

## CANADA SOUTHERN RAILWAY LINE

### CHANGE OF TIME.

#### WINTER ARRANGEMENTS

On and after Sunday, Nov. 8th, Trains will leave the St. Thomas Depot as follows:

#### FOR THE EAST.

MAL AND ACCOMMODATION, 11.25 a. m., for all Stations to Fort Erie.

ATLANTIC EXPRESS, 8.55 a. m., (daily), arriving at Buffalo 1.25 p. m.

NEW YORK AND BOSTON EXPRESS, 4.40 p. m., (daily) arriving at Buffalo 8.30 p. m.

NEW YORK EXPRESS, 3.30 a. m., (Monday excepted) arriving at Buffalo 7.15 a. m.

#### FOR THE WEST.

MAL AND ACCOMMODATION, 3.25 p. m., for all intermediate Stations, arriving at Amherstburg at 8.00 p. m.

ST. LOUIS EXPRESS, 12.3 p. m., (daily) for Detroit and Toledo.

PACIFIC EXPRESS, 5.00 p. m., (daily) for Detroit and Toledo.

CHICAGO EXPRESS, 5.15 a. m., (Mondays excepted) for Detroit and Toledo.

ST. CLAIR BRANCH, 3.30 p. m., arriving at Court-right 8.30 p. m.; leaves Court-right 6 a. m., arriving at St. Thomas 11 a. m.

ACCOMMODATION, leaves Amherstburg 6.00 a. m., arriving at St. Thomas, 11.00 a. m.; leaves Port Erie 6.25 a. m., arriving at St. Thomas 11.50 p. m.

E. P. MURRAY, W. P. TAYLOR,  
Div. Superintendent. Gen'l Superintendent.

## St. Thomas Reporter.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1880.

### SOMEBODY'S MOTHER.

The woman was old, ragged and gray, And bent with the chill of a winter day, The streets were white with a recent snow, And the woman's feet with age were slow. At the crowded crossing she waited long, Jostled aside by the careless throng Of human beings who passed her by, Unheeding the glance of her anxious eye.

Down the street, with laughter and shout, Glad with the freedom of "school let out," Come happy boys, like a flock of sheep, Halting the snow piled white and deep, Past the woman, so old and gray, Hastened the children on their way. None offered a helping hand to her, So weak and timid, afraid to stir, Lest the carriage wheels or the horses' feet Should trample her down in the slippery street.

At last comes one of the merry troupe The gayest boy of all the group. He paused beside her and whispered low, "I'll help you across if you wish to go." Her aged hand on his strong, young arm She placed, and so, without hurt or harm, He guided her trembling feet along. Then back again to his friends he went, His young heart happy and well content.

"She's somebody's mother, boys, you know, For all she's aged, poor and slow; And some one some time may lend a hand To help your mother—you understand? If ever she's poor, and old, and gray, And her own dear boy is far away."

"Somebody's mother" bowed low her head In her home that night and the prayer she said  
Was: "God be kind to that noble boy, Who is somebody's son and pride and joy." Faint was the voice and worn and weak, But heaven lists when its chosen speak. Angels caught the faltering word, And "somebody's mother's" prayer was heard.

### WONDERFUL SPIDERS.

From the Leadville Chronicle.

A short distance from Buena Vista is a cave inhabited by spiders which are different from other spiders by their enormous size, and quite useful to the people of that vicinity. The cave was discovered last December by a party of sight-seekers, and the spiders and their work witnessed. On entering the cave one is first struck by the [fanny-looking] webs that meet the eye. They are worked for all the world like webs of other spiders, but every fibre is ten times as large as the ones woven by ordinary species.

On passing on further into the cave the spiders are encountered. They are about the size of small birds and make a strange sound when weaving their web. Their webs were so tough and the fibres so large that it is almost an impossibility to break down a web.

Some four weeks ago, while looking at the cave, a minor got to examining the webs. Their strands were about the size of a No. 12 thread, and he thought that they could be used for thread. Having a needle in his possession, he broke off one of the strands, and found that it just fit. Sewing on a loose button to test the efficacy, found it as strong as silk thread, and that it answered his very purpose. Since then the people have flocked in and carried away hosts of webs, but the spiders do not seem to object in the least. There is some talk among the capitalists of starting a thread factory there and using the webs for threads.

## IRISHTOWN COUNCIL.

IMPORTANT COMMUNICATIONS—ABOLISHING RAIL FENCES—J. BERRY NO WIDDER—INVITATIONS TO THE MEMBERS FOR ELGIN, AND OTHER INTERESTING MATTERS.

A meeting of this august assembly took place at the Town Hall, Irishtown, on Tuesday evening, Mayor Wiggins presiding. All the members present and a stone jug in the corner.

A communication was read from Mr. John Lycurgus O'Shaughnessy, asking for the contract to pave the Irishtown streets with saw logs of the corduroy pattern. Mr. O'S. further stated his willingness to pave the street for \$2.08, but if the council objected he would make it more.

From Mrs. Wagga Pepp, asking that the name of the city be changed to Forbe's Hollow, in memory of the late lamented corn curing hero, Dr. Forbes, now living.

From the celebrated cabinet maker, James Hern, asking for a bonus to start a furniture manufactory, in opposition to Messrs Strong & Co's manufactory. His principal article would be spring bottom chairs, painted yellowish green.

From the authorities of Port Stanley, enquiring what inducements would be held out to them in regard to removing Lake Erie to Irishtown.

From Sam Doan, saying that the country at large was in an awful state of jactitation; scarlet fever, measles and other calamities such as robbed hen roosts, prevailing to an alarming extent, so he thought that this was a good opportunity for the council to invest in some of his ladders. He would give them to the Irishtown Parliament for half price, but would raise the price double his usual rates, which would make the thing even; the council to furnish the whiskey.

It was moved by Harry Babcock, seconded by Billy O'Neil, that the contract to pave the streets be not given to Mr. O'Shaughnessy.

Mr. O'Neil stated he was after bein' visitin' Duntroit, along wid the Toronto Aldermen. They had run their spical kar over to Irishtown on purpose for him, and he had intered and gone wid them to Duntroit. President Hays an' the rist uv the lads had come out to vilcoms them, but when they found out who he (the speaker) was, they completely ignored the Torontaters and waited on his mightiness, that's me. They showed me all the principal attractions in the willage. It's a nice place, and in a few years may be as fine a city as Irishtown. I looked their seader block pavement, and as Sam Doan has been after gettin some seader posts to make ladders out of them, and the nightes are gittin dark, no wan knows bow soon those seader blocks may take a trip to Irishtown. (Cheers). The motion was carried.

Mrs. Wagga Pepp's communication was not entertained, nor the offer of the Port Stanley authorities, Mr. Babcock stating that 'e was 'ard to worruck manufacturin' a ship which was to sail on land.

Mr. Hearn's communication was laid over to another meeting.

It was decided to purchase a quantity of S. Doan's ladders, on condition of his furnishing the money to pay for them.

Con Coughlin then moved that those ancient relics of barbarism, which were called rail fences, be totally abolished. Mr. C. said that wire fences wor the medicine which was after bein' reikred to beautify the city, and be the tail of his grandmother's coat he wanted them bilt to onst. Alderman McNearney seconded the motion.

Mr. Jones objected, he said that the rail fences were a mighty hardy thing; it was so mighty easy to grab a rail and kill a stray pig or other fowls, and bekase when it was cold and there was no wood in the house, it was so convenient to lower the neighbor's rail fence a foot or two, he would therefore

Move in amendment that rail fences be not abolished. Mr. Liddle seconded the motion, and it was carried.

Johnny Berry then arose and said that false statements had been in circulation that he was a widder. No he was no widder at all, at all, and be the powers of mud, no shemaloe neather, he never had had a childer in his life, so he would

Move that a reward of one shilling and three big pennies be offered for the conviction of the dirty loing thafe's who said so, and that Detective Stogton be invited to work up the case. Carried.

Mayor Wiggins then stood up and remarked that the men who were appointed by the electors to represent them in Parliament, were in his estimation incompetent to perform the duties to which they were authorized by special power of the Irishtown council to do. He moved that a kind invitation be extended to the members for Elgin to return home, and that Johnny McNearney be appointed a delegate to Parliament in their places.

Johnny McNearney was happy inade to scind the motion, self-praise wor no

rimidly, but thin ivery one in Canada, as well as his larned frind the deacon of Westminster abbey, knew that he wor a greater man nor Gladstone. He would loike to riprint thin in Parlyment, and wud vote ivery toime for the interests of this beautuous city. He was not fond of money, but if a man wor to offer him \$100 for his vote he wud vote for him ivery time, and place the money in the bank for the benefit of Irishtown, but to the credit of John McNearney. (Cheers). An invitation was accordingly written out and despatched to the members.

An important question was then brought up, a question which involved considerable interest to the citizens of Irishtown. It was this: What is the population of the city? The newly appointed assessor, John Milne, stepped forward, in answer to a summons from the mayor, and informed the council that he had not, as yet, finished his labours, but the population so far was 800, however there had only been 17 men and three woman as far as he had gone, who had been public spirited enough to have themselves counted more than three times each.

Pat Murphy said that this wor a disgrace to the city; he did not see why the people were not after doin' as they does in the willage of London, over beyant, where the min frequently git thimselves counted 19 times, and so make the population larger.

Billy O'Neal then arose and said: Gentlemen, as ye air about to irict a statue to Harry Bab's trotting wonder, the spring halt horse, I

Move, seconded by H. Babcock, that another statue be iricted to Con Ocuughlin's cow, which wor an aquine wonder, and which we have all practiced milkin' on, whin there were no wan around. Oh, begorra, she war a beauty, but she died uv mental strambeths, mixed wid slow starvation. The motion was carried.

Johnny Berry said that he had a few remarks to make about [kapin out] thin St. Thomas lads. Be the powers of mud, somethin' will have to be done or the girruls wud be elopin' win thin; the only way Mr. B. could see at prisint was to git some rat pizin and give it thin in whiskey, which wud soon kill thin, and after that we cud bate thin to dith wid hay rakes. After some discussion it was resolved to drop the matter till snother meeting.

The preparations for the Great Irishtown World's Fair were reported by Harry Babcock to be progressing favorably. Pat Murphy was edycating a pig for it, and several of the lads were gittin' their shillalys ready, while the ladies were to add their quota, in the shape of all kinds of ladies' manufactories, such as bed clothes, fruit cakes and mop rags, and lots of other things; not pigs, however, though they are very sty-lish. (Cheers).

Andrew Little then addressed the council in regard to building a cowcatcher in the city church yard, so when visitors come they would carry away an everlasting impression of the greatness of the city, after which it was moved by Johnny Berry, seconded by Billy O'Neil, that the council adjourn. Carried.

### A WILY SERPENT.

A Georgia man was fishing near a rock under which was a snake's den, the other day, when the reptile came gliding up from a foraging expedition, and was dis- appearing in the hole under the rock when, with a dexterous movement, the man seized him by the tail and threw him twenty feet away. The snake hardly knew what had happened, and again essayed to enter his domicile in the same manner. Again he was treated as before. Never despairing, for a third time the wily serpent approached the rock. This time he came deliberately, as if contemplating the situation. Arriving at the mouth of the hole, he deliberately coiled himself up and put out his long tongue, as if to take in the full situation. For a while he maintained his defensive position, when he carefully began to uncoil, at the same time disappearing tail foremost into the den, to the admiration of the man, who had been amusing himself at his expense.

Valleyfield, Ont., April 27.—At six a. m. the strikers blocked the street leading to the factory and worked hard to persuade the workers from going to work and to join the strike. When the police appeared the mob attacked them. After using their batons they fired with blank cartridge. The police retreated into the mill, where they now are. One man is said to be wounded and one policeman badly cut by a stone. The mob is gathering round the factory doors and at the bridge. They are quiet at present, and the Mayor is endeavoring to get them to keep the peace.

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The death of the Princess of Hesse on the same day of the month and week as that of the Prince Consort has attracted general attention in England to the fact that Saturday has been a fatal day to the royal family of England for the last 167 years. William III. died Saturday, March 18, 1702; Queen Anne died Saturday, August 1, 1714; George I. died Saturday, June 10, 1727; George II. died Saturday, October 25, 1760; George III. died Saturday, January 29, 1820. George IV. died Saturday, June 26, 1830; the Duchess of Kent died Saturday, March 15, 1861; The Prince Consort died Saturday, December 14, 1861, and Princess Alice died Saturday, December 14, 1878.

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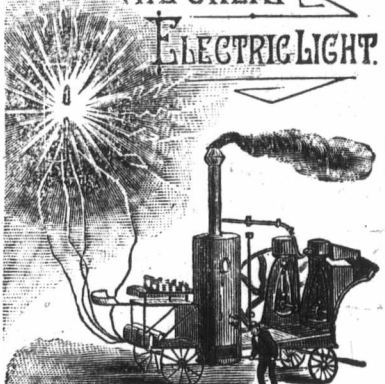
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