon to give up the lot I bought to some one pretending to be the original purchaser, and was informed, and I believe correctly—that if I would refuse what I paid nineteen months before, and ten per cent thereon; I would get neither money or land. And mind you this was told me by an M. P. P., and one well qualified to tell facts. Is it not high time that the Government should either be compelled by the universal voice of the people to have the law so framed, that the innocent buyer would not be duped or deceived—or keep the land themselves for time immemorial, and pay the arrears for taxes to the County? Let the press, the noble engine for fair play—speak out, and the end sought for will be obtained, sure. Buyers, buyers, of unpatented land sold for taxes beware, and I remain your obedient servant,

J. C. McINTOSH.

Bayfield, Oct. 10th, 1870.

While quite willing to let our correspondent state the grievance he thinks he has had to endure, we must say:—1st That we do not think he has any reason to blame the Treasurer. The County can only transfer its own rights in Lands sold for Taxes. 2d Buyers of these lots always enter the market knowing the disabilities under which their purchase will labor for a certain number of years, and in consequence paying a price seldom equal to one-tenth of the value of the property. 3d To get back the original capital invested with 10 per cent interest, is not a misfortune to be very much cried over, especially when such a contingency was clearly understood at the time of making the investment.—*Ed. Signal.*

The War

Tours, Oct. 9.—Charles W. May, of Paris, formerly of New York, and W. W. Reynolds, of New York, furnish the following account of their trip in a balloon from Paris, which place they left at the same time with Gambetta, both balloons having risen at 11 o'clock on Friday morning. When about 800 yards up the wind died away, the balloon remaining stationary over the Prussian camp. Musketry was fired at the balloon, as also cannon, the party distinctly hearing the whiz of balls. The Prussians used fuses, endeavoring thereby to set fire to the balloon. Ballast was thrown out and the balloon moved gently away. During the trip, which lasted five hours, several attempts were made to land, but the presence of Prussians compelled the party to throw out ballast and rise again. They finally landed at Roy, in the department of Somme, where they were received warmly by the people on account of being Americans. They lost sight of Gambetta's balloon about 3 o'clock. Friday; it landed at Mont Didia, and they were joined by Gambetta at Amiens, whence they continued their journey by special train with him to Tours. Along the route Gambetta was enthusastically welcomed. The balloons were to have left Paris two days sooner, but were prevented by lack of wind. May and Reynolds reported the Parisians determined on the defence of the city, which is quiet and orderly. The voyagers said that it was impossible for the Prussians to capture Paris except through famine.

The appearance of Paris is much as usual. The shops are opened daily, but closed earlier than before the siege, as are also the cafes.

The Garde Nationale are constantly drilling, and full of a desire to fight to the last.

The "Journal Officiel" publishes answers of all Prefects to the circular issued by the Minister of the Interior at the date of the declaration of war. These despatches prove contrary to the assertions made at the time that the sentiment of the people was vastly in favor of peace.

The Diplomats still remaining in Paris met at the Papal Nuncio's to examine the condition they are placed in by the refusal of Count Bismarck to permit them to send out couriers unless their despatches are opened to which the diplomats unanimously refused to accede. This is to be signified to Bismarck, and if he persists, the diplomats will be forced to suspend all communications with their respective governments

Tours, Oct. 8.—Breton volunteers are ordered to march on the 11th from Abecy.

Besancon has been placed in a complete state of defence.

A large amount of artillery is being concentrated at Toulouse.

The fortifications of Lyons are advancing rapidly to completion.

Steam mitrailleuses, with a range of four thousand metres, are being manufactured at Lyons.

Covny, Oct 7, via London, Oct. 8.—Yesterday, when the French attacked General Kummer's pivision, the French Imperial Guard was engaged. The French diverted several divisions against the First and Tenth Prussian corps on the right bank of the Mosella, where the cannonading was severe The losses of Gen Kummer and of the Tenth Division am