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The London Pic-Nic

The Conservative gathering at London last week was, in point of numbers, a success, there being over ten thousand people in attendance according to fair estimates. The different shades of politics were well represented, curiosity having influenced many to put in an appearance who had no particular desire to hear speeches but were satisfied with seeing the great guns with "their own eyes." The affair, as a consequence of this fact and of the further reason that the speeches were devoid of effective argument or digestible political food, was barren of good results to the Conservative party. There was too much of self adulation, too much mud-throwing and too glaring an assumption of honesty to produce any good influences. These features obtruded themselves at every hand—the titles of the slanders and visionary injurities that have been dilated upon by the Conservative press were paraded, in the torch light procession, before many who never troubled themselves to enquire into the facts of these matters but accepted the flaring mottos as evidences of glaring political atrocities, while the speakers by distorted reasonings confirmed this evidence.

Sir John was the central figure, and the honors—worship, we might say—which were bestowed upon him would satisfy even the despotic Czar. He was called martyr, the saviour of his country, the greater than Disraeli [and Gladstone, the one famous man between the North Pole and Gulf of Mexico (not even Barnum excepted), and, in the language of the India rubber Tupper, "the most noble, the most gallant, the most patriotic son Canada ever had." How he feels, in his innermost heart, under these lavish flatteries it is not difficult to guess, if there is any modesty in his composition. The language of the address of greeting presented to him which declared that he had been defeated in Parliament by "the unscrupulous conduct of his opponents," gave him a cue which he followed pertinaciously in his speech. He is a cunning speaker, and although not given to straining texture of the evidence after the manner of Dr. Tupper, he has a power of weaving into it doubts and insinuations which gives color to his stories. But he frequently trips in his arguments, and in this case he did so. To charge the present Government with being the cause of the depression in business which has existed for some time past, was very foolish. From every country comes the same report of the state of trade, and yet no country charges Canada with being the cause of the depression, which they could with reason do if the government were blamable for the state of affairs here. His argument was based upon his newly adopted principle of protection, and in the words of his Kingston speech he reiterated the silly argument:

"If they (the present Government) had *imposed duties on articles that we can manufacture and taken the duties off those we cannot manufacture*, our manufacturing industries would have been sustained and developed, and we would have kept our skilled artizans in our country."

The effect of this policy would be to deprive the country of revenue, and compel a resort to direct taxation, while the present policy affords protection and revenue. Sir John gets excited when he speaks of the Pacific Railway, and on this occasion he expressed the belief that, if he were yet in power, the road would be completed, or nearly so. What must have been his chagrin, if he recollected his own words, when Hon. Wm. McDougall who followed him, in the course of a tirade against Mr. Mackenzie for expending so much money on this road, declared that the cost was too much for this generation to bear. Thus Mr. Mackenzie was made to answer for two expressed sins—extravagance and dilatoriness—but the peculiar inconsistency of the charges in their opposite character and affinity of origin was hidden under the policy of "anything to get a slap at Mackenzie." As the working man's candidates Sir John essayed to make an impression by his protection arguments, but there was too little of reason in his idea of discarding revenue and resorting to direct taxation to win the favor of that class.

Hon. Wm McDougall spoke at considerable length, but that veteran turncoat, unmanageable and the cranky politician evidently filled the position of stool-pigeon. Between the history of his own political life, flattery of Sir John and a struggle to hit Mackenzie and his friends hard without uttering a libel he managed to occupy a considerable time. Dr. Tupper was as extravagant in his language as usual. He was certain, notwithstanding what Mr. McDougall said, that Sir John would have had the Pacific Railway built by this time, and he declared that Mr. Mackenzie would have abandoned the scheme altogether had he not seen in it an opportunity of assisting his friends. Such language creates only contempt for the speaker in the minds of the reasonable hearer.

Although Mr. J. J. Hawkins, of Brantford, some time ago announced his re-conversion to Toryism, with much fervor of language, we had hardly anticipated that he would have so readily found a place on so prominent a platform—But he boldly stood forth, and with "cheek" unbounded told the story of the last of his many political conversions. To lose confidence in such a politician would be natural, even if he professed himself with the humility of a returned prodigal, but the condition of the Tory party is such that it cannot afford to turn away even this chameleon. Any who heard him at Manchester a little over two years ago, and heard him denounce Sir John as a traitor to his country and the bitterest enemy of the Catholic Church, would be surprised to have heard the evidence of a great revulsion of feeling when he spoke in London. It was he who spoke of the immense geographical area of Sir John's fame, of his superiority to Disraeli and Gladstone and said that to Sir John were the Catholics indebted for every privilege they had enjoyed since confederation. We need not repeat anything that this remarkable man has said in his public speeches in commendation of Mr. Mackenzie and his Government, for prove only the depth of J. J.'s hypocrisy. He struggles for office, and if Sir John gets into power and fails to reward this veteran, he will doubtless soon appeal at the Reform headquarters for admission, to be ignominiously kicked out.

As a big show the London pic-nic was a success, and we hope the citizens who went from here to see the sights got *some* value for their money.

By a peculiar coincidence the Conservative procession in London on Tuesday of last week was joined by a gaunt looking cow, which brought, in a painfully suggestive manner, to the mind of the processionists the memory of that amusing coinage of *Grip's* fertile brain, the Northern Railway cow. In the presence of the "Big Push," "Come along John," and other mottos, the picture was highly amusing to the onlookers.

Last year the Tory chieftain went down into the enemy's country even to Premier Mackenzie's own constituency, which is Lambton, and held forth to the electors. Mr. Mackenzie will return the compliment on the 28th inst., when he will address a public gathering in Kingston.

Reform Demonstration.

The desire has frequently been expressed throughout the County that the leading representatives of the Reform party be induced to visit this section, and address the people upon the political topics of the day. At a meeting held a few days ago, it was decided to communicate with Messrs. Mackenzie, Blake and others in order to get them to name a day when it would be convenient to meet the people here for that purpose. Mr. Mackenzie, in response has named Thursday, 5th July, and arrangements will be made to-day at Clinton for the gathering which will, in all probability take place in that town. It is to be regretted that Mr. Blake's ill health prevents him from attending—in fact he has been compelled to accept for a time the lighter duties in the Cabinet of President of Council and transferring to Mr. Laflamme his portfolio of Minister of Justice. However, the blank will be supplied, and Hon. George Brown and leading members of the Ontario Government will likely be present. This announcement will be hailed with pleasure by our readers and the Reformers generally throughout the country, and we doubt not the gathering will be a magnificent one.

Francis Murphy, a reformed bartender of Maine, is the originator of the "Murphy movement," which has of late made such a stir in the States and in some parts of Ontario. Without the gift of eloquence, he has relied upon the effects of earnestness and enthusiasm to make reformations, and his success has been wonderful. In Michigan the movement made a great impression, as we reported some time ago. The Detroit club formed under this auspices numbers 3,700 members, and the Lansing club numbers 1,200 and that in a city which casts about 1,850 votes. As a result in the latter place saloons have ceased to pay, and one of them fell off in its receipts from $75 a week to less than $3. Considerable good has been effected in Toronto, and one paper mentions that fully 300 men who have been addicted to drink have determined to quit it forever. Doubtless the movement will find its way to many towns in Ontario. At the present time it would be warmly supported, we believe, in Goderich.

The importations into England of Canadian beef are constantly increasing, as the superiority of the same becomes more surely established. Since the trade has been opened, new fields of enterprise have developed themselves, and now Canadian ale and beer are being introduced with success. A great number of horses have also been disposed of there, but the demand may be looked upon as temporary, since the majority of the animals are wanted for the army. Nearly 800 head of cattle and horses were received within two days recently at Liverpool, and preparations are being made for a great increase in the trade.

While Sir John was crying about the corruption of the present Ministry, in his speech at London, he was attacked with bleeding of the nose, which compelled him to retire for a short time.—He will be slow to accept this as a warning visitation, but will turn it to account as evidence of his patriotism and honesty. The orthodox evidence of patriotic, high-minded grief is when the heart bleeds, but that was deemed by the chieftain a too secret mode of expending his inner agony, and as a more visible and effective plan for doing so the sanguine tide ebbed from his prominent proboscis. Let us respect such grief!

The Lincoln election scrutiny still "drags its weary length along." A most disgraceful fact has developed itself, and that is that some very important documents relating to the scrutiny, have been stolen from the Court, and no trace of them can be found. An appeal has been made for an investigation into the matter, and liberal rewards offered for the restoration of the missing documents. So far in the scrutiny Mr. Neelon has a majority of seventeen votes, and as Mr. Rykert (the Conservative) has been declared unseated the former has fair hopes of securing the seat, if the scrutiny can only be completed before doomsday.

At Brampton, on Friday, the Conservativa circus again exhibited to a large audience, and Sir John, in the course of his speech, turned his attention principally to soft soaping Hon. Wm. Macdougall. Of him he said: "Long after the present political feelings shall have passed away there was no man whose record would stand higher or brighter on the roll of Canadian patriots than Wm. Macdougall." It is likely that by a private and previous understanding, Dr. Tupper was saved any pangs of jealousy at this speech.

The Fishery Commission provided for under the Washington Treaty, has been in session for some days past, consider. England's claims for compensation for the privileges accorded to American fishermen in Canadian waters. The claim is laid at $20,000,000. A reply to this claim is to be made by the American representatives, and the Commission adjourns for several weeks.

Lumber Notes

Shipments—Secord, Cozzens & Co., 26 cars; Williams & Murray, 12 cars lumber and 2 cars timber.

Receipts—Secord, Cozzens & Co., 197,000 ft. lumber and 51,000 lath by schr. Tecumseh; Williams & Murray, 60,000 ft. by schr. Star and 130,000 ft. by schr. Todman.

The barge Mary Robertson, while on her way to this port with lumber for Messrs. Secord, Cozzens & Co., sprung a leak, and she went into dry dock at Owen Sound for repairs.

The lots on the breakwater have been let at high figures—A, B, C, or the three outer lots, having been awarded to Messrs. Secord, Cozzens & Co., and the inner lot D to Messrs. Williams & Murray.

Inducements are being held out to lumber merchants to unload lumber at Kincardine, where the harbor dues are 2 cents per M. The charge here is 3 cents per M., but the excellence of our harbor makes all the difference in the world.

SEAFORTH.

Inquest.—On the 11th inst. Dr. Campbell, coroner, held an inquest on the body of a male infant, at the house of Mr. D. McGregor, Harpurhey. The mother was an unfortunate woman named Bella Butcher, who had come to Mr. McGregor's house late one night three weeks previous, and out of pity for the woman in in her sad plight she was taken in and kept up to the present time. The child was born early on the morning of the 11th, and died shortly after "from want of proper attention," as the jury found. The woman at first refused to tell who the father of the child was, saying that he threatened to take her life if she did so, but she finally told her story stating that the well-known Michael Markey was the father. She had been a servant in the house of this man's mother, and was turned out about 1st of October. Markey a short time ago left for the States.—Cen.

Sitting Bull has arrived in the neighborhood of Fort Walsh, in the Northwest Territory. He expresses his intention of remaining on British soil.

The Canadian Pilgrims had an audience with the Pope on Friday, and presented him with a magnificent mitre studded with gems, a silver vase, and twenty thousand dollars. The Pope expressed his joy at the escape of the pilgrims from the perils of the voyage

Quarter Sessions.

Court opened on Thursday afternoon of last week, before His Honor Judge Toms, when the following gentlemen were sworn in as a Grand Jury:

John Acheson, Goderich; Thos. Bissett, Exeter; Robt. N. Butt, Egmoudville; Abraham Geiger, Hay; Thos. Govenlock, McKillop; David Gemmell, Turnberry, John Gregory, Wingham; Hillary Horton, Colborne; R. H. Kirkpatrick, Goderich; John Kerr, McKillop; Matthew Levi, Colborne; Robt. Lang, Tuckersmith; John Morrish, Colborne; John McLean, W. Wawanosh, James Oke, Exeter; James Patton, Goderich Township; F. C. Rogers, Brussels; Allen Ramsay, Morris; W. S. Robertson, Seaforth; Wm. Sterling jr., Goderich Township; Alex. Wait, Hullett; Wm. Yeo, Goderich. The Clerk was instructed to enter in the records a fine of $10 each against Messrs. Hillary Horton and R. H. Kirkpatrick for non-attendance. The fines were remitted, on it being shown that the latter was ill and the former was unavoidably detained from being present when the jury was called.

Mr. D. Ferguson, Goderich, was chosen foreman. His Lordship addressed a few remarks to the Jury, and after dismissing them the first case was called.

Queen *vs.* John Woods, Joshua Reesor and Adam Zeller—The Grand Jury reported no bill in this case, which was the result of an assault affair reported to have occurred in Zurich some time ago.

Scott *vs.* Bowden—Action on promissory note. Tried without Jury. Verdict for plaintiff for $154. McCaughey & Holmsted for plff, defendant unrepresented by counsel. Certificate for immediate execution moved for, granted in four days.

SECOND DAY.

O'Dea *vs.* McDonell—Action on promissory note, amounting to $97.32; tried without jury. Verdict for plaintiff. B. L. Doyle for plff. M. C. Cameron, Q. C., for deft. Defence was that the note had been signed under supposition that it was for $59, instead of $97.32.

Clare *vs.* O'Rourke—Action on promissory note. Verdict by consent for plaintiff for $105.27; certificate for immediate execution granted. C. Seager for plff., B. L. Doyle for deft. The defence first presented was that the promissory note was not properly stamped, but as this promised to fail the counsel for defence consented to verdict for plaintiff with costs for defendant, the count being amended to an action on goods sold and delivered.

The Grand Jury made the following presentment: "We have visited the jail and found all the departments clean and orderly. The inmates had no complaints to make regarding their treatment, on the contrary expressed complete satisfaction when the kindness and attention of the officers. We would direct attention, as many Grand Juries have done heretofore respecting the insane prisoners confined in the jail, and we would recommend that an assistant to the Matron be employed to give them the necessary attention until their removal can be accomplished, as we consider the Matron overtaxed at present. From a case coming before us yesterday, we must express our deep regret that intemperance demoralizes the community to such an extent, and we trust the time is not far distant when the traffic in intoxicating liquors will be numbered among the things of the past and the revenue so adjusted that it will bear equally upon all classes without being unduly burdensome to any. In conclusion we would thank your Honor for the information regarding the cases which came before us, and would congratulate you upon the lightness of the criminal calendar. D. Ferguson, Foreman."

Blair *vs.* Courtice—Appeal from summary conviction by Cox and Hincks Esqs., J. P.'s, under School Act, whereby appellant was fined $1 and costs for not sending his children, between the ages of seven and eleven to school or otherwise providing for their education for at least four months in the year. The conviction was affirmed, Costs were not given because, as the Judge said, the law was new and this was the first case which had come before him. The point decided is important viz.: that children between seven and twelve are entitled as of right to be educated either at school or elsewhere for at least four months in the year; that if educated at home the teaching must not be desultory, an hour now and a half hour again, but continuous and otherwise equal to what would be obtained in the common school of the section. B. L. Doyle for appellant, J. T. Garrow for defendant.

THIRD DAY.

Woodman *vs.* Standly — Action for breach of warranty of a span of horses; tried with jury. Judge entered judgment of nonsuit. M. C. Cameron, Q. C., and C. Seager for plff. W. R. Squier for deft. This case grew out of a purchase of a span of horses by Woodman from Standly, the latter representing them as in good condition. Shortly after one or the animals died and the other became useless. A nonsuit was made because the plaintiff failed to prove that Standly's agent, who made the sale, made him (Standly) responsible.

Standly *vs.* Woodman—Action on promissory note for $155, on above purchase, purporting to be made by defendant in favor of plaintiff. Verdict by consent for plaintiff for $114.96, subject to agreement attached to record. W. R. Squier for plff, M. C. Cameron, Q. C., and C. Seager for deft.

Leech *et al vs.* Jull *et al*—Action on promissory note. Verdict for plaintiff for $122.40. J. T. Garrow for plff., Patterson of Hamilton for deft. This and the following two actions grew out of sales of lumber by plaintiff to a firm of which Jull was a partner. The notes were given by Jull after the company became insolvent.

Leech *et al vs.* Jull *et al*—Action on promissory note. By joint consent of counsel, Judge struck out jury notice and entered verdict for plaintiffs for $120.80. Same counsel as above.

Leech *et al vs.* Jull *et al*—Action on promissory note. Verdict entered for plaintiffs for $212.90. Same counsel.

Queen *vs.* Sydney Hannah—The prisoner was indicted for misdemeanor in attempting to obtain money from one Houghton, by false pretence, the false pretence consisting in his having put stone into a load of hay which he was delivering to Mr. Houghton, and having the whole weighed as hay. It appeared clearly that stone had been placed in the hay unknown to Mr. Houghton, but it didn't appear that Mr. Houghton had ever paid, or been asked to pay for either hay or stone. Upon this ground, the incompleteness of the offence, his Honor directed the jury to acquit the prisoner, and a verdict of not guilty was accordingly entered. Ira Lewis, Crown Attorney, for Crown. J. T. Garrow, for prisoner.

FOURTH DAY.

Rastall *vs.* Lockie—Action for use and occupation of premises in Kincardine. Verdict for plaintiff, but amount reserved till next Tuesday. M. C. Cameron, Q. C., and J. T. Garrow for deft.

Gray [illegible] Action for storage. Verdict for plaintiff for $192.05. J. T. Garrow for plff., M. C. Cameron, Q. C., for deft. Defendant bargained for a quantity of salt from Gray, Young & Sparling, but failing to carry out the same the plaintiffs sued for storage of salt from time of bargaining to time of withdrawing from bargain.

Clegg *vs.* [illegible] Action for goods, in which [illegible] to recover share [illegible] profits of a farm [illegible] the family. Judgment [illegible] M. C. Cameron, Q. C., [illegible] for plaintiff.

Tyerman *vs.* Govenlock—Action of trespass. The parties reside in McKillop. Tyerman accuses Govenlock of tearing down a fence on his property, but the latter offered as defence that he had erected the fence which he had pulled down, and that he had cleared the property in question and cropped it for several years. When Govenlock purchased the present property, a fifth [illegible] J. T. Garrow for plff. [illegible] for defendant.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

Harbor Mills.—The shipments last week were 4620 bags of flour and one car of bran.

Tanbark.—Wm. Lee last week shipped 110 cords of tanbark, by schr. John G. Kolfage, to Detroit.

For the Synod.—Venerable Archdeacon Elwood and Rev. C. H. Channer, M. A., are this week attending the Synod of the Diocese of Huron, at London.

Huron Presbytery.—The Huron Presbytery meet in Knox Church, on the 3rd of July next. Rev. Mr. McCuaig, of Clinton, has received a call to Kingston, which will be considered.

Journalistic.—The London *Free Press* has donned a handsome new dress, and its clean, bright, intelligent face greets us every day at 11 a. m., always to our satisfaction.

For Gorrie.—Quite a number of our good Conservatives left on Monday for Gorrie, to hear Sir John and Dr. Tupper in their new dialogue entitled "Mutual Blandishment."

Butter and Eggs.—Last week Mr. John Varcoe, of Colborne, shipped 390 lbs. butter and two cases of eggs. Mr. W. Megaw, of Clinton, also shipped 1400 lbs. of butter from this place, to be supplemented by about 3,200 lbs. at Clinton.

General Freight.—Among the general shipments last week were the following of importance: H. Wells, 12 kegs and one barrel of bottled ale; H. Beam & Co., 2 bbls potash; McLean & Lonitt, one barrel tallow; Kirkpatrick Bro & Co., 124 rolls of leather; Foundry Co., 3932 lbs. castings.

Musicial Tuition.—Marquis Chisholm, the famous pianist, will visit town on Wednesday, 27th inst., with the purpose of organizing classes for instruction in vocal and instrumental music. For terms and other information see adv. in another column.

Farewell Sermons.—Rev. W. C. Henderson and F. H. Sanderson will preach their farewell sermons next Sabbath, the former in Brock St. Church in the morning and North St. Church in the evening, and the latter in the reverse order.

Agricultural Meeting.—A meeting of the Directors of the West Riding Agricultural and Goderich Horticultural Societies will be held in the Court House, on Thursday, 21st inst., at 2 p. m., to arrange the prize list for the fall show.

G. F. Ketchum.—Many of our readers will regret to learn that this comedian, connected with the Royal Dramatic Company, has undergone a surgical operation since he was last here. He was suffering from a disease in the neck, and is recovering.

Handsome Present.—Mr. Wm Megaw, of Clinton, last week presented a very handsome baby carriage, purchased from Mr. C. F. Straubel, to his youngest relative, the child of Mr. and Mrs. A. Megaw of Goderich. The recipients highly appreciate the gift, and well they may for the carriage is a very pretty one.

Excursion.—We notice that the Free Masons of London are making arrangements for an excursion shortly to either Goderich or Sarnia. Would it not be well if the lodges here would induce their brethern favor us with their presence. We are sure the Londoners would receive a cordial reception if they came this way.

Fish.—The shipments of fresh fish last week were: Jas Clark, 2700 lbs; J. Clark, 900 lbs; Chas. Howland, 15,300 lbs. The catch of white fish is so small at present that very little is done in smoked fish beyond supplying the home demand. However, Mr. A. Adam shipped 105 lbs. to A. Beattie & Co's branch store at Stratford last week.

Personal.—As will be seen by the final report of the stationing committee of the London Conference, the Methodist Church here is about to lose the presence of Rev. W. C. Henderson, who has been appointed chairman of Sarnia District. The congregation of this church, as well as other denominations, will regret to hear of Mr. Henderson's departure, but will heartily wish him "God speed."

Harvesting Tools.—Kerr & McKenzie have just received a clean bright new stock of harvesting tools, which are extra in quality and which they are selling at prices to suit the times. They are prepared to sell them at bottom prices, either wholesale or retail. They will be pleased to see their farmer friends, as they feel confident they can suit them both in quality and price. See advertisement.

Horses for Manitoba'—On Saturday last the propellor Ontario passed up to Duluth, and took on board here 14 span of heavy horses, intended for work on the Canada Pacific Railway. The horses were purchased in the vicinity of Blyth by Mr. Patrick Kelly and cost about $4,500. The same boat had on board a number of flat cars for the use of the road.

Property Sold.—W. M. Hilliard & Co. have purchased the old carding mill, stone house and mill privilege with four acres of land, at Hilliard's mill. It is the intention of the purchasers to improve the privilege, and fit up the mill for gristing and milling purposes. We are glad the property has fallen into the hands of Hilliard & Co., who will turn it to good use.

Strawberries.—Mrs. Ball, having made arrangements with Mr. Seegmiller for a continuous supply of strawberries, is now prepared to take orders for present or future delivery, in any quantity. Mr. Seegmiller's farm being specially adapted for the production of this delicious fruit, those ordering from her may depend on having the finest fruit ever brought into Goderich.

Grain.—Last week Wm. Seymour & Co. shipped 1620 bushels of fall wheat to Windsor by schr. Admiral. The schr. Hartford brought to the Grand Trunk elevator from Milwaukee, intended for Montreal, 21,000 bushels of wheat. The schr. M. C. Cameron also delivered at the same place for Mr. A. Armitage, 6,000 bushels of corn. On Tuesday the schr. Hereford, from Chicago, brought 20,700 bushels of wheat for transhipment eastward.

The Biter Bitten.—One of our genial Reeves from South Huron, who is an inveterate practical joker, session had the tables turned on him. Being a magistrate, he received his copy of the Statutes of 1875-77 along with his fellow Reeves, and so careful was he to avoid being tricked that he carried his books to his room and locked them in his satchel. The jokers got a bunch of keys, opened the satchel and substituted a piece of plack for the Statutes, which the gentleman carried home and is probably now administering justice from a new plank. The joker has been done brown this time.

Y. M. L. A. Meeting.—The first regular meeting of this association took place on Thursday evening last in Knox Church, and proved quite successful. The President Mr. H. I. Strang presided, and after the opening exercises, he delivered a short inaugural address. An interesting programme was discussed thereafter, Messrs. F. Bond and A. Mackid giving an excellent instrumental duett, Mr. A. Saunders a fine solo, Mr. C. W. A. Dedrickson a thrilling recitation entitled "Ramon, the Drunken Engineer," and a pretty quartette by the Messrs. Duncan, Mr. W. M. Young and Mr. B. Armstrong. Perhaps the most interesting part of the programme was the scientific experiments by Messrs. S. P. Halls and John F. Dickson. The experiments consisted of exhibitions of affinities of acids and alkalis in the formation of colors, the hydrogen rated, the test for copper in silver, burning water, &c. Much pleasure was manifested by the audience in these experiments. The entertainment was brought to a close, after the transaction of some routine business, by Rev. Dr. Ure pronouncing the benediction. The association is now full organized and promises to be useful and successful.

Michael Carroll, working on a timber in Cedar Rapids, Madawaska, was killed to death on Friday.

Calithumpians.—A meeting of those interested in this matter will take place at the Fireman's Hall, this (Wednesday) evening, at 8 p. m. A full attendance is requested.

Wool.—On Tuesday Mr. S. Moore shipped 5,600 lbs. of wool, and Mr. W. Mitchell 2,000 lbs. The prices paid on the market range from 23 to 28 cents per pound.

Personal.—We are pleased to notice that Mr. Wm. McBride, late assistant teacher in the High School, acquitted himself very creditably in all the prescribed "pass subjects" at the recent examination of Toronto University, and took honors in classics.

—Rev. Father O'Shea left for London yesterday to participate in the reception of the Apostolic Delegate Mgr. Conroy, who visits that city this week.

Consecration Postponed.—Bishop Walsh, of London, has postponed his visit to Goderich for the purpose of confirmation and consecration of the new Catholic cemetery in Colborne, from Sunday next to the second Sunday in July. His Lordship had to make this change on account of the visit to London of the Apostolic Delegate, who will remain over Sunday.

Harpers' Monthly.—The July number is to hand with articles, and illustrations of considerable interest. The latter number—eighty-five. Lymar Abbot's article on the Westminster Abbey and Edward Roberts' article on the Orkney and Shetland Islands, both profusely illustrated, will be highly entertaining to many readers. Maurice Thompson's contribution entitled "Hunting with the Long Bow" is very interesting.

Stotts *vs.* Polley.—On mature deliberation we have withheld the letter from a correspondent touching this matter. Its publication would only tend to an unpleasant discussion, altogether of a personal character. Our correspondent speaks untruthfully when he says that our report was garbled, and was prepared by Mr. Polley. The report is correct, and was prepared previous to consultation with any but disinterested parties.

Goderich Market Day.—We regret to observe that Goderich has no particular market day such as is common in other Western towns of its size and importance. Notwithstanding this long felt want, any person casually passing the well known establishment of Crofts & Johnston cannot fail to be favourably impressed by the number of customers passing in and out. They, at all events, have evidently succeded in establishing quite a market in their own particular line of business.

Small Truck.—Knox Church is being reshingled.—Fishing at the new breakwater and Hilliard's dam is pretty good, but there is about one fisherman for each fish.—A meeting of Council will take place this evening.—Rev. David Whimster, of Meaford, preached morning and evening in Knox Church last Sabbath.—The Court of Revision, for want of a quorum, failed to have a session last Wednesday, and was again adjourned until this evening.

Dominion Day.—The tenth anniversary of confederation, which falls on Sunday this year will be celebrated on Monday with due honors. The programme for the day will consist of athletic games, base ball matches, yatch, rowing and tub races, baby show, excursions on the lake by the Benton and Bertachy and to conclude with a grand illumination and display of fireworks. A calithumpian procession will parade the streets, and this promises to be very amusing and interesting, much care and deliberation being given to the preparations. The sum of $250 will be expended in prizes, and in the aquatic sports, the ladies' rowing match, the contests for the championship silk flag by the yachts and for the rowing championship of the harbor, excellent prizes will be offered. In the latter contest the winner will receive a silver cup given by Mr. W. T. Welsh. The Silver Cornet Band will furnish music during the day. Arrangements have been made for cheap rates of fare by rail to town, and large excursions from Detroit, Brantford and London are expected. Doubtless this celebration will be the best that has yet taken place in town.

Freedom of London.—President Grant was given the freedom of the city of London, Eng., last week with great ceremony. Our esteemed citizen C. Crabb, Esq., possesses that honor by virtue of a piece of parchment duly subscribed by the city mayor and chamberlain which descended to him from his father. The parchment is rather unique, being 17 inches long and 2½ inches deep, and very strong though of considerable antiquity. The document which bears the corporate seal, the coat of arms and the clerk's initials, J. P. L., is as follows: "Frederick Crabb, son of John Crabb, Cit. & Stationer of London was Admitted into the Freedom aforesaid and sworn in the Mayoralty of Thomas Skinner, Esq., Mayor and John Wilkes, Esq., Chamberlain, and is entered in the book figured with the Letter E relating to the Purchasing of Freedoms and the Admission of Freemen (to wit) The 3d day of Nov., in the 36th year of the Reign of King George the Third, and in the year of our Lord 1795. In witness whereof the Seal of the Office of Chamberlain of the said City is hereunto affixed. Dated in the Chamber of the Guild-hall of the same City in the day and year abovesaid."

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A Relic.—Mr. T. Dodd, who resides in this vicinity, possesses a valued relic in the shape of a bible printed in London in the year 1607, just 270 years ago. The book has been in the possession of the family for five generations, and is still in a good state of preservation. The style of printing is very quaint, and the old English is rather puzzling to modern readers. It is substantially bound in wood covered with sheepskin. Mr. Dodds with reason values the work very highly.

CLINTON.

Mr. Jas. Watt, cattle buyer of this neighborhood, has gone to Manitoba, to examine into its capabilities for stock raising.

Teacher's Association.—At the recent meeting of the Huron Teachers' Association here, the following officers were elected: Mr. McFaul, President; Mr. Sellers, Secretary; and Mr. S. Hicks, Delegate to the Provincial Association Meeting.

Horses for Manitoba.—Messrs. J. Rattenbury, Brucefield, and P. Kelly Blyth, are purchasing horses to fill order from Mr. Whitehead, for animals outside to work on the railroad. Already they have obtained about twenty-five, at prices ranging from $115 to $150.

Caution.—Mr. Jos. Anderson, of Stephen, just returned from Prince Arthur's Landing says: Some time since Messrs. Ryan & Purcell, contractors, advertised for a number of men to work on a portion of the C. P. R. R., and in reply thereto a large number of laborers went up. When they got there they found that the works were not sufficiently advanced, and consequently could get no employment. As many of the laborers had only sufficient means to pay their fare up, and can get nothing whatever to do, they are left utterly destitute and almost starving. Mr. Anderson states that some of them are suffering severely, and would gladly do almost anything to get away. As the boats will not bring the men back, unless they pay their fare in advance, or give an equivalent, some of the men pawn their clothes and thus get down again. On the Manitoba's return on Sunday several came back by this means Mr. Anderson states that he is willing to certify to the truth of these statements, and his only motive in making the matter public is that others may be spared the suffering which he found existing at that point.—*New Era.*

COLBORNE.

Bull Sold.—Last week Mr Gordon Young sold his fine Ayrshire bull, which took first prize at Smith's Hill last spring in the three year old class, to a gentleman near Hamilton for. The animal was shipped by rail.

Arm Broken.—A few days ago the groom of the stallion Young Conqueror, which Messrs. David and John Fisher lost spring sold in Canton, Ill., had one of his arms broken in five places by the animal while in a rage. The Messrs. Fisher have sent $50 to the injured man, who is in poor circumstances.

Potato Bugs and Crops.—Everything with the exception of clover is looking exceedingly well in the Township, and there is a prospect of a fine crop. One of our farmers has a large patch of potatoes which his hens keep perfectly free from bugs.

Mills Burned.—On Thursday morning Mr. Richard Jewell's steam saw mill, at Anthony Allen's corners was burned to the ground. It is not known how the fire originated, as when first noticed at about 3 a. m. the flames had gained such headway that the roof was falling in. The stable adjoining was also destroyed, with three horses therein. The machinery, engine and boiler were almost completely spoiled. The loss is estimated at about $1000.

Horse Killed.—A few days ago Mr. Wm. Scharffe lost a valuable horse in a peculiar way. The horse was breachy, and having got into one of the grain fields a dog was set upon it to drive it out. The dog refused to desist when called off, and chased the horse for some time, and when the animal arrived at the barn it dropped dead. It was worth about $100.

Council Meeting.—The Court of Revision for the Township of Colborne held its second sitting in the Township Hall, on Friday, 15th inst. Members all present. The appeal of Mr. Taylor was heard, and his assessment reduced $400. The roll was then examined, found correct and passed. The Council then formed, the Reeve in the chair. Moved and seconded, that the Clerk write James Buchanan to remove the logs and rubbish out of the ditch in front of his stable—Carried. The Clerk was also instructed to notify A. Young, Wm. Hamilton, Wm. Fagan, Jno. Stephens, jr., and Thos. Gledhill to remove the logs and rubbish out of the creek passing through their farms. Moved by W.J. Harris, seconded by R. Jewell, that a surveyor be employed to inspect the road on the 4th con., between lots 5 and 6, and to draw plans and specifications of said work—Carried. The contract to straighten the road between con. 5 and 6 will be let on the ground on Saturday, 23d inst., at 2 p. m.; also the opening up of the 4th con. to the division line at 4 p. m. Mr. Harris was instructed to furnish Mrs. White with 50 lbs. corn meal, one cwt. of flour and one lb. of tea. The Reeve was instructed to have a coat of paint put on the cemetery fence. It was moved and seconded, that the sum of $25 be granted to a competitive school examination to be held in this township, under the directions of Mr. Miller, P. S. I. The Clerk was instructed to draft a by-law to prevent dogs from running on the public roads attacking travellers. The Council then adjourned, J. S. McDonagh, Clerk.

Saline Notes.

Shipments—Wm. Campbell, 10 tons land salt, 780 bbls coarse salt to different parts; Wm. Stitt, 50 bbls to Sarnia.

The International Co. shipped from Dufferin pier—the cognomen of the new pier—700 tons by schr. Grantham and 650 tons by schr. M. C. Cameron to Chicago.

Mr. Campbell has made a sale of 1200 bbls for Georgian Bay.

Several sales have been made in Manitoba, at good figures, of late.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—Fourteen farmers' sons have been added to the voters list in Grey.

—$25 a month is being paid to farm laborers in some parts of the county.

—Sir John A. Macdonald has promised to visit Exeter after harvest.

—Forty-five farmers' sons had their name sadded to the Usborne voters' list.

—A $1000 church is being erected at Brucefield by the Methodist people.

—Sixteen farmers' sons' names have been added to the McKillop voters list.

—Mr. Jas. Mills, of Jamestown, has been appointed a constable.

—Brussels pays $12 a week for watering streets.

—Turnberry has a corporation baby to provide for.

—$1,150 will be given in prizes at the races in Exeter on 2nd and 3rd July next.

—A son of Mr. John Hislop, of Grey, captured a family of four young foxes recently. They are yet alive.

—Rev. Chas. Fletcher, of Goderich, preached in the Presbyterian church, Clinton, on Sabbath last.

—Messrs. J. Cowan & D. Ryan have opened out a new wagon shop in Walton.

—Mrs. Constance VanEgmond, of Egmondville, has a goose which is 23 years of age. It is still a good layer.

—West Huron Conservative Association meets at Black's Hall, Dungannon, at 1 p. m. on the 26th inst.

—Clothes thieves are on the rampage in Kirkton. Thos. Tuft's had his clothes line stripped the other night.

—Mr. James Beamish, of Wawanosh, last week exhibited in Blyth a sample of wheat measuring 4 ft. 1 in.

—A car-load of cedar posts caught fire at Clinton on the L. K. & B. R. last week, but the flames were extinguished before much damage was done.

—Thos. Price, of Wingham, having failed to appear in answer to a summons for selling liquor without license, was sent to jail for thirty days for contempt of court.

—Last week Rev. J. Ferguson and Messrs. W. R. Wilson and Thomas Strachan left Brussels for Halifax to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

—Mr. Besue, French tutor at Drydaleville, has succeeded in writing 2,135 words in legible characters on a postal card. It took seven hours to perform the task.

—Mr. Hotzman, of Zurich, has got the contract for building a brick manse for the pastor of the Catholic Church at Dryadaleville.

—Mr. Jas. Dickson, of Tuckersmith, bought at the stock sale in London recently a yearling heifer for $185, a four-year old cow for $430 and a calf of the latter animal.

—Mr. John Innes, has sold his farm containing 100 acres, on the 2nd concession of Stanley, three miles from Clinton, to his son-in law, Mr. W. H. Scott, for $7,500.

—D. M. Gillis, aged 55 years, was found in a barn near Wingham, on Wednesday last, and removed to the London Asylum. He claims to be a sport and a second cousin of Queen Victoria.

—Mr. Wm. Martin, 5th con. of McKillop, has cut grass in full bloom in his orchard, this spring, the stalks of which measure 43 inches.

—Mr. Rumball's brick residence in Bayfield has been bought by the Methodist Congregation, for $1900, for the purpose of a manse.

—A few mornings ago some evil disposed persons entered the hardware store of Messrs. Wm Robertson & Co., in Seaforth, and stole therefrom two valuable revolvers and about three dollars in coppers.

—The Reeves of Morris, Hullet, McKillop and Blyth are going to meet on the 22nd inst., with a view to making arrangements towards improving the town line between Hullet and Morris and Morris and McKillop.

—At the Bible Christian conference in Exeter last week, the following appointments were made for the district: Exeter, S. W. Butcher, J. P. Rice, W. Davis; Mitchell, W. Hooper, Thomas Green, John Williams, supernumerary, Fullarton, G. Dunkley; Usborne, F. R. Hull, J. Pooley; Clinton, R. T. Courtice; Colborne, S. Mason; Palmerston, W. H. Butt.

—Mr. Geo. Taylor, of Stanley, has a thoroughbred imported Cotswold ram, from which 13 pounds of wool was clipped this spring. He has also two two year-olds, which sheared 16½ pounds, one two-year-old, 8 pounds, and a three-year-old, 9 pounds.

—Mr. John Thynne, lot 31, con. 3, Morris, while excavating for a milk house a few days ago, dug up the skeleton of a human being. A pair of boots encased the legs, and a jug was found by the body, which was buried only 3 feet deep. The case looks suspicious.

—Wm. Duncan, Thos. Price, James Curry and Joseph Young were fined last week for selling liquor without license. The first named was fined $30 and the rest $20 each each, the two latter being fined that amount on two charges each.

—At the last business meeting of Hay Mutual Fire Insurance Co., 53