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Guelph, July 1st, 1873. dlm w6m

REMOVAL OF SURGERY.
DR. HEROD
Has removed his Surgery to the rooms above the Guelph Drug Store, where he may be found from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entrance on Cork street. After 6 p.m. at his residence as usual. dw

DUNBAR, MERRITT & BISCOE, Barristers and Attorneys at Law Solicitors in Chancery, etc.
Office—Over Harvey's Drug Store.
A. DUNBAR. W. M. MERRITT. F. BISCOE.
Guelph, Oct. 7, 1873 dw

OLIVER & MACDONALD, Barristers and Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors, Notaries Public, &c. Office—Corner of Wyndham and Quebec Streets, up stairs, Guelph, Ont. (dw

GUTHRIE, WATT & CUTTEN,
Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law, Solicitors in Chancery, Guelph, Ontario.
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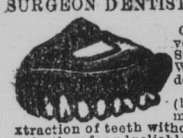
Guelph, March 1, 1871. dw.

W. M. FOSTER, L. D. S.,
SURGEON DENTIST, GUELPH.

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References kindly permitted to Drs. Herod Clarke, Tuck, McGuire, Keating, Cowan and McGregor, Guelph; W. K. Graham, Dentist Brantford dw

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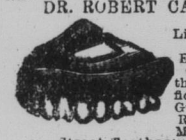
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J. MARRIOTT,
Veterinary Surgeon,
M.R.C.V.S., L., H.F.V.M.A.,
Having lately arrived in Guelph from England, and taken up his residence here, intends continuing the practice of his profession. Orders left at the Mercury Office, or at H. A. Kirkland's, Paisley Street, opposite Howard's new foundry, will be promptly attended to.
Having had great experience in all diseases of Horses and Cattle, all cases placed under his treatment will receive the greatest attention. Charges moderate. o19dwy

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Opposite Knox Church,
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The only one this side of Toronto
All work warranted the best. Please send for price list. 95dly

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Coal Scuttles
Of new designs and various patterns,
Polished Steel Fire Irons,
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Tubular Lanterns,
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Of Best and Whitest Quality;
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With latest Improvements.
JOHN M. BOND & CO.,
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New Advertisements.

WANTED — A cook and housemaid. Apply to Mrs. Lemon. s18-d

MASONS AND LABOURERS WANTED—Highest wages paid. Apply to D. Kennedy, contractor. o11dtf

WANTED.—At the CASH STORE, at once, a Sewing Machine Operator.
o6dtf R. CLAYTON.

TO LET — A large two-storey Stone Building in the centre of the Town, suitable for manufacturing purposes. Apply to Robert Melvin, Guelph. jly18dtf

GOOD HOUSE WANTED TORENT—Six or eight rooms. Apply at this office. d

TO LET.—Good comfortable cottage near the Court House, containing 5 rooms; also part of a double house on Macdonnell street. Apply to J. A. Thorp, at hotel. o11dtf

COMFORTABLE DWELLING HOUSE TO LET—On the Elora Road, opposite the Baptist Church. Seven apartments. Apply to Robert Cochrane, or to Joseph Heffernan, Wyndham Street. o1-wtf

CANVASSER WANTED. — A person to solicit (in Guelph) subscribers for "The Canadian Illustrated News;" "The Favorite;" and "The Mechanic's Magazine." Liberal salary. Apply to C. ACTON BURROWS, Royal Hotel, Guelph. 4td

MONEY TO LEND,
On farm security, at eight per cent. No commission charged. Apply to
FRED. BISCOE, Barrister, &c.
April 4 '73.-dwtf. Guelph.

WANTED
At the Fashionable West End
Four experienced dressmakers; also improvers and apprentices to the dressmaking business. Two millinery apprentices and two active message boys. Apply to
Sept. 5-dtf. A. O. BUCHAM.

A SPLENDID CHANCE.
HOTEL FOR SALE.
The subscriber offers for sale the entire stock and furniture, together with an unexpired lease of four years in the premises so long and favourably known as the "Wellington Hotel," one of the best public houses in Guelph.
The present occupant can guarantee a thriving business, and only retires on account of ill health.
M. DEADY.
Guelph, Oct. 11, 1873. dwt

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

Opening Galt and Berlin Branch
On Monday, the 13th Oct.,
The Galt and Berlin Branch of the Grand Trunk Railway will be open for traffic.
Trains will be run as follows on and after that date till further notice:
Leave Galt, 7.00 a.m.; Doon 7.15; Berlin 7.30; arrive in Toronto 10.45.
Leave Toronto, 5.30 p.m.; Berlin 9.30; Doon 9.45; arrive in Galt 10.00.
C. J. BRYDGES, Managing Director.
Toronto, October 10th, 1873. dwtf

CHALMERS' CHURCH
BAZAAR.
The Ladies of Chalmers' Church, Guelph, respectfully announce to the public that they intend holding a Bazaar for the sale of useful and ornamental articles, in the Town Hall, Guelph, on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th. The proceeds will be applied in aid of the Church. Persons having articles to contribute will please hand them in to Mrs. Wardrope or Mrs. Wm Stewart prior to the above date. The ladies hope to receive liberal support from their friends.
Guelph, Sept. 24th, 1873. dd

THE TRIUMPH WASHING MACHINE. — We have manufactured it over four years; has proved a perfect success. Persons will do well to test our Washer before buying any other; they are simple, strong, and durable, and will save clothing, strength, time, health and hands. You can fasten on a wringer and do the whole work—washing, rinsing, and blueing. Theodore Fenwick, dealer in Stoves, Furniture, &c., Quebec st., Guelph, Agent. Agents wanted. Address Isaac Erb & Son, inventors, manufacturers and dealers in Wringers, No. 40, Elm street, Buffalo, N.Y.

Sept. 22, 1873. dwlm

SPLENDID CHANCE FOR INVESTMENT.
Residence for Sale.
That very desirable property situated on Paisley street, near the Western Station, consisting of White Brick two story dwelling house, with four bedrooms, front and back parlor, dining room and kitchen, with large soft water cistern, also two large dry cellars. The land comprises two fifths of an acre, well stocked with fruit trees in full bearing. For terms, &c., apply to
D. SAVAGE.
Guelph, July 30, 1873 dw

FOR SALE — Allendale Cottage and Lands—the property of the late Richard Jackson, Esq., containing about 50 acres of land, about a third of it being well wooded with handsome shade trees, balance chiefly meadow, on which there is a convenient dwelling house containing dining room, sitting room, 4 bedrooms, kitchen, parlor and woodshed, with stable, coach-house, and sheds, having a good garden with some choice fruit trees. This property is situated on the Waterloo Road two miles from the Market, and is most pleasantly situated in the vicinity of Guelph, and is well worthy the attention of parties desiring to purchase in this neighborhood. Price and terms liberal, and will be made known on application to CHAS. DAVIDSON, Town Hall Buildings, Guelph. s3-dw3m

AUCTION SALE OF FARM STOCK. —Mr. Robert Matthews has instructed the undersigned to sell by public auction, on the farm, York Road, two miles from the Town of Guelph, on MONDAY, the 20th October, at 1 o'clock, the following property: An exceedingly good mare in foal, 3 colts rising three years old, 4 good cows in calf to a thoroughbred bull, Durham bull 4 years old, bull 2 years old, and a bull calf (with registered pedigrees), heifer 3 years old in calf, 2 heifers 2 years old, 3 steers two years old, yearling heifer and 4 calves, Cotswold ram lamb, Berkshire boar and sow. Terms of sale — Nine months' credit will be given by furnishing approved notes. Will be offered for sale at the same time, the Farm, containing 100 acres of highly cultivated land, with good house, barns and offices. Terms made known at time of sale, or on application to the owner on the premises.
24-w4 W. 3. G. KNOWLES, Auctioneer

THORP'S HOTEL, GUELPH, remodelled and newly furnished. Good accommodation for commercial travellers. Free omnibus to and from all trains First-class Livery in connection.
May 14 dwtf JAS. A. THORP, Proprietor

RAILWAY TIME TABLE —
Grand Trunk Railway
Trains leave Guelph as follows:
WEST
2:17 a.m.; 9.45 a.m.; 1:50 p.m.; 6:00 p.m.;* 8:33 p.m.†.
*To London, Goderich, and Detroit. †To Berlin.
EAST
8:05 a.m.; 7:30 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 4:12 p.m. and 8:33 p.m.

Great Western—Guelph Branch.
Going South 6.50 a.m., 11.45 a.m., 1.05 p.m. and 5.00 p.m.
Going North—12:00 a.m. for Southampton mixed 1.40 p.m. for Palmerston; 5.50 p.m for Fergus; 8.15 p.m. for Harriston.

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SATURDAY EVEN'G, OCT. 11, 1873

Town and County News.

DAY is selling large quantities of wall paper. He says it is better to paper now than in the Spring.

POSTPONEMENT.—In consequence of the death of Colonel Saunders, the concert and dance announced for the 14th inst. has been postponed until Tuesday, 21st inst.

The provisions of the new liquor law prohibit the selling of liquors from bars to persons under the age of 21 years. This is an important clause to be remembered by taverners and others dealing in liquors.

MR. R. PARKER, carriage maker, Guelph, has sold and shipped the handsome cutter of his manufacture, which took first prize at the Central Show, to Dr. Cowan, of Winnipeg, Red River. Guelph manufactures seem to be appreciated.

THE LATE FATAL ACCIDENT.—It has been ascertained that the runaway team on Monday, which caused the death of Col. Saunders, belonged to a Puslinch farmer named Smith Evans, who was selling apples at the time. He says that his horses were left tied and broke loose.

The Beavers of the 6th line of West Garafraxa and the Stars of Douglas had a game on Wednesday in Douglas. The Stars came off best by a score of 60 to 39. For country clubs where there is not much time to practice they made very good play.

Two boys, sons of Mr. Jas. Martin, 10th con Peel, were brought before Mr. Barron on Thursday for assaulting their mother, and in default of being able to procure bail to keep the peace were taken to Guelph jail. Mr. Martin went down to procure their release.

WHILE Mr. John Wilson, of Nichol, was working about Mr. Hamilton's, threshing machine recently he put in his hand to feel if the beaters had oil.—One of the wheels of the beater-shaft caught his left hand, and mangled it so badly that one of the fingers had to be amputated. The operation was formed by Dr. Orton of Fergus.

At a meeting of the Directors of the North Wellington Agricultural Society and others, held at Mr. Clark's Hotel, Arthur, on Wednesday, October 1st, it was resolved that a ploughing match take place on Thursday the 23rd inst., and that the president John Prain, Esq., and Messrs. John Moore and John Robertson be a committee to make arrangements and select the ground. We believe they have not, as yet, decided where they will hold it, but are of opinion it will be in Minto.

SAD ACCIDENT AT FERGUS.—Mr. Thos. Whitall, miller of Fergus, went out to shoot on Thursday, and in crossing over a fence with the gun after him, it discharged into his right arm, shattering it in a terrible manner. He ran over two fields, and when in the barn yard of Mr. John Cunningham, was observed by Mrs. Cunningham to fall down. She went to his assistance, and found him bleeding very badly, and that he had fainted. With wonderful presence of mind she tied her apron and a string round his arm to stop the flow of blood, and got him into the house as quick as possible. Dr. Orton being sent for found it necessary to amputate the arm a little below the elbow. He is doing well considering the great loss of blood. Mr. Whitall has no friends in this country, and a great deal of sympathy is felt for him. Mr. Robertson, of the Fergus mills, states that he is the best miller he has ever seen. He is also known as an excellent marksman, having engaged in several pigeon matches in this neighbourhood.

A couple in this neighborhood were anxious to become one at the beginning of this week. The minister was sent for and arrived in due course. Everything was in readiness; the bride blushing meanwhile with all her might, as was natural. Only the license was wanted, and that the bridegroom had gone for a while before. At length he made his appearance and announced his inability to procure the necessary document in Elora, as the license-man was away from home. The minister consented to wait until he should try again, somewhere else. Winterbourne was then tested, but the license-man was away from home. Fergus was visited with absolute certainly, but the license-man was away from home. Some one in Fergus recommended Douglas as a likely place. To Douglas therefore did our friend repair, but there also the license-man was away from home! Oh Hymn! Oh Cupid! Oh licensemen! What a fix! The ceremony was not performed that day at any rate, but no doubt "they twain are one" long ere now.—*Elora News.*

POLICE COURT.

(*Before the Mayor.*) Oct. 11.

VAGRANCY.

Jerry Connors, who left jail yesterday at twelve o'clock, was sent there again for a month.

BREACH OF MARKET BY-LAW.—Smith Evans, farmer, Puslinch was charged by the Police constable with unlawfully selling apples in Norwich-st. on Monday last. —Fined $2 and costs.

Mr. T. Heartwell, of Caledonia, has matriculated in the college of Physicians, Toronto. He was sent from the Georgetown Academy.

The Late Thomas Saunders.

It is with feelings of pain that we have to chronicle the death of our esteemed fellow-townsman, whose well-known name heads this column. The injuries he received on Monday morning last, whilst driving to his office in town, were of so violent a character that they have proved fatal, and this morning at six o'clock his naturally robust and vigorous frame succumbed. His skull was severely fractured and his head dreadfully mutilated; and the wonder was that he was not instantly killed. But, sudden as was the mandate calling him "from life to death," yet he was sensible for days afterwards, and had his last hours smoothened by all that fond affection and anxious care could devise. His physicians —Drs. Herod and Worsfold—could not from the first conceal the fact that his injuries were beyond human skill to remedy, and they could do no more than delay for a brief period the inevitable end.

The late Mr. Saunders was born in Buckinghamshire, England, Feb. 28th, 1795, and was consequently in his 79th year. He was in early life engaged in commerce in Bombay, India, and to the excellent business habits and training of that period his remarkable accuracy and efficiency as the oldest public official in this county is in a great measure referable. During a period of about 38 years, in itself half an ordinary lifetime, he discharged the important duties of Clerk of the Peace with unfailing fidelity and integrity, and secured a very high reputation as a public officer. In the earlier period of his life in Canada he was appointed Colonel of Militia in this section of the Province—comprising the present Counties of Wellington, Waterloo, and Grey—and discharged this important trust with unvarying zeal and ability, and to the entire satisfaction of the Provincial authorities. During the Rebellion of 1837 he served on behalf of the Crown. For a number of years before the present improved system of administering criminal justice, Mr. Saunders conducted at the Quarter Sessions the onerous duty of Crown prosecutor. Other public positions of trust in the county were held by him with unswerving integrity and acknowledged ability.

His whole life was characterized by a manly straight-forwardness. He could never brook anything savouring of meanness or hypocrisy, and denounced it in no ambiguous language. Hence he was deservedly held in high esteem.

On his first coming to this part of Canada, which was in the month of June, 1833, he, like other early pioneers, chose a settler's life in the woods; and, from the wilds of an unhewn forest, with patient industry and labour he soon created a beautiful, cultivated home on the banks of the River Speed, a few miles from Guelph. The time-honored hospitalities of "Woodlands," the name of his fine Canadian farm, were well known, and pleasant recollections still attach to these "happy days gone by." He was especially esteemed by his agricultural neighbors, with whose early struggles when "roughing it in the bush," he too had manfully shared as a settler. Mr. Saunders never lost the fondness and zest for the open air, for nature and her works, which as a sturdy yeoman of the soil in earlier years he so long had felt; and in his later days, after coming to live in town, the well cultivated grounds and gardens of his residence exhibited his natural tastes. As a consistent Christian, his memory and example will ever be remembered. Storm, rain, or distance rarely deterred him from attending with his young family upon the ordinances of Divine Worship. His systematic and temperate habits, his fine physique, sound health, and a perfectly clear and cool head made it likely that his life would be spared for many years yet to come. Humanly speaking, no one appeared more to deserve to enjoy a ripe old age, until tired nature's course was more than fully run, and the currents and energies of a well-spent life must inevitably yield to the final grasp of time. But it was ordered otherwise.

Profound sympathy is felt for the bereaved partner of this honored life, sharing as she has done for half a century, with wifely devotion, in all the vicissitudes of his earlier and later years; and a like sympathy is given to his family for the loss of their excellent father. Mr. Saunders leaves an only son, Mr. T. W. Saunders, Police Magistrate of Guelph, and five daughters.

SUPPER AND PRESENTATION.—The neighbors and employees of the Stirton Flax Mills gave a farewell supper to Mr. A. H. Grant lately, prior to his departure to commence business for himself in Strathroy. Mr. Grant has been manager of the Flax Mills for over six years. He was also presented with a handsome purse containing $50. There were about a hundred persons present. Toasts and songs, followed by dancing until the "small hours," concluded the evening.

Forty years' experience have tested the virtues of *Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry*, and it is now generally acknowledged to be the *best* remedy extant for pulmonary and lung diseases, embracing the whole range from a slight cold to a settled consumption. Were it not for its *merits*, it would long since have "died, and made no sign."

"Home—sweet home," as the bee said when he entered his hive.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Carlist Victory Contradicted.

The Bazaine Trial.

International Congress.

The Polaris Trouble.

Arthur Orton.

Cyclone in Florida.

Madrid, October 10.—The report of the Carlist victory on the 6th inst., near Cirauqui, is officially declared to be false. Gen. Moriones reports that in the engagement on that day the enemy was defeated and driven back with a loss of 100 killed and 800 wounded. The casualities of the Republican army were 9 killed and 140 wounded.

Paris, Oct. 10.—It is now reported that Count DeChamb will go to Hainault, Belgium, on the frontier of France. The German authorities have refused Duke D'Aumale permission to visit the battle field of the late war in Lorraine. Denial is given to the report of the seizure of Prince Napoleon's photographs. Baron Stoffel, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the Bazaine investigation, has stated that he is ready to explain his conduct before the proper tribunal. Among the documents read at the trial of Bazaine to-day was one showing that there were seventeen million cartridges in the arsenal of Metz, of which only one million had been used when the place capitulated, and that when Bazaine said he had no ammunition the fact was he had no intention of fighting. Among the spectators at the trial to-day were many Americans. The reading of the reply of the defence to M. Riviari's report will begin next Monday, and probably last until the middle of the week. There is a rumor here that Baron Stoffel has been arrested, but it is thought premature.

Prince Frederick Charles and other German officers will not appear the court as witnesses for Bazaine unless his counsel declare their testimony indispensible.

PARIS, Oct. 10.—A meeting of the Republican members of the Assembly was held at the residence of M. Jules Simon last night; 100 delegates were present. An electoral scheme was adopted, and a committee, composed of representatives of three groups of the Left, was appointed to draw up an official declaration in the name of the Republican party. M. Thiers and Gambetta supported the action of the meeting, which also has the approval of many Conservative deputies. The Republicans are generally becoming more hopeful.

Memphis, Oct 10.—There is no abatement in yellow fever.

London, Oct 11.—A person claiming to be Arthur Orton has arrived here.

Brussels, Oct. 10.—The International Juridical Congress was opened here today. Mr. Miles, of the United States, made speech on the origin of International arbitration. David Dudley Field, of New York, was present. Letters from the King of the Belgians and Count Schlopis were read. A dinner was given last night to members of the congress, by the Town Council.

New York, Oct 11.—A Washington despatch says there is apparently a good deal of ill feeling among members of the Polaris party now there against the Tyson party. They seem to consider the reported poisoning of Capt. Hall as a charge specially made by the Tyson party, and they are much disturbed by the idea Capt. Tyson advanced that separation from the party on the ice floe was intentional. There seems to have been much personal hostility among the more prominent men of the expedition, but no division of the crew into parties under different leaders. The examination of Buddington will probably be concluded on Saturday. The testimony of Dr. Bessell's will be important. It relates principally to the scientific result of the expedition.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Telegrams received at Key West and Punta Rossa, Florida, state that a most destructive cyclone swept over those stations on the 6th inst. At Key West the wind reached a velocity of 80 miles per hour, and at Punta Rossa 90 miles. The sea rose above the mean tide level, overflowing, and washing away every moveable thing. A few of the inhabitants of Punta Rossa are entirely without drinking water, as the supply on hand was carried away by the storm.

SIR JOHN AND HIS STICK.—The *Irish Canadian* thus exposes a little game tried recently at a bazaar in Toronto:—"The Hon. Frank Smith, ever on the alert for a little cheap notoriety, possessed himself of a stick or walking cane, one of the articles for sale, intimating that it would be sold by auction, and that he himself would be the auctioneer. To test the popularity of himself and his political friends, amongst the parties present, he declared that the bids would be political in their significance; that is to say—the friends of the two political parties in Canada would measure their strength, on this occasion, by the number of ten-cent bids for the cane, as between Sir John A. Macdonald and the Hon. Geo. Brown. The persons present humored the eccentric Senator, and the bidding commenced. The Hon. George Brown was leading from the start, but the auctioneer had a reverse bid, and put fifty more on Sir John, and finally knocked all competitors out of the ring by increasing his bid to one hundred. The legimate number of bids, exclusive of Mr. Smith's own, were: For Mr. Brown, 35; for Mr. Macdonald 19. But Mr. Smith's purchased votes gained the stick and we have heard that it has reached Ottawa—long ere this —with an engraved falsehood on its knob, declaring that it is the index of the political feelings of the Catholics of Ontario towards Sir John Macdonald and his government."

Must a doctor have a license to amputate a game leg?

Notes From Manitoulin.

(*From a Correspondent.*)

The Great Manitoulin or "Sacred" Isle is the largest of that well-known group of islands which lies at the mouth of the Georgian Bay, and extends along the north shore of Lake Huron. It is upwards of eighty miles long, and about fifteen wide, with an area of 1,600 square miles. It may approximately be said to be situated in lat. 45 deg. 30 sec. N., between long. 83 deg. and 84 deg. W., and one hundred miles north west of Owen Sound. Its coast line is deeply indented by beautiful bays which in several places nearly divide the island, and is more or less rugged throughout. Towards the north the coast features are strikingly majestic, for there rocky precipices rise nearly 200 feet high, and are covered with clumps of cedars and pines which, shadowed in the back-ground of the dark forest, form a wild and dreary barrier to the waves of Huron. Towards the south and east the coast is not so strongly marked—low shingle covered with stunted trees gives it rather a monotonous appearance.

The Island seems to be composed almost entirely of silurian limestone of the Niagara formation. It bears unmistakable marks of having once been subject to some strange commotions, being "fractured" in all directions, forming not unfrequently yawning chasms and subterranean passages. In this rock are found numerous fossils, calcareous corals being the most abundant. Near Manitoulin Gulf there is a hill named by the settlers Fossil Hill, and most appropriately so, for it consists almost entirely of massive beds of coral of the most elaborate structure, giving the whole rock the appearance of a gigantic honeycomb. Bivalve shells are frequently met with and univalves only occasionally. Beautiful specimens of both are picked up from amongst the pebbles on the beach. At some period the Island must have been submerged, as the fossils are all marine.

The surface of the Island is considerably broken by rocks and lakes, and is well watered. Lake Manitou is the largest and is of rather peculiar shape, being twelve miles long, seven wide near each end, and scarcely one in the centre. Scarcely any streams run into it, while its outlet, the Manitoulin river, is a stream of considerable size. There are many other lakes of every conceivable form and size, some of them extremely beautiful and all well stocked with excellent fish.

The island originally has been well wooded. Pine and cedar of excellent quality abounds, and lumbering is carried on extensively by several companies. The hardwood forest consists chiefly of maple, beech, oak, brushwood, and in some localities there are large quantities of birch. All along the northern side of the island, however, very little timber remains standing. Many years ago a terrible fire originated from some of the Indian settlements and swept over the island, destroying all the timber except a few patches. What remained soon blew down, and another fire, some five or six years ago, completed the work of devastation, leaving only a dreary blackened scene scarcely yet covered with bushes or grass. Blackened stumps stand on the rocky ledges like grim sentinels guarding a fortress strong. Clearing the land in this burned district is a comparatively easy matter, but where the fire has been very severe it seems to have injured the soil by burning off all the vegetable mould and leaving nothing but the hard unyielding clay beneath. Time and cultivation will doubtless remedy this. The eastern part of the Island constitutes the largest Indian Reserve. There are other smaller reserves at Gore Bay, West Bay, Little Current, and Shigeuendah. The Indian population, I am told, is at present about 2,000 souls.

Manitowaning is an old Indian village beautifully situated on the southern shore of the bay of the same name. It once contained the largest collection of natives on the Island. It was deserted many years ago, the Indians going to the Eastern Reserve. There are about 1,500 acres of clearing about this old village. It is now covered with grass, which affords excellent pasturage. Manitowaning many years ago was the scene of an attempt on the part of the Government to civilize the natives. A number of artizans of various kinds, such as carpenters, masons, tinsmiths, coopers, shoemakers, &c., were sent to instruct the Indians in the industries of civilized life. This well meant attempt seems in many respects to have proved a failure. Although comfortable houses were built for them, so soon as they were left to themselves they speedily relapsed into their native habits again. I am told that instead of living in his house the poor Indian would build his wigwam before it and use the timbers of his former dwelling for firewood. Very few of these houses now remain, but the old chimney stalks and heaps of rubbish tell us that they once numbered several scores at least.

There are eleven Townships now surveyed, and the Government has opened up over sixty miles of roads, which, with the water communication, makes access to all parts of those comparatively easy. The chief white settlements are on Manitoulin Gulf and Manitowaning Bay. At Michael Bay and Providence Bay there are large saw mills. There is a grist mill at the latter place, and also one at Shigeuendah. Little Current is also quite a village, and one of the regular ports for the steamers of the Lake Superior Line. Manitowaning will become in the course of a few years a place of considerable importance also.

The soil on the Island is very fertile, consisting chiefly of heavy clay loam, and where not too severely burnt extremely productive. Crops this season are excellent—better crops of hay could not be desired. Wheat yields nearly as well as in Western Ontario. Coarse grain and potatoes also give good return.

On the whole the Island is a better place for settlement than is generally supposed. There is plenty of good land to make good settlements, and situated as it is on the Lake route to the Great North-west, the market will always be secure. Government land costs 50 cts., per acre and is being rapidly taken up, as much as 900 acres being located for in a single day. Little more than five years have elapsed since the settlers first set foot upon the Island to cultivate the soil, and in this short time large clearings and excellent improvements have been made. S. M. Rutledge, formerly of Garafraxa, County of Wellington, owns a farm of 600 acres five miles from Manitowaning. He has over 120 acres under cultivation, and on the most of this a reaping and mowing machine might be used without any difficulty.