

THE SIGNAL

DEVOTED TO COUNTY NEWS AND GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

GODERICH, ONT., FRIDAY, SEPT. 9, 1881.

THIRTY-FOURTH YEAR.
WHOLE NUMBER 1262.

New Advertisements.
Tea—James Wilson.
Tailoring—John Acheson.
Stationery—Philip Reeve.
Hay Wanted—This Office.
Sergeant Wanted—Obituary.
Sway Street—George Watson.
Mammeth Sale—J. C. Dettlor & Co.

Travelling Guide.
GRAND TRUNK.
Pass. Exp's. Mtd. Mtd.
Goderich, Lv. 7.00am. 12.00pm. 3.15pm. 9.00am
Seaforth, Ar. 7.50 " 1.10 " 4.15 " 10.50 "
Stratford, Ar. 8.45am. 2.15pm. 6.30pm. 1.00 "

Exp's. Mail. Exp's.
Clinton going north. 9.30am. 4.30pm. 8.30pm
going south. 10.20am. 7.30 "

STAGE LINES.
Lacknow Stage (daily) arr. 10.15am. dep. 1pm
Kincardine. 1.00am. 7am
Kenmore. (Wednesday and other conveniences) arrives 9.00am. " 9.15 "

Dentistry.
M. NICHOLSON, SURGEON DENTIST.
Office and residence, West Street, three doors below Bank of Montreal, Goderich 1752

Strayed Animals.
STRAY STEER—CAME INTO THE enclosure of the subscriber, E. J. H. Co., West Wawanosh, about the 1st July last, a red and white, one year old steer. The owner is requested to identify, pay charges and take him away. GEORGE WATSON, 1903-5.

STRAYED ANIMALS.—SEND \$1 TO THE SIGNAL to advertise animals straying on your premises, and avoid prosecution for illegally detaining animals. Address THE SIGNAL, Goderich, Ont.

The People's Column.
GENERAL SERVANT WANTED for small family in Sarnia. State terms and send references, and address OBSERVER office, Sarnia.

HAY WANTED.—A TON OR TWO of good hay is wanted immediately. Apply at this office.

TO RENT.—THAT HANDSOME concrete house, corner of Newgate and Albert streets, occupied for over 10 years by Mrs. J. Y. Edmond. It is in good repair, with hard and clean floors, other conveniences. Apply to JOHN BRACKENRIDGE, builder, 1752.

USIC.—MISS SKIMMINGS WILL resume her tuition in music, on Wednesday, 1st September 1881. Terms \$1 per advance. Use of piano given if possible. Stanley St. Goderich. 1800-4.

TENDERS WANTED.—THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL of West Wawanosh will receive tenders for the following: Improving of Young's Creek, from a point in Colborne Township, to the Blind Line, which divides the fifth and sixth sections of West Wawanosh. The work will be in sections of one concession to each section. Tenders must state the amount per cubic yard for digging, which concession the tender is for, and give the names of two good and sufficient sureties for the completion of the work. Plans and specifications may be seen at my Office on Friday or Saturday, and will be closed on Friday or Saturday, and will be lodged with me not later than the 24th of September. ROBERT MURRAY, Clerk of West Wawanosh. Wawanosh Township Clerk's Office, St. Helens, September 1st, 1881.

Real Estate.
FOR SALE, CHEAP.—LOT 34, Lake Range, Ashfield, Huron County, 131 acres, 131 acres cleared, 30 acres balance standing timber. Good orchard, new frame house, barn 40x50 and all necessary stabling two miles from the place. Address CHAS. McLEAN, Amberley, 1740-3m.

FOR SALE.—LOT 9, LAKE SHORE
Top of Colborne, containing 112 acres, 30 acres cleared, balance excellent timber. Soil a good clay loam. As this property is very desirable for farm property, for particulars most elegantly situated. For particulars apply to J. J. Wright, 181st St. 1740-4.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.—AT Duncannon, 12 miles from Goderich, consisting of 4 of an acre of land, well fenced; a frame house, a good well and pump are also on the premises. The lot has been well improved. Terms reasonable. Particulars can be had from Mr. J. E. HOBBS, Merchant, Duncannon, or to E. HOBBS, St. F. O. 1740-4.

HOUSE, AND LOTS NOS. 33 AND 78, corner of Victoria and East streets, in the town of Goderich, for sale cheap, or will be exchanged for farm property. For particulars apply to JAS. SMALL, Architect, office Crab's Block, or J. C. CURRIE, auctioneer.

SHEPPARDTON.—FARM FOR SALE 60 acres. 50 acres cleared and well fenced. Brick Cottage 35x30, stone cellar full size of house. A large creek runs through the lot, no waste land on the creek. A very fine orchard surrounds the house. Good barn and other buildings. Terms very easy. Apply to R. T. HAYNES, lot 16 Lake Shore Road, Colborne Township, or to GARBOW & PROCTOR, 1763.

FARM FOR SALE.—BEING LOT 9, con. 13, Colborne, about seven miles from Goderich, comprising 50 acres, 30 cleared, 20 in woods, and a new frame barn 50x35 and a stable and other outbuildings are on the premises. A young orchard, pump, etc. on the farm. The farm has a road on two sides of it. Four acres of fall wheat are now in. Distant only 1 mile from a post office. For particulars apply to Wm. SHERIDAN, Sheppardton P. O. 1777.

SHEPPARDTON.—STORE, WITH Post Office, for sale or rent, with 1 acre and stock all fresh and good. Will sell very low. For further particulars apply to R. T. HAYNES, lot 16 Lake Shore Road, Colborne Township, or to GARBOW & PROCTOR, 1763.

Auctioneering.
J. C. CURRIE, THE PEOPLE'S AUC. & AUCTIONEER, Goderich, Ont. 1763.

NEWS ABOUT HOME.

"A child's among ye, takin' notes, An' faith he'll print it."

TOWN TOPICS.
E. L. Johnson, Photo. is turning out very fine Cabinet vignettes, present, Geo. B. Holton, late with Hunter & Co., Toronto, is Manager.

Fresh arrival of Stoves, and Fancy Goods in great variety. Dolls by the hundreds, of all sizes, and cheaper than ever, at Saunders' Variety Store, near the Post Office.

If you want a first-class cooking stove, call and see G. N. Davis' variety. Also American and Canadian oil for family use. Something new—the magic tuning machine.

Black Monday will be a day long remembered. The Misses Corey, of Cleveland, are visiting Miss Sala.

Mr. Albert Crane, of Chicago, was visiting his family in Goderich this week.

Mr. R. O. Elliott, formerly of Goderich township, has returned to Colorado.

Mrs. T. McGillivuddy is spending a fortnight in Stratford, visiting "the old folks at home."

An old friend, Mr. Wm. Somerville, of the G. T. R., Wingham, gave us a call on Monday.

Bill heads and account slips are neatly printed at this office at the lowest rates. See our styles.

Mrs. P. G. Turner, of Detroit, is at present the guest of her brother, Capt. T. N. Daney, of this town.

Mr. M. Hutchison, of the Harbor Mills, left on Monday for Manitoba. He will be absent about a fortnight.

Mr. Thos. Dettlor, after a six months' stay in St. Thomas, is again managing the business of the firm in Goderich.

Mr. A. Hagen left on Wednesday for the Normal School, Toronto. Miss Jenkins will also attend the Normal.

Mr. R. Roberts has returned, looking strong and well after the sea voyage, and says there is no place like the old country.

The Caledonian games at Lucknow on Wednesday next, and at Brussels on Thursday will likely have many spectators from Goderich.

OUR NEW STORY.—"That Lass o' Lawrie's" will be begun in our issue of Sept. 23rd. It is a splendid tale, and is well worth perusal.

Correspondents are wanted for THE SIGNAL at every post office in the county of Huron. We furnish regular correspondents with stationery and envelopes.

The ordination of Mr. J. A. Turnbull, and his induction as assistant pastor of Knox Church, Goderich, will take place on Tuesday afternoon next, beginning at two o'clock.

Mr. George Acheson returned from the North-west on Saturday, and thinks it a grand section of country. He has purchased land in Dakota, which State he prefers to Manitoba.

Mr. F. Graham, auctioneer, and family, have gone to reside in Detroit. They will be missed by a large circle of acquaintances, having made many friends during their brief stay in Goderich.

We have been requested to state that No. 153 was the lodge of L. O. L. that attended the funeral of the late A. C. Simmonds in regalia, and not No. 182, as we stated in a previous issue. A number of the latter, however, attended individually.

BOAT RACE.—The single scull championship race came off on Friday evening, and was won by Gooding, the dark. Tim Mahony, more particularly against Cox. The arrangements for seeing the race were wretched, nobody seeming to know at what hour the scullers would row.

Rev. A. Stewart and J. Turnbull, of Goderich, exchanged pulpits on Sunday. Rumor has it that shortly after this month (which takes place this month) the latter gentleman will lead in the altar one of Clinton's most highly esteemed and accomplished young ladies.

—New Era.
Mr. W. E. Grace returned home on Friday last from a trip up through the Parry Sound district, having visited Gravenhurst, Midland, Panetanguishene, Orillia, Lake Rosseau, Lake Joseph and other points. He met a number of old friends on the trip, and reports a large number of tourists in that section. He states, however, that Goderich is far ahead of any of the places he visited as a summer resort, and he was glad to get home once more.

Mr. John Garrow, who lives near Harpurhey, and is a brother of Mr. James Garrow, one of the leading lawyers of Goderich, leaves on Monday for Detroit, to prosecute his studies in medicine. He is a young man of good ability, and we hope he may succeed as well in medicine as his brother has done in law. Then some of our other men will have to take a back seat for want of patients. Success to him.—[Seaforth Sun.]

PROMOTIONS AND CHANGES.—The following promotions and changes have recently been gazetted regarding the 33rd Huron Batt.: No. 4 Company, Clinton.—To be Lieutenant, provisionally, Color Sergeant Isaac Barr, vice William Proctor, left limits, No. 6 Company, Exeter.—To be Captain, Lieut. Glyn Elliott, vice James N. Howard, who is permitted to retire retaining rank. To be Assistant Surgeon, Wm. Chalk Gounlock, M. D., vice Charles James Hamilton, left limits, No. 5 of general orders (19) 5th August 1881, with reference to the Quartermaster, read "Donald Colvin Strachan," instead of "Donald Colvin Stoneham."

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A LARGE YIELD.

One of Mr. John Pasmore's apple trees will, it is estimated, yield about 35 bushels of fruit this season.

Mr. John Acheson has added tailoring to his other branches of business, and has secured the services of Mr. Fred. Fridham as cutter.

The Clinton Avenue kindly remarks: "THE SIGNAL, under its present management, enters on its second year this week. Our friends are certainly issuing a first-class paper, one that is ahead of the requirements of a sleepy and slow-going place like Goderich."

The Southampton Conservatives, hearing that Sir Hector Langevin was expected to pass through on his way to Saugeen, had ordered a sumptuous luncheon at an adjacent hotel, and prepared a lengthy address for him, blacked their boots, donned their Sunday clothes, and with an air of expectancy proceeded to the station to meet him. But Sir Hector, all unconscious of the honorawaiting him, journeyed to Saugeen via Owen Sound. They covered their chagrin by inviting some of their Grit friends to partake of the banquet, thus proving the truth of the proverb: "Fools make feasts, and wise men eat them.—[Whig.]

Magistrates' Court.
Before the Mayor.
William Robinson, of Goderich township, was on Saturday last charged by Constable Sturdy with furious driving on the night of Aug. 31st. The case was sustained, and defendant was taxed \$1 and costs—\$5 in all—or 20 days in gaol. Fine and costs were paid.

The Camp-Meeting at Holmesville.
The gathering began yesterday, and was addressed by Rev. Messrs. McDonough and Baska. The programme for the next two days is as follows:
Friday, 10 a. m., address by Rev. A. E. Smith; 2 p. m., Rev. C. Hamilton; 7 p. m., Rev. Mr. Harris.
Saturday, 10 a. m., Rev. Mr. Cooke; 2 p. m., Rev. Mr. Livingstone; 7 p. m., Rev. J. Brandon.

The other services will be arranged by the Ministerial committee on Saturday.

Meeting of the Warden's Committee.
GODERICH, Sept. 5, 1881.
The Warden's committee met to-day, pursuant to notice. Present the Warden and Messrs. Gibson, Hardy, Elliott, Girvin, Young, Childley and Hays.

The Warden explained the object of calling the meeting, viz: the necessity for taking some action in reference to the Maitland bridge, as the season was advancing.

Moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Hardy, that the contractors for taking down the old bridge and erecting additional stone work, be instructed to proceed at once.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the Warden and Messrs. Adamson, Girvin and Young be a committee to arrange with Mr. Platt about lowering the water in the mill-dam.—Carried.

A number of accounts for contracts completed were ordered to be paid. The committee then adjourned.

THE NUPTIAL TIE.
Marriage of Mr. Thomas Kiely of Toronto, and Mrs. O'Loane, of Goderich.

On Wednesday morning last an interesting event took place at St. Peter's (R. C.) church, Goderich, in the joining in holy bonds of wedlock of Mr. Thomas Kiely, of Toronto, and Mrs. O'Loane, nee Miss Lizzie McDougall, of Goderich.

The ceremony took place shortly after nine o'clock in the presence of a large congregation, principally composed of ladies, and was celebrated by Rev. J. B. Wattles, pastor of St. Peter's, assisted by Rev. P. J. Shea, of Seaforth, and Rev. Mr. O'Connor, of Wawanosh.

On the entrance of the bridal party the organ, played by Miss A. Doyle, peeped forth the "Gambus Marck" by Schott, with violin obligato by Prof. Fetzer, and at the conclusion of the ceremony, when the adjournment of the society was made, a galop was harmonically rendered.

The bride was arrayed in a sage green ladies' dress, with hat to match and diamond jewelry, and was attended by two bridesmaids, Miss McDougall, (sister of the bride), of Goderich, and Miss Smith, of Toronto, who were attired in brown satin de Lyons, with beaded satin overbusts and hats to match, with cream feathers. The groomsmen were, Mr. J. A. McDougall, brother of the bride, and Mr. P. Smith, of Toronto. There were also present with the bridal party, Hon. Frank Smith, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. O'Loane, Stratford; Mrs. Smith, Toronto; Mrs. W. Seymour, Detroit.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was partaken of at the residence of J. S. McDougall, Esq., uncle of the bride, which was participated in by a number of friends and relatives. A number of handsome and costly presents were also made on the occasion.

The happy couple left on the noon train en route for Europe, via Montreal and Quebec. It is understood that they will pass the winter in Italy.

J. Evans, of Wingham, and Treleuan, of Lucknow, played a quiting match on Monday for \$40, resulting in favor of Mr. Evans.

Mr. P. Cosgrave, the celebrated Toronto brewer, is dead.

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the accumulations. A very heavy rain will be required to wash off the effects of the fall of ashes, etc.

A SLENDIM SIGHT was observed on North Street. The tall and handsome spire of St. George's Church stood like a silent sentinel, clearly defined by the jet black-ground of the northern sky. The reflection of the bush fires to the south threw a soft, silvery light upon the wood-work, until it looked like precious metal.

THE CAUSE OF THE PHENOMENON is to be found in the fact that for weeks immense volumes of smoke have been arising from fires in Michigan and in this county. The smoke appears to have been massed by wind currents into

ONE DENSE BODY, and in such condition has been carried beneath the earth and the sun, at sufficient height from the former, happily, to allow us pure air. The rainfall, passing through the body of smoke, became mixed with the light ashes carried up with the smoke, and fell upon the earth in a condition like dirty, gritty lye.

MILLBURN.
On Monday afternoon here the air was darkened by clouds of smoke, and darkness finally set in about three o'clock. About that hour all work stopped, and teams which were drawing grain from the fields adjoining had to be led into the barn with lanterns. During the afternoon the rain fell, but the water was so mixed with ashes that the fish in the creek were killed by hundreds.

LEEBURN.
Lamps were lit here on Monday afternoon as early as two o'clock. Teams caught in the fields had a troublesome time bringing in their loads. At three o'clock the steam thrashing machine had to stop work owing to the intense darkness. Many women and nervous men thought the end of the world was coming, and that Mother Shipton's prophecy was coming true.

NILE.
DARKNESS.—On Monday afternoon from about 2 o'clock, the darkness was so great that a person could scarcely see to read within doors and from about 3 o'clock the lamps had to be lit in the houses.

DUNGANNON.
The extraordinary cloud of the sky on Monday afternoon, followed by such total darkness, produced a dread in the breast of many of our villagers that the world was coming to an end. In fact so great was the fear of disaster produced, that many could not be comforted until the light of our beautiful and genial sun returned again as usual next morning.

LUCKNOW.
Sept. 5.—Bush fires are raging in this section. Yesterday a strong wind prevailed and still continues. To-day about 3 o'clock the sky became suddenly darkened, and at about 4 it was almost impossible to distinguish persons on the street. The darkness continued to increase to such an extent that at 5 o'clock it seemed like midnight, and many thought the end of the world was at hand. Cinders were falling like snow.

BLYTH.
Sept. 5.—The village is filled with a dense smoke. The bush fires are approaching very rapidly and are within half a mile of the village, and if rain does not come soon the damage must be very serious. At 2 o'clock total darkness prevailed, and did not clear off during all the afternoon. It is something extraordinary. Old settlers say they never saw anything to compare with it. Schools were dismissed at 2 p. m., and business suspended.

BRUSSELS.
Sept. 5.—To-day at 2:30 p. m. the atmosphere became quite hazy, resembling a P. and in half an hour complete darkness. All places of business were compelled to light lamps. The atmosphere remained densely dark until six o'clock, when the reflection of the sun through the smoke caused one of the grandest sights ever witnessed, the sky being of a dark red in the southwest, gradually becoming general all around us. Bush fires are very numerous in this section, but no heavy losses are reported.

WROXETER.
Sept. 5.—At 2:30 p. m. to-day lamps had to be lit, and by 3:30 it was pitch dark. At 4:30 a little rain fell, and the air was filled with burnt cinders. At 5 p. m. the sky was a fiery red for about an hour, then becoming dark again.

BUEVALE.
Sept. 5.—To-day, at about three o'clock, the sky became clouded and the air filled by a dense smoke. At four it was so dark that the lamps had to be lit. At five o'clock it was like midnight. Cinders could be felt falling. Travelers had to take lanterns to guide them in the roads. At 3:30 rain began to fall, which only added to the gloom of the scene. Some of the inhabitants feared that the end of the world was at hand; others that some of the planets were out of their proper place.

WINGHAM.
Sept. 6.—Yesterday morning the sky was darkened by clouds of smoke, accompanied by showers of cinders. Lamps were lighted about two o'clock. Business was suspended. All the fish in the river are dead, and large black bass have been picked up weighing from three to four pounds. There are bush fires around us.