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Guelph, September 23rd. d

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Guelph 29th July. dw

Evening Mercury.

OFFICE:.....MACDONNEL TREET

SATURDAY EVENING, OCT. 10, 1868.

Local News.

The Red River relief fund subscribed in Ottawa has reached $1,800.

It is reported that the French Minister of War is preparing to send 80,000 men to their homes.

Thomas Carlyle is said to be engaged in writing a life of George III., whom he proposes to make a hero.

Mr. Diamond, Editor of the Hastings *Chronicle*, Belleville, has been appointed Police Magistrate for that town.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Robert Campbell is a little better to-day.—The pain is not so intense, and last night he slept a little.

COUNT ROBERT OF PARIS—The 24th Part of the celebrated Black edition of the Waverly novels, price 15 cents, is to hand at Day's bookstore.

A Californian writer, after a florid article on Louis Napoleon, says: "It is about time the old bumer was getting ready to hand in his checks.

There is a lady in Boston who hasn't washed her face for 15 years. She thinks water injurious to the skin, and has used fine Indian meal in its place.

The Hook and Ladder Company will meet at Lindsay's Hotel, at half past o'clock on Monday evening. A full attendance of the members is requested.

At the nomination for Frontenac on Friday, Messrs D. C. Calvin and B. M. Britton were nominated. Considerable interest was shown by the electors in the contest.

At the regular meeting of the Presbytery of the Canada Presbyterian Church in Montreal, an application of the Rev. John Cooke for admission from the Wesleyan body, as missionary was refused.

The oil combination is starting new refineries into existence. There are no less than three under way at Oil Springs, two in Petrolia, and one here in Sarnia. The monopolists are not going to have their own way after all.

LITERARY MEN.—It is rumored that Calcraft is engaged in compiling a history of hangings down to the date of the abolition of public executions. He intends to call it *The Decline of the British Hempire*

Mr. McMullen, of the Brockville *Monitor*, entered a suit for libel some time ago against Mr. Kelly, proprietor of the *Canadian*, of the same town. The case came up at the late assizes, and the grand jury returned a verdict of "no bill."

Winter and Rubber Overshoes, an immense assortment, being the best and cheapest ever imported into Guelph, is now opening out at McMillian's Wellington Boot and Shoe manufactory, to be retailed at Montreal wholesale prices.

It is very seldom that the critic is so plain spoken as the Hampshire butcher was, who was asked what was his opinion of a country gentleman in the neighbourhood, "He! I don't know no good of him. He don't have his meat of me."

An attempt was made on Oct. 1st to assassinate the Viceroy of Egypt by dropping a steel ball, armed with sharp barbs, on his head, while he was passing through a narrow street in Cairo. He escaped uninjured. The perpetrator is unknown.

Before quitting Baden, the other Sunday, by the two o'clock train, a gentleman went to the gaming tables in travelling costume. On arriving at the station at half-past one, he said to one of his friends, "I have won while waiting for the train 200,000 francs," (£8,000.)

TWENTY NOTED BACHELORS.—Among distinguished bachelors were the following named noted men: Michael Angelo, Boyle, Newton, Locke, Bayle, Shenstone, Leibnitz, Hobbes, Voltaire, Pope, Adam Smith, Thompson, Akenside, Arbuthnot, Hume, Gibbon, Cowper, Goldsmith, Charles Lamb, Washington Irving.

Whelan continues in first-rate health. There is no change in his manner. He still denies his guilt, but hints that he knows something about the murder, by saying that it would be disgraceful to turn traitor. He sleeps soundly. The turnkey on his rounds in the middle of the night always finds him asleep.

MELANCHOLY.—Sandwich is in a bad way. The local correspondent of the Windsor *Dominion* gives the following melancholy picture of affairs: "Everybody is sick in town, some of us have got chili fever, some worms, and others diarrhœa. We repair every fine afternoon to the oil well for our health, and imagine we see faint visions of a watering place; we take lunch along, which generally consists of a corn dodger, rolled up in a judgment summons, that kind of paper being very plentiful, our credit is gone, but we still retain our respectability, save and except the Town Council."

TOLL GATE DIFFICULTY.—The Milton *Champion* says: An agitation is arising in the upper end of Esquesing, as to the ownership of the toll gate on the 7th line between Ballinafad and the railroad, and doubts are strongly expressed as to the legality of the gate. The company is long since broken up, but the tolls are still collected for the benefit of parties unknown. Mr. Phillips, the Secretary and Treasurer, shows by his books a surplus of $700, which he claims for his own services. No dividend has yet been received by the stockholders, and they are not likely to improve a non-paying road, so that is in a miserable state. Action ought to be taken at once to abolish the toll, as it is so detrimental to the interest of the Township, and especiall of Georgetown, that it should no longer be allowed. A prominent resident of Esquesing ran the gate a few weeks in order to test the question, but no complaint has yet been laid. Who will try it next?

PILKINGTON AGRICULTURAL SHOW.

(From our own Correspondent.)

The annual show of this Society was held in Elora on Thursday last, and proved a great success. The day was too cold to be pleasant outside, nevertheless there were more people in the village than we ever recollect to have seen on any former similar occasion. It was a sight which gladdened our hearts to see waggon after waggon drive to the door of the hall, laden with the fruits of the earth of the choicest description. The clock had tolled the hour of eleven ere the last article was placed in the position assigned it.—With feelings of pleasure we entered the commodious hall, pencil in hand, and our feelings were heightened at the sight of quilts of beautiful design and superb workmanship, which adorned the walls on either side, together with the fancy knitted and raised work. The east side of the building was allotted to the display of as fine a lot of turnips as ever graced a floor. Potatoes, which were in large quantities, were very superior, and many agriculturists were struck with amazement at their size and appearance. Cabbages were very good for this year, and made a rich display. Beets, onions, &c., were up to the average. The grain was large and plump, and of a good colour, but did not appear in large enough quantity to satisfy us. Butter was in profusion, and of a superior quality, and done up tastefully and elegantly. A couple of nice cheese were on exhibition. The display of apples was small, but the fruit was good. Honey in the comb formed a tempting feature of the show. A set of team harness, of good workmanship, added much to the appearance of the room.

The show outside was up to the mark in every respect, and much beyond what its most sanguine promoters anticipated. Messrs. J. & R. Hunter, A Aitchison, W. Murdock, J Hunter, J. & R. McQueen, J. Bonallie, and H. Larter were foremost with their superior grade and thoroughbred stock. Mr. Alex. Watt's yearling thorough bred bull, Mr. Aitchison's cow, and Mr. Hunter's two year old heifer were worth walking fifty miles to see. Twenty pens of superior sheep were shown, and a number of choice hogs. Cuthbert & Noble had a nice single buggy on the ground; H. & G. Hamilton exhibited a double waggon; as did also Garrard and Kenning; Mr George McInnes' ploughs attracted attention, but we missed Mr James Phelan, and his Canadian Sifters. One of the Judges remarked that the team horses, brood mares, and all the young animals in this class, were equal to any in the three counties. This says much for the enterprise of the men of Pilkington and Nichol. A continuation of their rapid advance in first-class stock will place the farmers of this fine township, in a few years, foremost in the rank of breeders and feeders. So mote it be.

THE DINNER

was given in Vicker's Royal Hotel, to which about fifty of the first farmers sat down. Major Bate filled the chair to the satisfaction of all, while Mr James Findlay acted as Croupier. It has been our lot to have attended agricultural dinners in the Centre, North, and South Ridings for the past ten years, but we must say that a better spread we never sat down to. Everything that could tempt the appetite was in profusion, and so nicely set that one would have imagined that he was in the first hotel in the Dominion. If Mrs. Vickers can't get up a dinner, then no one else can. Well did the host and hostess deserve the high enconiums passed upon them. Toast, song and sentiment whiled away the hours till midnight, and the company separated after having spent an evening which will remain fresh in the memory for years to come.

The Judges were:—Stock, Messrs. H. Snider, Conestoga, J Reading Guelph, J Oliver, Galt; Grain, roots, &c., Messrs. William Robinson, Fergus, C. Hendry, Conestoga, and J. Christie, Elora.

PRIZE LIST.

HORSES—Brood mares, W Thacker; 2d R Cromar. Colt foal, G Faskin; 2d R Cromar. Filly foal, W Thacker; 2d J Haig. Yearling colt, J & R Hunter; 2d W Short, Yearling filly, C Hay; 2d J McQueen. 2 year gelding, J Coutts; 2d R House. 2 year filly, T Pritchard; 2d J McQueen. Work horses, J Bonnallie; 2d J Grey; 3d A Watt. Hackneys, J Keith; 2d W Clarke. Carriage horses, J & R Hunter; 2d E Marshall.

THOROUGH-BRED CATTLE—Aged bull, A Aitcheson; 2d J & R Hunter; 3d A Watt. Yearling bull, A Watt; 2d G Leslie. Cows, J & R Hunter; 2d A McCrae; 3d A Watt. 2 years heifer, A Watt; 2d J McQueen. 1 year heifer, J & R Hunter; 2d A Watt. Bull calves, W Murdock; 2d J McQueen. Heifer calves, A McCrae; 2d A Watt. Working oxen, H Hall; 2d S Robb; 3d J Ross. Fat cattle, A Aitcheson; 2d J & R Hunter.

GRADE CATTLE—Milch cow, A Aitcheson; 2d H Larter; 3d J McQueen. 2 year heifer, A Aitcheson; 2d J & R Hunter. 1 year heifer, J & R Hunter; 2d A Watt. Heifer calf, H Larter; 2d J & R Hunter. Cow, where only one is kept, G Barron; 2d A Gordon.

SHEEP, LONG WOOLLED—Aged ram, E Marshall; 2d D McKay. Shearling ram, R Cromar; 2d Scott & Davidson. Pair ewes, D Foote. Shearling ewes, D Foote; 2d J Haig. Ram lamb, E Marshall; 2d J Haig. Ewe lamb, E Marshall; 2d J Haig. Fat sheep, J Ross; 2d W L Gordon.

SOUTHDOWNS—Ram, any age, C Hay; 2d T Mackie. Pair ewes, T Mackie; 2d D Foote.

SWINE—Boar, W Harbottle; 2d J Reynolds. Sow, J Reynolds; 2d W Harbottle. Spring pigs, H Larter; 2d R Cromar.

GRAIN—Fall wheat, R Hughes. Spring wheat, R Cromar; 2d E Marshall; 3d J & R Hunter Barley, J & R Hunter; 2d D Foote. Peas, R Hanna; 2d D. Betzener. White oats, W Short; 2d J Hunter. Black oats, R Irwin.

FRUIT, ROOTS AND VEGETABLES—Best selection of apples, W Short; 2d A Burnett. Pinkeye potatoes, J Keith. Other kinds, J Johnston; 2d A Watt. Swedish turnips, J Burnett; 2d D Foote; 3d H Larter. Any other kind, J & R Hunter; 2d H Larter. Beets, G Barron; 2d J & R Hunter. Onions, J Miller; 2d G Barron. Cabbage, G McKenzie; 2d A Watt.

LADIES' WORK—Embroidered needlework, Mrs Thomson; 2d J M Fraser. Crochet work, Mrs Thomson; 2d W Thacker. Raised wool work, Mrs Thomson; 2d C Howse. Gentlemen's shirt, Mrs Thomson; 2d A Watt; 3d J Keith. Quilt, Mrs Foote; 2d Mrs McArthur; 3d H Hale.

DAIRY PRODUCE—Salt butter, G Newman; 2d J & R Hunter; 3d H Larter. Butter without salt, J & R Hunter; 2d A Watt; 3d R House. Cheese, J Keith; 2d A Watt. Honey, J Godfrey.

MECHANICS' WORK—Waggon, S H Garrard; 2d H Hamilton. Buggy, Cuthbert & Noble. Iron plough, G McInnes. Wooden plough, G McInnes. Harrows, G McInnes. Teaming harness, R Mitchell.

Peel and Maryborough Fall Show.

(From our own Reporter.)

The annual Union Fall Show of the Peel and Maryboro' Agricultural Societiy was held at Glenallan on Thursday last. Although the day was cold and windy, and the roads rather heavy from the recent rains, there was a fair turn out of people from both townships, whose presence in the village gave it quite a business like appearance. The show of horses was fair—perhaps a little better than one will sometimes see at a township show. Mr. W. S. Sutherland and Mr. James Watson showed two good brood mares. Mr. Ferguson also showed a span of very good working horses. There was nothing remarkable to notice among the younger horses, except one, a fine bay one year old of extraordinary size for her age, and which took a prize at the Provincial Exhibition. We were agreeably surprised to see so many fine thorough bred cattle. The animals shown by Messrs. Madill, Metcalf, P. Robb, jr., Powley, Phillips, Sanderson and others are very creditable to the owners. The grade stock was also above the average in quality. We have not seen a better turn out of sheep at any township show this year. The various classes were well represented, and as regards purity of breed, size and condition, they would compare favourably with those of almost any township in the County. There were very few pigs, but those shown by Mr. Fleming and Mr. W S. Sutherland were very fat. The show of grain was rather poor; still the quality of all the samples was good. Mr. Sutherland's fall wheat was excellent, so also was Mr. Wood's spring wheat. The display of roots, if not large, was excellent, and the garden vegetables and roots very good. Mr. Wortley showed a fine collection which did credit to his taste and skill as an amateur gardner. There was not a large assortment of domestic manufactures or ladies' work, but the specimens shown displaysd great taste and nicety in finish. There was not a great many entries of butter, still the judges had some difficulty in coming to a decision, many of the samples being so nearly matched in quality. Mr. Wortley showed well finished specimens of leather. Two or three good buggies and waggons were shown. Messrs. Ledingham & Milne of Alma, exhited one of their patent Dominion rollers, which by a very ingenious contrivance, adapts itself to the inequalities of the ground. Such a serviceable machine cannot fail soon to come into general use.

The judges were: Horses and cattle, Messrs. John Mair, Nichol, W. Howlett, Waterloo and Wm. Hawk, Wellesley.—Sheep and Pigs, Messrs. W. Tindale, Nichol; Wm. Dryden, Eramosa; and S. Holliday, Conestoga. Grain, roots, &c., Messrs. D. Hay, Listowel; W. Garbutt, Newmarket; and R. Anderson, Alma.

The arrangements were excellent and well carried out by the active and obliging Secretaries, and in consequence the business was got through with at an early hour.

PRIZE LIST.

HORSES—Brood mares, W S Sutherland; 2d do.; 3d J Watson. Colt foal, 1st and 2d, W S Sutherland. Filly foal, W Ayerst; 2d J Watson. 3 year filly or gelding, A Miller; 2d J L Gibson. 2 year filly or gelding, J Stinson; 2d L Johnston. 1 year filly or gelding, J Hutton; 2d G Craig. Span of horses, P Ferguson; 2d J Rowe; 3d Wm Weir. Carriage horses, A Miller; 2d W Bruce. Saddle horse, T Wilford; 2d W Patterson. Buggy horse, R Lytle; 2d J Bruce.

CATTLE—Aged Durham bull, J Madill; 2d S Sanderson; 3d P Robb, jr. 2 year old bull, J Metcalf; 2d J Powley. 1 year old bull, J Metcalf; 2d R Phillips. Cow, P Robb, jr.; 2d J Powley. Heifer calf, P Robb, jr. Bull calf, J Powley.

GRADES—Bull of any age, T Wilford; 2d E Sanderson. Bull calf, J Sanderson; 2d P Robb, jr. Milch cow, G Henderson; 2d P Robb, jr.; 3d W S Sutherland. 2 year heifer, J Powley; 2d W Ayerst. 1 year heifer, W Ayerst; 2d G Henderson. Spring heifer calf, W S Sutherland; 2d W Bruce. Yoke of oxen, J Jackson.

SHEEP—Aged ram, D Petch; 2d — Harris; 3d G Farr. Shearling ram, J S Wood; 2d J Metcalf. Ram lamb, J Gibson; 2d D Petch; 3d J Powley. Pair aged ewes, P Robb, jr.; 2d D Patch; 3d P Robb, jr. Shearling ewes, P Robb, jr.; 2d D Petch. Ewe lambs, 1st and 2d, P Robb, jr.

PIGS—Aged boar, Jno Fleming; 2d Jas Fleming. Aged sow, W S Sutherland; 2d A Miller. Spring pig, T Garbutt; 2d A Miller.

GRAIN—Fall wheat, W S Sutherland; 2d R Phillips; 3d E Turner. Barley, T Wilford; 2d J Bruce. Peas, G Stewart; 2d A Miller. Oats, W S Sutherland; 2d W Ayerst. Timothy seed, Jos Grose; 2d Jno Grose.

ROOTS—Potatoes, R Phillips; 2d W S Sutherland. Swedes, R Phillips; 2d W C Wortley. White swedes, R Phillips; 2d M Fisher. Field carrots, J Watson; 2d R Phillips. Garden do. Jos Grose; 2d Jno Grose. Onions, W C Wortley; 2d A Miller. Blood beets, W C Wortley; 2d A Miller. Mangold wurtzel, G Henderson; 2d J Jackson. Cabbage, W C Wortley. Pumpkin, R Phillips. Apples, J Powley; 2d T Henderson. Pears, J Jackson.

DAIRY PRODUCE—Butter, M Henderson; 2d J Watson; 3d P Robb, jr. Cheese, J Slimmon.

DOMESTIC MANUFACTURES, LADIES' WORK, &C.—Flannel, J Stinson; 2d T Wilford. Fulled cloth, A Miller; 2d T Wilford. Gent's shirt, W Kerr; 2d J Sutherland. Quilt, M Fisher; 2d Miss Atkinson. Embroidery, T Wilford; 2d J Sutherland. Tissue work, J Grose. Ladies' bonnet, Mrs. M Henderson. Bread, J Sutherland; 2d W S Sutherland. Spun yarn, G Garland; 2d J Sutherland. Coverlets, G Garland; 2d T Wilford. Socks, J Sutherland; 2d G Garland. Berlin wool work, Mrs Allan; 2d J Grose.

IMPLEMENTS—Waggons,— Williams, (Stirton) cultivator, W Ward. Team harness, A Moody. Calf skin, W C Wortley. Harness leather, W C Wortley.

A farmer who put up a bet of $10 at the County Show held in St. Catherines, rued his temerity, and has had a summons issued by the Clerk of the Division Court, intending to sue the stakeholder.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

NEWMARKET RACES.

LONDON, 9th.—The Newmarket races closed to-day. Seesaw won the first race and Wild Cat the second.

SYNOPSIS OF GLADSTONE'S ADDRESS.

LONDON, 9th.—The Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone has issued his address to the electors of South Lancashire. After reviewing the progress of reform in England he proceeds to criticise the course of the government, especially condemning the increased estimates. In regard to Ireland he says the true policy would be to make the law the friend of the Irish people. He repudiates the proposition for a general endowment of the churches in Ireland and says the case against the established church is aggravated by the fact that it is the church of the rich. The arguments in favour of its continuance are a satire on misapplied funds. The established church is a mark of past oppression, and disestablishment will give the clergy of that church more scope. The interests of the Irish people must be cared for, and the revenue must be applied to public and social works and not to religious establishment. Mr. Gladstone closes with an appeal to the voters of South Lancashire to support the only just policy which England can pursue.

American Despatches.

Cricket and Base Ball.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 9.

The first innings of the 22 was concluded for 47 runs, leaving the English 11 seventy runs ahead. The second innings of the 11 was commenced when time was called, one wicket had fallen for 17 runs with Jupp and Smith at the bats. The game will be continued to-morrow. The International Base Ball match between 8 of the cricketers with Harrop, of the Olympic Club, as pitcher, against the Athletic champion nine, will be played next Monday. The cricketers will not accept the odds of extra men or outs.

Horace Greeley Nominated.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.

Horace Greeley was nominated for Congress to-night from the 5th Congressional District.

Dreadful Fire.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9.

The Franklin House and three adjacent buildings were burnt last night, and a number of lives were lost. Five bodies have been recovered from the ruins.

Mexican Items.

HAVANA, Oct. 9.

Mexican advices state that Col. Dominquez, one of the leaders in the late Vera Cruz rebellion has arrived at the capital and been pardoned by the Executive.

The revenue estimates for the ensuing year show that there will be a deficit of six million dollars.

Steamship Arrived.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.

The steamship *Deutschland* from Bremen has arrived.

The Hook & Ladder Company.

To the Editor of the Mercury

SIR: Allow me in the name of justice, equity and common sense to make a few remarks upon the report of the Fire & Water Committee, presented at the Council last Monday evening. It recommended first that six new members be added to the Fire Company, and second that the Hook & Ladder Company be disbanded, not having complied with the By-law. As I am not so deeply read in municipal lore as our worthy Clerk of the Corporation, or the Chairman of the Fire & Water Committee I do not happen to know what the By-law required from this now defunct Company. But this I, as a member of that Company for many years, am well aware of, that we have had little or nothing for which to thank the Corporation except a constant attempt to keep up strife in every thing connected with the Fire and Hook & Ladder Companies. We have gratefully to acknowledge the courtesy of our worthy Reeve in taking up the gauntlet on our behalf, and having so few friends in Court, we are desirous that the public shall judge if we ought to be compelled at any time to muster at a moment's notice, pay due deference to the commands of the Fire Warden, or perhaps half a dozen other superiors, do all the needful work of Firemen—and all this without more compensation than the remission of our statute labour tax. I presume that the six new members of the Fire Company have their allowance of $15 each, and where the justice or equity is, of requiring us to do all we can to serve the public in an emergency for the paltry consideration of $2, I cannot conceive. Evils seldom come single handed, and considering the vast expenditure incurred in the purchase of engine, hose and equipments, the sums wasted in tank arrangements, and the further sums required in ways and means connected therewith, I for one shall anxiously await the time when our modern Solons shall be obliged to enquire of the people their opinion of the wisdom they have displayed. That we may never require the test of all our appliances in the time of calamity is the worst wish of

Yours &c.,
Member of late H. & L. Company.

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DARING BURGLARY AND ATTEMPT TO MURDER.—On Wednesday morning, 7th inst., Wm. Fisher's house, near Ailsa Craig, G. T. R., was broken into by two desperate ruffians. They burst in the door with a stick of cordwood and rushed to the bed on which Fisher lay. A desperate struggle ensued, during which one of the robbers fired at Fisher, but without effect. They at last succeeded in mastering him, and having firmly tied him ransacked the house and succeeded in getting $60 in cash. The robbers then proceeded to his brother's, John Fisher, about a mile away, and acted in a similar manner. Here, however, they met with less resistance and got less money. After tying Fisher and his daughter securely with ropes, they searched the house but only succeeded in getting $7. These villains finished up their night's work by entering the stables of Mr. John Leitch and stealing therefrom a valuable span of mares—one nearly black, worth about $100, and another, a dark grey colt, worth $120. This latter depredation is the most serious of all.