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Group Report

—The rot is playing sad havoc with the potato crop in the vicinity of Hamburg, and in other parts of Waterbury county. The potato may appear sound when first dug, but when exposed to the sun for an hour or two the diseased ones can be easily picked out.

—While Alfred Barber, Harriston, was firing off a gun the other night, the weapon burst. A piece of the barrel struck him on the forehead inflicting a painful gash and the powder was blown into his face and eyes. It is feared he will lose the sight of one eye.

—On Thursday last Richard Conquest, postmaster at Teviotdale, running a single machine in the Cotswold mill, when by some means his hand was caught by the saw, cutting off three fingers at the knuckle joint, and the fourth at the second joint. The

—A Mechanics' Institute has been organized at Palmerston with 97 subscribers. Following are the

Officers:—President, Rev. R. H. Fletcher; Vice-Pres., Rev. J. M. Auld; Secretary, W. J. Galbraith; Treasurer, W. J. Jennings; Librarian J. W. Watson, and a board of directors.

—Mr. James Watt, Mount Forest proposes starting woolen mills, and Messrs. Parker, Woodstock, a knitting factory at Durham. Mr. Watt proposes to purchase the site and

invest \$5,000, and asks the people of Durham to subscribe \$15,000 stock on certain conditions and also exempt the property from taxation for a certain number of years.

—Mr. John McCauley, plasterer about two miles south of Chatsworth,

in the county of Wellington, state that on Saturday, August 25th, he cradled three acres of wheat in two hours and fifty minutes, bound it in four hours and thirty minutes, and drew in four acres of grain the same day.

—It has been decided to hold monster temperance picnic in St. Thomas the first week of October. Thousands of members of the different branches of the Ontario Alliance will

expected to be in attendance, and M. Lanthrop, of Michigan, Sergea Searles, Chaplain of Auburn State Prison, Ed. Carswell, and other notable temperance advocates will deliver addresses.

inst., the school house of Section No. 11, Minto, better known as Lemon School House, was completely destroyed by fire. The fire was discovered about 12 o'clock, when most of the building was consumed. The cause

a mystery, as no fire has been about the premises since Monday morning. The building was partially insured by the Howick Mutual. Loss, \$1,000.

—Last month 714 immigrants were registered at Toronto. Of the number 204 were English, 205 I.

82 Scotch, 18 German, and 5 Scandinavian. The above figures include 175 girls, of whom 53 were sent to Miss Rye's Home at Niagara, 65 to Miss McPherson's at Galt, and 56 to Rev. Mr. Barnard's at Hamilton.

—On the 14th instant, as a little girl, aged seven, daughter of Mr. J. E. Kennedy, of Teeswater, was crossing the river on a plank left by the water

men who are engaged on the new bridge, she was blown off by a sudden gust of wind, falling a distance of about twenty feet and striking on a stone below. Her face and head were badly cut and one arm shocking

—According to the statement the agent at Collingwood of the Great Northern Railway Company, there were forty-five souls on board Asia which foundered on Saturday.

in the Georgian Bay, and so far as two persons are known to have been saved. It is said that the propeller was overloaded. She went down with her engines working, sinking swamped, and thus the first of

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the Dominion from end to end
come.

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