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In Our Basement Monday.

WOODS' FAIR.

BEAR HUNTS A DIVERSION IN LONDON IN THE YEAR '45

Disaster of Big Fire Met With were lurking around."
In London, so far as the Times Fortitude and Spirit.

Pan Out-Fast Trains Ran on the Early Lines Here.

many standpoints in the Dominion. north or south of Dundas street, was to make for themselves a fortune. McIntosh and Marsh & Hyman, There are none of the old-timers, possibly, who would want to go back to the "good old times," as they have been called, yet they may recall with pleasure the primitive days. London did not have anything in the shape of a railroad in 1845. It was not until the close of December, 1853, that the old Great Western line was opened from Hamilton to London, and the early part of 1854 that the extension to Windsor was declared open for traffic. A good share of the freight for London came by boat to Port Stanley, and thence by wagon to the village. Some also came by wagon the entire distance from Hamilton. A telgraph service was unknown then, and to keep posted in the doings of the outside world, the inhabitants of the place had to depend largely on the mails from the east, bringing as they did the newspapers from the eastern American and Canadian points. The telephone, of course, had not reached London, and the methods of transacting business were generally slow. There was life, how-Imperial infantry and artillery in considerable numbers; the constant com- all who required it." ing and going of so many people seeking homes and fortunes in the new coutry; the operation of stages and trade wagons east, west and south-

YEAR OF DISASTROUS FIRES.

The year 1845 was marked by a series of most disastrous fires, not only sault and several of larceny. The alin London, but elsewhere. It was in leged murderers were acquitted, but that year that the village was almost the man accused of the criminal aswiped out of existence, involving a sault-Samuel Rogers by name-was ing from a quarter to a half-million offense was of a most aggravated char-Pittsburg, Pa., and Quebec, were also heavy sufferers by fire, and before the year was out. Milwaukee and New York had been visited. Pittsburg's and a squaw, whom they attacked. In the struggle Brimmacomb killed one named. Twice it was visited, one thousand buildings being burned the first time, at a loss of from \$3,500,000 \$6,000,000, while 700 persons were made homeless by the second, which raged in a quarter quite close to the By the fire at Quebec, 1.500 to 2.000 houses were burned, and tire population, were homeless and ent view of the matter. beggars. The fire burned fiercely for after it had reached a point one mile exchanges, and reproduced in the convicted of enticing soldiers to desert Times, London's weekly of those was given the same punishment.

LONDON'S BIG BLAZE.

It appears from the columns of the Times that in some quarters in-cendiaries were supposed to have been responsible for many of the fires. There had been numerous small losses in and around Brantford, and some of em were laid at the door of firebugs.

A Guaranteed Cure for Piles. Itching, Blind, Bleeding and Protruding Piles. Itching, Blind, Bleeding and Fromulag Face.
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People in the Village of That So uneasy did the inhabitants of the place become that a meeting was called "to consider the propriety of forming a patrol for the better security of life and property, several reports having been received that incendiaries

shows, no such feeling existed. There had been a number of fires, several places having been destroyed at one time, in the autumn of 1844. The big Newspaper Ventures That Did Not fire, however, broke out at 12 o'clock neon, or very shortly after, on Sunday, April 13, and according to the Times, the churches were soon depleted of their congregations, by the giving of the alarm. The fire originated in Although London in 1845 was only a and Dundas streets, and with a stiff village—the persistence with which the gale from the northwest by north, it people of those days are said to have called it a town, notwithstanding—it experienced at times of excitement the Thirty acres of ground were laid bare. equal of which it rarely sees in these The Times says the fire happened the early days of the twentieth century, when it has reached the position of a when it has reached the position of a steadily-growing city of 40,000 people, rooms by it. A number of buildings and one of the most attractive, from erected since the previous fire were destroyed. A long list of those who suffered losses was given, showing Residents of London fifty-eight years that many were not only deprived of ago, still living here, are few indeed, their homes, but their places of busibut they will all agree that London in ness, while many were left without a the Forest, with scarce a clearing east names appear in the list of losers, and of Wellington street, or west of the among them were many, who in late river, and extending not very far years were more or less prominently identified with the town. They include Simeon Morrell, Dennis O'Brien, a lively little burg, filled, for the most Hon. George J. Goodhue, Henry Davis, part with enterprising people anxious George M. Gunn, Capt. Renwick, J. G.

PEOPLE NOT DISHEARTENED.

But the people of the own were not to be completely disheartened, for the Times shows that almost before the ground in the devastate district had become cold, they were clearing away sites for new buildings. The action of the populace drew the following comment from the paper: "It may be said with truth that

there is a healthy and elastic spirit of enterprise and perseverance in this community, that cannot be kept down, even momentarily, by the pressure of the most adverse circumstances. Brief as was the space of time in which so many homes were laid waste, it is an absolute and most encouraging fact that long before the fire was extinguished many of their owners had begun to make arrangements for rebuilding them, and for returning with the least possible loss of time to the la-bors and duties of thesir respective callings, while the kindness and ready hospitality of all classes had long beever, in the village. The presence of fore the night closed in, provided shelter and temporary accommodation for

FULL CRIMINAL COURTS. On those days London was the legal center of the district, and it had crimthese were but a few of the things inal dockets at the assize courts much that went to make London a lively heavier than at the present time. At one sitting of the assizes before Chief Justice Robinson, in 1845, there were no less than three murder cases on the calendar, besides one of criminal asoss which was placed at sums rang- convicted and sentenced to death. The dollars. Within a space of three weeks had the extreme penalty imposed. In company with a man named Brimma-Indian and injured the other so badly that the red man sought safety in flight. Brimmacob also fled, and escaped to the United States, 'The subse quent commutation of Rogers' sentence to life imprisonment was adversely commented on in some quarters, but 12,000 persons, or one-third of the en- the Times was inclined to take a lenihirteen hours, and it was only stopped premium on larceny, the majority of neighborhood of London, the next nearthe persons convicted at the court refrom the place where it originated. ferred to getting sentences of three Such were the reports received in the years in the penitentiary. A person at Port Sarnia, the same clergymen

LITERARY VENTURES.

Even as far back as 1845, literary named for the purpose, each township ventures were anticipated in London having its own share. Those for the the Less. Marcus Gunn was one who town of London included Edward Mat-

sal benevolence among mankind, showing that their immediate and ultimate good is identified with love and benevolence. It will advocate the doctrines withdrawing. England was also inter-

which have so long distracted the world that her minister was in the House unwith mean jealousy, injustice, tyranny til the final vote was taken and war. Its conceptions will embrace every man as a brother, and its columns will never become subservient to wrong, private or personal objects."

Later in the same year another notice appeared in the Times to the effect that the London Satirist would be launched if sufficient subscriptions were received. It was to be a monthly periodical, and it was said that those who subscribed and did not remit the price within three months would have their names struck off the lists. The Satirist proposed to exercise a kind, but firm, every man as a brother, and its colproposed to exercise a kind, but firm, parental influence over the moral destinies of its locality, aiming chiefly to the correction of such vices and abuses the correction of such vices and abuse the correction of such the correction of such vices and abuses as the law failed to recognize. It proposed to make its columns interesting by furnishing choice and chaste selections from the best and latest literary periodicals, and it was to spare no pains to compass and distribute most recent foreign and provincial news. While it catered for the man of science, it would be mindful of the merchant, the farmer and the mechanic. The strife of party politics, it hoped, slept in oblivion. The Satirist, whispering his poxy vobiscum, would step so lightly over his resting-place as not to resuscitate

NEWSPAPERS CROSSED SWORDS.

As in the present times the newspapers of the early days had an occasional "scrap." Woodstock at that time brought a sharp reply. The Herald had reproduced an article supposing it was from the London, England, Times, but finding its mistake it said that by some unaccountable error a piece of unmitigated balderdash, headed, "Life in London," had found its way into the life that the limes announcing the marriage on Sunday, June 8, of Miss Ann McLaughlin and Richard Travers, M.D., the party limes and line and Richard Travers, M.D., the party limes and line and Richard Travers, M.D., the party limes are likely leaving for St. Thomas, where the life is the life in the life in the life is the life in the life in the life is the life in the life is the life in the life in the life is the life in the life in the life is the life in the life in the life is the life in the life is the life in the life in the life is the life in the life in the life is the life in the life is the life in th London," had found its way into the paper, adding: "It will be easily perceived that we could have no possible where the doctor was to practice. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Brough, rector of the parish of London." object in copying such trash. It is a mistake probably originating in the ambitious title of our contemporary—
merit of the verses having been taken
merit of the verses having been taken
THE MOTHER ELEMENT er of Big London, instead of the popgun of Canada's London." The editor of the Times had little to say in reply, but it was sufficient. Here

were his words: "Had a like disaster befallen us-were it ever our misfortune to copy a solitary line of either prose or verse from the columns of the Woodstock Herald, our case would doubtless have been one of unmitigated, irremediable mortification. We never should have survived the disgrace." In a further reference to the matter the Times referred to its conemporary as the Woodchuck Herald, this ground-hog apology for a newspa-

MOVE FOR A NEW MARKET.

It was away back in 1845 that the were inconveniently situated in what was then known as the east end, and set on foot a move for the establishmakes of its problems depends, to a large ment of a market in a more central extent, the future of the world. ocality. At a meeting held at William Balkwill's on May 1, ways and means on which the house of Lawrence Law-reason now stands, and lying between which the Mayflower cast anchor in Ply-Dundas and King streets.

committee asked was that the police board would be pleased to open the new building for the sale of butchers' meat and vegetables, and upon this condition it was willing to make a free gift all about the muscles of the body; and a great deal about the facts of history. of the building and land.

The police board refused to open the building "for the present." FAST TRAINS IN THOSE DAYS.

railroads in the forties, the construction of the Great Western was in view and it was assuming shape. A parakind be also the "meanest"? graph in the Times indicated that the for it stated that a meeting to consider the movement in favor of the erection of a railway was to be held. Later, in September, it was stated that J. B. Ewart, of Dundas, had left for England. Mr. Ewart was associated with Sir Allan MacNab, in bringing the prospectus of the Great Western Railway before the British public, and both embarked on a steamer for Boston. Sir Allan carried with him the proposed route of the road, which was to be from Queenstown, on the Niagara River, to Windsor, on the St. Clair, running through Hamilton, Ancaster, Brantford, Paris, Woodstock and London, almost parallel with the great provincial line of macadamized and plank roads. The estimated cost of the road was £4,322 per mile, and the whole cost £1,059,022. Of the amount £125,-000 was to be reserved for Canada. While Western Ontario was absolutely without railways of any description, across the sea in England trains were being run at a rate of speed equally as child two things: First, that she loves it; being run at a rate of speed equally as fast as those of the present day, and faster than a great many, as an extract from the Evening Mail shows. It was to the effect that the Great Western Railway had for upwards of two Railway had for upwards of two months run a quick train from London to Exeter, performing the distance in five hours. The journey was thereafter to be made in four hours and a half, which was at the rate of 45 miles an of the article, and I appeal to every one of them to say if I am not telling the truth about them. The true mother is not averse to the thought that her child may possibly grow up to be wise and renowned, or rich and powerful, but the truth of the control of them to say if I am not telling the truth about them. which was at the rate of 45 miles an CONGREGATIONALISTS WERE ACTIVE

The Congregational Church was active in this vicinity as early as 1845. A in Simcoe, and in July another was no shame! Clarke, of Simcoe, and Rev. J. Hall, of Port Sarnia, preaching the opening sermons. The church by the lakeside was described as being certainly chaste and respectable. It was the first in the est being at the place named. In the same month a church was also opened at Port Sarnia, the same clergymen preaching the sermons.

The year 1845 was also the time for the appointment of a large number of the appointment of a large number of the appointment of a large number of the word, religious. It "seeks first the best sense of the word, religious. It "seeks first the sense of the word, religious. It "seeks first the sense of the word, religious. It "seeks first the first in the ext in the place hand heat, and eagerly claimed acquaintance with the cardinal. "But I see your eminence does not remember me," he said. "You wild do so when I remind you that I was the first person who confessed to having committed. A gentle shudder ran through the frames of the audience. This was turned to constant the minutes later, and elderly marquis entered the apartment and eagerly claimed acquaintance with the cardinal. "But I see your eminence does not remember me," he said. "You wild do so when I remind you that I was the first person who confessed to having committed. A gentle shudder ran through the frames of the audience. This was turned to constant the minute lattains the required consistency.

We soon passed this steam and heat, and entered caves where the air was dry and eagerly claimed acquaintance with the cardinal. "But I see your eminence does not remember me," he said. "You wild do so when I remind you that I was the first person who confessed to having committed.

In these manure is laid out in rounded humamocks along the walls, and in the wider passages, in lines down the cardinal. "But I see your eminence does not remember me," he said. "You wild do so, the time feding fishes—blackfish, codfish, and eagerly claimed acquaintance with the cardinal. "But I see you the set wild on the provide and cause of the walls, and in t Clarke, of Simcoe, and Rev. J. Hall, of The chief justice did not place any respectable. It was the first in the the appointment of a large number of

justices of the peace by a commission

desired to get rich in that field, and he felt that the road to success lay in the Strathy, John H. Caddy, Wm. Geary, establishment of a weekly periodical Charles Monsarrat and John Harris. to be known as the Cosmopolite. Among those named for London town-Through the columns of the Times he promised to start the publication in a specified time, provided his subscription

There was plenty of excitement across the border in 1845, although it was not great in 1845. lists reached a certain point. In the the border in 1845, although it was not columns of the Cosmopolite the sub-due to any uprising of any kind. It scription price of which was to be 13s was due to the annexation of the teranum, in advance, there ritory of Texas to the United States.

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FORMS OF AMUSEMENT.

one particle of its slumbering dust.

Whether these two ventures were ever launched is not shown by the columns of the Times.

Tord to lose any of it, the depledations of the bears were generally followed by a hunt, in which the neighbors of the losing farmer participated. Mr. Handy, who lived close to the town, had lost a pigs, and, according to the Times, he is the depledations. started out with a party of fifteen others,
The chase continued for nine and a half
hours, and finally wound up with the
bear being shot. A few days later the
hounds were laid on the track of another bear which were brought to actor. other bear, which was brought to a stop and in one of its issues it came out with a rap at the Times, which brought a sharp reply. The Harrely and the successful hunters." At that time marriages were performed in London on Sunday, as well as other

after whom the bridge on the Proof Line road in London Township was named.

IN OUR EDUCATION

What Intellect Is When Divorced From Heart and Conscience.

"One good mother is worth a hundred schoolmasters."-George Herbert. We are living in a wonderful time! The world is thinking today as it never thought before! The great heart of humanity is beating with a rapidity and intensity altogether without precedent in the history of the race!

The sleep of ages is over, the lethargy of many generations has drawn to its citizens of London, or certain of them, became dissatisfied with the location of the market and market house, which the market and market house, which

If America is true to itself all will be well with America and with the world, were devised, and it was resolved that a new market be established and a a new market be established, and a convenient market house established, on a part of the square block of land

Talse gods and becomes entangthen it is meshes of a false philosophy, then it is all up with America and with the world.

It is no revelation to the intelligent to the mouth harbor right down to the present A committee was appointed to raise funds, and the market house was erected. Along towards the fall of the year those who were interested in the move met and passed a resolution to the present, the idea has prevailed in this country that our salvation as a nation is to be found in education.

There is no occasion as yet to conclude that the dea is a false one. We believe that the dea is a false one. move met and passed a resolution to it to be as true today as it was in the the police board, showing that the market house had been erected for the central and western parts of the town, by subscriptions of the inhabitants, the object being to avoid the necessity of attending the market at the extreme east end of the town. All that the committee asked was that the police of the conscience. There is an education that tells us all

a great deal about the facts of history, from the building of the Pyramids to the acquisition of the Philippines; there nothing else to be taken into the While London was not blessed with ailroads in the forties the construction all these things and still being graph in the Times indicated that the road was being seriously considered, when uninfluenced by the feeling of moral accountability, the most dangerous thing this side of Hades? Three master minds — Shakespeare, Milton and Goethe—have given us in "lago," "Satan" and "Mephistopheles," some idea of what intellect is when divorced from heart and conscience.

Absolute indifference to moral principle, a devilish delight in human misery, a

noble effort and to disappoint every generous aim—such is the character of the diabolical trio above named! And such is the character that is inevitably produced by the purely intelled tual training. The wiser we become the worse we become if with the increase of our wisdom there does not go a correspond increase of our reverence for the "primal duties that shine like stars," the simpler yet all-important intimations of

of things.

And right here it is that the motherelement comes in and second, that it is its duty to appre ciate that love and to show the appreciation by living a clean, pure, honorable Thousands of true mothers will read this article, and I appeal to every

powerful; but the thought that is dearest out to be a manly man or a womanly woman, trusty and true, clean and hon-orable, in whose career, should she live to see it, she may find the satisfaction church was then already in existence that has no sting and the pride that has established at Port Stanley, Rev. W. C. In other words, true motherhood is primarily moral, and, in the best sense

idea of moral beauty and spiritual ex-

An Awkward Moment. There is a story which Sir Edward

THE WEATHER TODAY-Fair and moderately warm.

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The sale books are open this morning and the pages will be turned over as the lots are sold and continue so (if any are left) until Saturday, July 4, when this sale will positively end. Don't neglect this opportunity. Fortune knocks once at every man's door. It is knocking now at yours. Get on the grounds; select your lot and put yourself in the way of making money. No matter how much money others make on real estate, if your heels are not in mother earth, you cannot expect to make any.

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which he confessed to having committed. | until it attains the required consistency.

on the wall above the section,

The Lobster's Enemies.

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The mounds are then covered with a blackfish, for instance, might come across a lobster and manage to bite off cellence,
Pure intellect is pure barbarism, but the intellect that rests on character is the glory and beauty of the world.
The education that enables us merely to think may in the end prove to be more disastrous than no education at all; but the education which, while it enables us to think, enables us also to love the right said the gentle and the pure, is the education upon which a nation can build itself and feel secure,—Rev. Thomas B.

Great Mushroom Garden

The mounds are then covered with a lacross a lobster and manage to bite off interpower obtained by sifting the tailings from the quarried limestone, just as coal dust is separated from coal. The mushroom is now planted and the hum mock is left undisturbed for three months, more or less, when the first growth begins to appear. The mushrooms continue to sprout during three months, but often engenders a certain poisonous gas which kills their own seed. The whole planting must then be removed, and the place thoroughly cleaned. The whole planting must then be removed, and the place thoroughly cleaned. The skate, clumsy as it is, gets some; if the colling of the worlds which is left and feel secure,—Rev. Thomas B.

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