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How it Originated.

With the assiduity common to them in such cases, the Tory press has time and again impressed its supporters with an idea that Hon. L. Huntington is a thorough and outspoken advocate of the annexation of Canada to the United States. One of these gullible readers, when Mr. Huntington was addressing the citizens of Goderich a short time ago, howled out his conviction of the correctness of the charge, but his ears tingled with the cutting retort which rewarded his temerity and want of taste. The *Mail* was the first to make the charge, reiterating it from time to time with such alterations as ingenuity and unscrupulousness devised. But when brought to book and asked for its authority for so damaging a charge against one of Her Majesty's sworn subjects and one of the advisers to her representative in this country, it sneaked out of its position by declaring that in 1873 Mr. Huntington was set down in the Parliamentary Companion as favorable to Canadian independence. From this fact it argued that he was an annexationist, by what line of reasoning is known only to the wonderful logician of the *Mail*. It is astonishing the degree of effrontery this journal possesses—to make so serious a charge against the loyalty of one in so high and responsible a public position upon such grounds. Mr. Huntington did advance the idea of securing Canada for the Canadians at that time, but had no thoughts of annexation, simply expressing the sentiment of many enthusiastic Canadians who have advocated the abolition of all traces of dependency to the Mother Country, without violating the close and filial relationship therewith.

The *Mail* professes to have other evidence, however, and says that Mr. Huntington, eight or nine years ago, repeatedly declared in "general conversation" his conviction that annexation was desirable. At the same time it recalls a stirring speech, delivered by Mr. Huntington's opponent, in which the latter strongly denounced these views More logic! Because this stump orator publicly denounced Mr. Huntington as an annexationist, the charge is formulated and repeated for four years as true and unimpeachable. Forced to confess that it knows nothing of any public utterance in which Mr. Huntington advocated annexation principles, the *Mail* places itself in the position of confessing the utter falsity of its charges and showing the depth of dishonesty it has reached when it will repeat such a charge without a shadow of proof. For four years it has hounded Mr. Huntington with this charge, seeking to render him unpopular at any cost, even of its last claim to truthfulness and virtue, but, like the many other slanders emanating from the same source, it has proved a bird of ill omen already come home to roost.

Kaministiquia Harbor.

Much has been said, by Conservatives, in condemnation of the Canada Pacific Railway Chief Engineer's choice of the Lake Superior terminus of that road. The choice lay between Prince Arthur's Landing and the river and harbor of Kaministiquia, and the Engineer guided by most thorough observation and correct judgment selected the latter, whereat the Conservatives were very indignant, avowing that the selection was made for the benefit of political friends (of course), besides being made unwisely. In reply it has been frequently demonstrated that Prince Arthur's Landing could only be made safe by the expenditure of an enormous sum of money to construct a breakwater to protect vessels from southeast gales. Of course there were self-interested, besides thoroughly political, persons who maintained its superiority above Kaministiquia; but every testimony possible was received with results favorable to the latter place. The latest testimony is that furnished by Mr. John McIntyre, a factor of the Hudson Bay Company, who was recently in Ottawa in connection with some gold mining speculation in which Sir Hugh Allan and other capitalists were interested. This gentleman has been factor at Fort William for many years, is a Conservative, and knows whereof he speaks. During his visit a reporter of the Ottawa *Free Press* interviewed him, requesting his opinion of the merits of the harbor selected as the terminus. The statement was given frankly, and uninfluenced by party consideration, as Mr. McIntyre declared, when the question was put to him, in these words:—"I have always been a Conservative, but in this I feel that Mr. Mackenzie is right. I am speaking what I believe to be the honest truth regardless of party."

The statement thus elicited may be thus summarized:—The Kaministiquia channel is 400 feet wide at the mouth, 400 feet at the division of the two islands and five hundred feet at the Government dock; the bottom is free from rocks, and is composed of alluvial soil easily dredged. The water now is from 12 to 14 feet deep, and he considered that there was no better place for a harbor and that it was equal to the Clyde. The river can be navigated safely as the St. Lawrence, and the harbor was vastly superior to Prince Arthur's Landing. No vessel could land at the latter place in a southeast gale, and no elevator could be erected there without a breakwater which would cost three times as much as the dredging of the Kaministiquia. Piles of ice thirty feet high have been seen at Prince Arthur's Landing, showing its unprotected and dangerous character. When Senator McPherson and Mr. Kirkpatrick visited the river, the only objection they had to the terminus was that it was too far from the river's mouth, and in this Mr. McIntyre agreed, the terminus being 37 feet above the level of the river. As to the price paid to Oliver & Co. for the land, about which the Conservative press has made such a howl, he did not consider it too high.

Testimony of this character is indisputable, and when we add to it what has already been furnished, the wonder is that the Opposition can have the face to repeat their silly abuse in this connection. It has already been proven, by the observations of the priest for many years past stationed at this port, that the Kaministiquia is open much sooner than the harbor at Prince Arthur's Landing, and there is another powerful argument in the fact that the Hudson Bay Company, for upwards of one hundred years past have had their wharves and buildings at this harbor. If Prince Arthur's Landing was preferable to this, why did they not select it, when they were free to choose whatever locality they pleased? Says a cotemporary: "there is but one answer—the mouth of the river is a harbor, but the other place never was, and is not now."

"Mr. Mackenzie admits that American farmers export their musty corn into this country free of duty, and affirms that Canadian farmers purchase the most of it, the balance being manufactured into whiskey. The fact is, very few practical farmers buy American corn, because Canadian soil is capable of producing all the corn they require."

The writer of the above, a correspondent of the Sarnia *Canadian*, has evidently observed little outside of Lambton. In his own county the farmers grow considerable corn, and we believe even there they would find it more profitable to put the ground occupied by that crop under other grains. In this county, as well as many others, large quantities of American corn are used for feeding cattle by the farmers, who find it very profitable to do so. The grain is bought very cheap, and were it excluded by duties its use for this purpose would doubtless be abandoned to a great extent: Our farmers have no difficulty in finding a market for all the grain they produce, and at figures in proportion to those in other countries; and what benefit would it be to them to reduce their production of these grains, in order to accommodate the needed crop of corn for feed which can be bought at such a low figure.—There are sections of country by their climatic and geological character which are recognized sources of supply of certain cereals, and corn in some of the Western States is almost a spontaneous growth. For the especial purposes which Canadians use the grain, it is more profitable to import from that section than to grow it here.

FREQUENTLY have the Tory pic nic orators endeavored to make capital out of the cost incurred in official visits of members of the present ministry to England, not scrupling to deny the official character of the journeys and endeavoring by cunning language to make the people believe that they were merely excursions devised for personal pleasure. An examination of the "blue books" causes confusion to these orators, for it proves that whereas it cost the gentlemen of the Conservative ministry who made similar trips the modest sum of $5,000 per head, the Reform ministers did the same duty at the cost to the country of $1,820 each. A further examination will reveal more striking figures, and one item particularly is worthy of notice. This was an account paid to a Conservative minister of such bulk that he was afraid to insert it in one lump sum in the "blue book," but divided it into two equal sums, and thus smuggled it through without attracting notice.

IT WILL be valuable information to our young readers to know that a case has been decided in Almonte, which declares that clergymen cannot recover their fee for marriage by legal process. A decision so unfortunate for clergymen, may prove encouraging to some hesitating and impecunious or penurious individuals, though the matter of minister's fees should not be a source of trouble to these, since the customary fee would be readily excused if such a request was made. The plea set up in the case referred to was that the defendant received no appreciable value in the transaction, and, therefore, could not be called upon to pay for what he had not received. Great guns! We wonder if that husband has a hair left in his head, after having set his wife down, publicly, as of no value. Such benedictine evidence is enough to confirm the youngest bachelor in the ways of his crustiest brethren.

OUR town cotemporary has got the "Stratford land job" fever badly, judging from its last issue, and has made itself exceedingly ridiculous by declaring that Hon. Alex. Mackenzie has *bought* Senator McDonald's property in Stratford, in order to reward a political friend before going out of power. We fully exposed this silly slander last week, but for the further information of our cotemporary let us say the present ministry is not going out of power for years to come, that the Government has purchased no land from Senator McDonald, and that the latter gentleman is not politically a friend of the Government, as he was always a staunch Conservative.

IN THE sincere desire to aid temperance reform the Ontario Government introduced the Crooks' Act, and the Opposition immediately accused it of making this the means of securing strength in the appointment of Inspectors of Licenses. The unsoundness of this statement is apparent in the fact that the Government lost many supporters among hotel keepers, besides intensifying the opposition of others. The measure is salutary, and creditable to the Government, and the anti-Dunkinites, even, praise it in the statement that the "Crooks' Act is working admirably."

THE appointment of Mr. Laurier to a position in the Cabinet meets with very general approval from the Reform and Independent press, while the Conservative press has nothing to say in opposition. The Montreal *Star* (inclined to be Conservative) says, in the course of a very complementary editorial:—"The accession of the popular member for Drummond and Arthabaska to the Ministry is a move upon which Mr. Mackenzie will be congratulated by the country at large. Mr. Laurier is a Liberal of the new school, moderate, firm, enlightened and practical."

DR. TUPPER is a protectionist after Sir John's own heart, at the present time, but there is a mighty inconsistency in this which his friends and colleagues care not too see. It is not so long since the veracious doctor protested against the tariff being raised to 17½ per cent., as the entry of the "thin edge of the Protectionist wedge which would ruin the Maritime Provinces." During all this pic-nic campaign an explanation of this paradox has been looked for in vain.

EVERY effort is being made to ferret out the extent of the theft of examination papers, prepared by the Central Committee of the Educational Department. Although the clue was so slim, it was followed up with such promptitude that already the entire plot has been nearly laid bare, and but little remains to be done. It is apparent for some years past that certain candidates have been able to secure copies of papers beforehand. It is fortunate that the fraud has been so fully exposed in this case.

MR. LAUDER at Simcoe declared that the Conservative members in the Ontario House strongly opposed the increase of the indemnity to members. One of Mr. Lauder's hearers was the Hon. Wm. McDougall, who strongly urged the propriety of the increase when the question was before the House, and yet he did not deny the statement, when he knew that most of his followers in the House supported the measure, even to the *quasi* leader, M. C. Cameron.

THE Conservative rally at Ailsa Craig, on the 9th, proved a great fizzle, the numbers in attendance being estimated at about 500. Rain fell almost continuously, the roads were very muddy, and the solemn, woe-begone, disgusted, mud-spattered crowd gave no evidence of "Conservative re-action." The Tory journals are painfully silent regarding the gathering.

Jail Statistics.

The following statistics of the County Jail are for the year ending 30th Sept., 1877: Number committed to jail, 143 males and 16 females, of whom seven were under sixteen years of age. Of this number 110 were committed for the first time, 32 for the second time, 8 for the third time and 9 for more than the third.

Eight prisoners were sent to the Central Prison, three to the Penitentiary, two to the Reformatory, 70 served terms in jail, and 35 were acquitted on trial. Two deaths occurred during the year. Number married, 63; unmarried, 96.

Twenty-seven could neither read nor write; 59 were reported temperate and 100 intemperate. The nationalities were as follows:

	Males.	Females
Canada	68	7
England	25	2
Ireland	29	4
Scotland	13	1
United States	8	2

The religious beliefs are reported as follows:

	Males.	Females.
Roman Catholics	31	1
Ch. of England	40	4
Presbyterian	29	2
Methodists	32	8
Other denominations	11	1

The charges were as follows: Assault 17, felonious assault 5, carrying unlawful weapons 1, contempt of court 9, debtors 2, injuring property 3, drunk and disorderly 29, embezzlement 1, forgery 3, fraud 2, horse stealing 1, house breaking 2, keeping house of ill-fame 3, larceny 30, lunatics 5, perjury 3, prostitution 2, selling liquor without license 4, threats 6, vagrancy 16, want of sureties to keep the peace 6, other offences 6.

Five of the number were agents, 2 barbers, 1 bartender, 4 blacksmiths, 2 shoemakers, 8 boys, 3 distillers, 1 bricklayer, 2 cabinet-makers, 14 carpenters, 1 clerk, 3 coopers, 1 engineer, 15 farmers, 2 harness-makers, 3 hotel keepers, 43 laborers, 1 mason, 1 merchant, 1 moulder, 3 printers, 2 painters, 4 prostitutes, 11 sailors, 1 school teacher, 5 servants, 1 tanner, 1 telegraph operator, 1 well digger, 4 hostlers, 1 wire worker, 1 cheese maker, 1 whip maker, 1 brass founder, 9 no occupation.

The total cost of the jail for salaries, repairs and maintenance was $2,059.26, and the cost of daily rations per head was about 11 cents.

Legal Notes.

REMOVED.—On Wednesday Chief Constable Trainer removed the Willoughby boys to Penetanguishene, to serve their term in the Reformatory.

IN QUOD.—Jos. Williamson went into winter quarters on Saturday, presenting himself—at the jail—with carpet bag and warrant of commitment as a vagrant, to serve a term of six months.

FREIGHT ROBBERY.—On the night of Sunday, 7th Oct., the Exeter freight house was burglariously entered and a parcel, belonging to Mr. Jas. Pickard of that village, was broken open and several pairs of gloves and a set of coney furs stolen. Suspicion pointed at two laborers employed by the company, named John Sullivan and Jas. Boyle. Constable Gill proceeded to make a search, and found one pair of the missing gloves in Sullivan's box, in Mr. Folland's house where he boarded. The two men were traced to Clinton, and on Monday night Mr. Gill pounced on them in the Temperance House, close to the L. H. & B. station. After considerable skirmishing, during which the lights were put out and Boyle escaped, Mr. Gill brought off Sullivan, and having brought him before Thos. Gidley, Esq., he was committed for trial. While in Clinton the two young men consulted with a barber about getting their hair and beards dyed, but not possessing sufficient money did not have the operation performed. Boyle is supposed to be in St. Catharines, and the police are on his tracks.

MORE THIEVERY.—Quite a number of robberies have been committed in Howick of late, but the authorities have succeeded in nabbing the authors of them. On the night of 11th Sept. some clothing was stolen from John Knutson's shop in Wroxeter; on the 7th, two pairs of boots were stolen from Paisley's shoe shop in Gorrie; on the 24th Sept. a silver watch was stolen from Thos. Lunn, and next day a watch was stolen from Joseph Smith. A young man named John Grasley was arrested, and on trial was duly committed by Mr. Thos. Kaine, J.P. Grasley made a confession to the gaoler, as well as to the magistrates, in which he declared that at the instance of one James Wallace, *alias* Robert Lambert, he had broken a pane of glass in Paisley's store and stole the boots, while Wallace and a young man named Alex. Young watched outside. Wallace took one pair, and Grasley kept the other wearing them for a day and then giving them to Young to hide. He also confessed to taking Lunn's watch from the pocket of his vest, which was hanging in Daniel Harris' barn, lot 20, con. 10, Howick, while the men were busy threshing. This watch he sold to Alex. Young next day while on his way to Gorrie, getting the value of $5 therefor, and telling Young that he had got it in exchange for a revolvor. He also stole Jos. Smith's watch while he was drunk, as he says, and sold it to a lottery man in Orangeville for $5. Grasley accuses Wallace of advising himself and Young to steal, and states that Wallace proposed to steal cattle and sell them at the fairs. He states further that Wallace stole a heifer and while taking it to Orangeville it escaped from him while he was at dinner. A warrant was got out, and while Wallace was in hiding Grasley brought him provisions. Wallace left Gorrie before the time of Grasley's arrest, and the latter expressed Wallace's tools to him at Chiselhurst, addressing him as Robert Lambert. The latter was arrested at that place, and brought here for trial. Alex. Young, we learn, was also arrested but was let free on furnishing bail. On Tuesday both prisoners were brought before Judge Toms, when Grasley pleaded guilty to four different counts, viz.: stealing coat from John Knutson, a watch from Thos. Lunn; a watch from Joseph Smith and two pairs of boots from David Paisley. James Wallace also pleaded guilty to two separate charges, viz; stealing boots as above, and also stealing a heifer from James Downey of Howick. Both men were remanded until 27th inst., to receive sentence of court, the Crown Attorney, Mr. Lewis, being instructed to make enquiries as to Grasley's former character.

The Lacrosse match on Saturday at Toronto between the Montreal and Toronto clubs, was won by the former.

Dundas has passed a by-law to raise $8,000 and interest for the purpose of dredging the Desjardines Canal.

Mr. Graham, M. P. P., of East Lambton, has on his premises a boiling well. Its boiling can be heard thirty rods off. Additions and improvements to the asylum at Rockwood have been made to the deaf and dumb institution at Belleville. Accommodation will be provided for 200 pupils.

War News.

There is no further news from the Russians about the late battle in Armenia since Oct. 9th. Private reports from Constantinople say that Moukhtar Pasha thought it advisable to occupy a less extended line, and withdrew his right wing from near Sarbatan to Hodjkhideli and Vezikoi. The old positions were formidable, but the line was 16 to 17 miles long, and Moukhtar had only 35,000 men to 40,000 men. The Russian plan was to break through the long line. It was while the retiring movement was being effected that the Russian attack occurred, with a strong force of sixty guns. The Turks got in position, and an artillery duel took place along the whole line from Schedjan to Hadgelivali. The battle lasted all the afternoon, and the Russians, despite reinforcements, were beaten, and retreated with a loss of 12,000. The following morning the Turks accomplished the movement to Aladjadagh.

The London *Times* estimates that the Russian forces south of the Danube number 200,000, not including the Dobrudscha column of 30,000. Osman Pasha's and Sulieman Pasha's armies are estimated at 100,000 each.

The *Times* also reports that the Russian army at Plevna is in a discouraging condition. Up to the end of September the Russian dead reached 47,600. Since the passage of the Danube the sick, wounded and dead numbered 75,000. The Roumanians are discontented, and clamor for withdrawal from the war. One third of the Roumanian forces before Plevna are disabled.

Chevket Pasha, concerning whom there has been some uncertainty, telegraphs from Plevna on Friday: "I have arrived at Plevna, and interviewed Osman Pasha. A third convoy has entered Plevna. No trace of the enemy on the road from Plevna to Orchanie, which is guarded by troops at the principal points."

Literary Notes.

Harper's Monthly for November is to hand, and forms the conclusion of the 55th volume. The illustrations number sixty-four, and the articles are of great interest. Alaska is described in a lengthy paper by H. W. Elliott; an interesting article on the famous magician Houden and explanations of his most important tricks is given; Mrs. Harriet Spofford gives a paper descriptive of Western Texas and the historical romance of that region, and other popular writers furnish entertaining matter, The Editor's Drawer is more than usually replete with funnicisms.

Ehrich's Fashion Quarterly for Autumn has reached our table, giving the latest styles in dress—hats, gloves, cloaks, furs, jewelry, hairdressing, underclothes, &c. The designs are thoroughly original, and consequently more seasonable than those furnished through other fashion publications, which present Paris fashions second-hand. The reading matter consists of valuable price lists, short tales and matter interesting to house-keepers. Price per annum, 50 cents.

Day of Thanksgiving.

The following proclamation has been issued by the Lieut.-Governor:—Know ye, that, taking into consideration the duty which our loving subjects owe to Almighty God for the manifold blessings which they have received at His hands, and especially for the abundant harvest and continuation of peace with which He has blessed our said Province during the present year, we have thought fit, by the advice of our Executive Council for our said Province, to appoint, and we do, by this our royal proclamation, appoint Thursday, the 22nd day of November next, as a public holiday, in order that the said day may be observed as a day of general thanksgiving to Almighty God for these His mercies, and we do earnestly exhort all our loving subjects in our said Province to observe reverentially and devoutly the said day of thanksgiving.

PORT ALBERT.

MILLS.—The Port Albert mills are again in working order, the proprietor, Mr. Jas. Mahaffy, having built a new dam, breakwater and flume. He has also put a 21 inch Little Giant water wheel in the flour mill, which is truly a little giant, it driving the same machinery, and requiring but one third of the water used to drive the four feet Turbine Wheel. The cost of the repairs altogether is about $1,500.

REBUILDING.—Mr. G. F. Graham is preparing to build a hotel on the site lately occupied by the Queen's hotel.

NEW HOTEL.—Mr. R. J. H. DeLonge, has purchased the Hawkin's tavern stand, and is preparing to build an hotel, hall and outbuildings at a cost of about $3000.00. Ed. O'Connor and W. J. Givin have the contract for the carpenter work.

CARD OF THANKS.—I hereby tender thanks to the Canada Fire and Marine Insurance Company, of Hamilton, for the prompt and honourable manner in which they have settled matters in regard to my loss in the late fire in Port Albert. WM. T. PELLOW.

PORTER'S HILL.

APPLES.—Mr. John Cox has sold over 100 bushels of apples at 45 cents. His crop was a fine one.

FARM BOUGHT.—Mr. James Hendry has bought a farm at Glamis, Bruce township, where he intends erecting a store next spring.

MARE GORED.—Mr. Geo. Weston, a few days ago, had a mare badly gored, by a cross bull while it was in the act of rolling.

THRESHERS.—There are twenty-three threshing machines owned and run in the township. Already the crop has been nearly all threshed, and proves an excellent yield.

WATCH STOLEN.—Mr. A. Chisholm's house was entered a few days ago by a thief, and a valuable watch belonging to Mr. McEvoy, hanging in the kitchen, was stolen.

SUCCESSFUL.—Mr. Thos. Elliott took second prize at the Seaforth show with his buggy mare, competing against ten others. He also took first at Clinton, but missed showing her at Goderich, as the judging took place an hour earlier than was advertised.—COM.

Eleven thousand cases lobsters, valued at $70,000, were shipped from Halifax in one week by six houses.

A young man in Welland tried to stop a circular saw while in motion. He has now only one hand.

Capt. Symes, the popular captain of the Manitoba, intends running a skating rink in Sarnia this winter.

Three stores were burned in Windsor on Thursday night. On Friday the large hub and spoke factory, and saw mill at Blenhim village were burned.

People at St. Thomas on Friday were loud in their hurrahs when Mr. J. Burr Plumb, speaking of Hon. Mr. Mills said, "if he is a philosopher, we want less of philosophy and more common sense." But those in the immediate neighborhood were edified by John A. chuckling audibly and saying "Petty larceny, Plumb, petty larceny—I said that at Chatham," Mr. J. Burr-Plumb left the stand as soon as he had finished his speech.

Definite information has been received by the Department of Agriculture that the space to be devoted to the Canadian display at the Paris Exposition will be 8,500 square feet. This will be independent of the special space in the main entrance tower, where the trophies of the British Colonies will be placed, Canada occupying the centre.

On Saturday evening last Mary Griffin, daughter of Mr. Griffin, Woodstock, obtained some Paris green, and having swallowed a small quantity of it, died in a few hours. An emetic was administered at once after the poison was swallowed, and the services of a physician secured in a few minutes, but all efforts proved of no avail, the child dying early Sunday morning, some seven or eight hours after taking the fatal dose.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

CATTLE SHIPPER.—Last week Mr. Wm. McClain shipped 64 head of fat cattle to Buffalo.

BARGAINS in Books, Stationery, Wall Papers, Sheet Music, &c., &c., are still being offered to careful cash buyers at Moorhouse's. Call and ask prices.

READER—If you owe J. W. Weatherald anything come and pay him like a little man, before the first of next month. 1600-b.

SWEEPING REDUCTION.—Messrs. Crofts & Johnston, as will be seen by advertisement in this issue, are making sweeping reductions in dry goods. Read the price list, and wonder.

LUMBER.—The shipments last week were 21 cars by Secord, Cozzens & Co., and one car by, Williams & Murray. The latter firm received a cargo by the schr. Ontario.

KEEP YOUR HOUSE WARM.—Mr. G. H. Parsons is offering for sale a large lot of roofing felt, plastering paper and carpet paper, at low prices. These articles greatly conduce to the warmth of buildings in which they are used.

GOOD PEACHES.—In one of the jail yards is a peach tree grown from the seed, which this year bore some fine peaches. Four of them weighed fifteen ounces, and one measured 7¼ by 8 inches in circumference.

ATTENTION is directed to the auction sale of Mr. Geo. F. Austin's household goods, at his residence opposite the English Church, on Thursday next, commencing at 1 o'clock p. m. Sale without reserve.

LUSUS NATURÆ.—On Friday last Mrs. C. Shannon brought to this office a fine bunch of wild raspberries, plucked near the railway crossing on the Huron Road. The fruit was ripe, of fine flavor and large. This season has been remarkable for uncommon appearances in nature.

HOLMAN'S LIVER PAD.—We would direct attention to the advertisement of the Holman Liver Pad Company. The article manufactured by this company is having a most astonishing sale, and is highly recommended in cases of the distressing complaints resulting from a diseased liver.

MYRTLE NAVY.—Messrs. Tuckett & Billings, of Hamilton, tobacco manufacturers, are known far and wide as is their famous brand known as Myrtle Navy Tobacco. Other manufacturers, knowing the popularity of this brand have been unscrupulous enough to sell an inferior article under this name. None is genuine but that having the letters "T & B," stamped in guilt letters on each plug.

CARD OF THANKS.—*Editor Huron Signal.*—Dear Sir: Please allow us, through the *Signal*, to tender our sincere thanks to those friends who exerted themselves at the fire on Thursday morning last to save our property, by keeping the roof and wall of the cottage wet, until the steamer got ready. We also thank the Firemen for their exertions and caution not to break in the windows with the water, as they were all cracked by the heat, so that no injury was done to the furniture whatever.—HUGH HAMILTON, D.C. MACKAY.

MUSICAL JUBILEE.—The concert in preparation by Prof. Marquis Chisholm and his pupils is announced to take place on next Monday evening, in Oddfellows hall. The programme is large and varied, and presents the names of Mrs. Judge Toms, Mrs. Marquis Chisholm, Miss Lucy Carey, Miss Lucy Trueman and Mr. F. Bond, assisted by a chorus of 100 voices. Tickets, 25 and 50 cents, children under twelve 10 cents. On the following evening Mr. Chisholm will give a lecture on Chinese and Japanese customs and episodes of travel round the world. The lecture is highly spoken of. Mrs. Chisholm will also sing a number of Scotch airs.

FIELD CROPS.—Messrs. Elijah Martin, George Cox, and John Stewart, the judges on Field Crops in the competition under the auspices of the West Riding Society, completed their arduous duties on Friday, after travelling through the Townships of Colborne, Goderich and Tuckersmith during three days. The prizes were awarded as follows: Best acre of turnips, 1st James Dickson, 2nd Samuel Oake, 3rd George Phipps. Best ¼ acre carrots, 1st John Boyd, 2nd Patrick Carroll, 3rd George Phipps. Best ¼ acre mangolds, 1st James Dickson, 2nd Henry Heath, 3rd John Salkeld. Best ¼ acre potatoes, 1st John Salkeld, 2nd John Buchanan, 3rd Charles McHardy.

A GOOD JOKE.—Some time ago one of our citizens received a telegram, and after perusing it declared he would not pay the charges due on it, telling the operator to collect from the man who sent the message. This could not be done, so the operator resolved to be even with his sharp customer, and a few days thereafter drew out and receipted a bill for 25 cents, enclosed it in a telegraphic envelope, marked "collect," and sent it to the individual by his clerk. Mr. of the second part, was in a fluster when the message was brought, and as the boy refused to hand it to him until he paid the 25 cents, he went into Capt. Cox's, borrowed the money, paid the boy, and opened the envelope to find himself completely taken in.

PLACED RIGHT.—Two weeks ago we published an item questioning a judgment given by Thos. Gidley, Esq. J. P. of Exeter, in fining a teamster for drawing freight from the station without license. It having been represented to us that the party fined was a regular employee of the firm for whom he was teaming, it was natural to condemn the judgment; but it appears he was only employed with his team to draw a certain amount. Under the village by-law which demands that persons drawing freight from the station for gain, and as a business, must take out a license, which costs $10. Mr. Baladon is well to do, and makes use of his team now and again to do teaming, which makes him amenable to this regulation. He contended at the trial that he was not working for "hire or gain," inasmuch as he was paying off an indebtedness in this way, but that fact did not alter the case in the least.

MANHATTAN SHAFT.—This work has not been progressing very rapidly since our last report, owing to the attention required in strengthening the curbs, fitting up an engine for hoisting the dirt and constructing an air chamber at the surface. During last week, however, the work went on steadily and now a depth of about 62 feet has been attained. So far the water has given no trouble. The engine house is well on towards completion, and the boilers are in place, steam having been kept up in one of them for several days past, while the two engines are now being placed. Mr. Frisbee, who is in charge of the work, is pushing it with energy, and it is likely the rock will be reached at the end of this week, or early next week. A bed of potter's clay, of fine quality, has been found on Mr. Attrill's property, and we learn that he is taking steps to utilize it if practicable.

FIRE.—About 3 o'clock on Thursday morning last the one and a half story frame store, at the corner of West and Waterloo streets, owned by Mr. D. C. McKay, was discovered to be on fire by a member of Mr. Hugh Hamilton's family, who live next door. The alarm was quickly given, and a crowd soon gathered, the engine following later. The flames, which began in the rear and on the west side, spread rapidly, and when the engine arrived attention was directed to Mr. Hamilton's house which was in great danger of burning, the store was occupied by Mr. Philip Reeve, as a junk shop, and he slept alone on the upper floor. When he awoke he was nearly stifled, and could barely drag himself to the window, where he was found, gasping for breath, by two men who came to his rescue. The building, which has stood 38 years, was totally destroyed, and is a loss to Mr. McKay of about $200. Mr. Reeves saved the most of his goods, but lost about $50 on stock besides $87 in cash and a silver watch which he states were lost in the flames.

HAIR DRESSING.—We would direct the attention of the ladies to the advertisement of Mrs. Wm. Ferris, in another column.

HARBOR MILL.—The shipments last week were: 1450 bags and 175 bbls flour, 223 bags and two cars of shorts and three cars of bran.

SALT SHIPMENTS.—The shipments last week amounted to 350 bbls shipped in small lots. On Tuesday Mr. Wm. Seymour began loading the schr. J. J. Taylor with 500 tons in bulk.

PERSONAL.—On Tuesday we had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. J. C. Beckett, of Montreal, a brother printer. Mr. Beckett is stopping for a few days with his brother-in-law, Mr. M. Hutchison.

GODERICH HIGH SCHOOL.—The next entrance examination, as will be seen by advertisement in another column, will be held at the Central School, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 11th and 12th. For further particulars see adv.

GRAIN BUSINESS.—The market has been quite busy of late. Last week Mr. S. Sloan shipped 2000 bushels of wheat by rail, and Mr. Wm. Seymour shipped 2355 bushels barley by schr. Nemesis to Cleveland. A cargo of Manitoba grain was delivered at the Harbor Mills on Saturday night by the propellor Ontario. Mr. Seymour received last week about 4000 bushels of farmers grain.

FARM FOR SALE.—Mr. Wm. Mullin's farm, lot 10, con. 2, Township of Goderich, 2½ miles from town, will be sold by auction on the premises, by Mr. J. C. Currie, on Monday, 22nd Oct., together with a quantity of stock and farming implements. Farm contains 80 acres and will be sold without reserve. Terms, 12 months' credit on stock; on farm, $100 cash or day of sale, $300 when deed is delivered, balance as agreed upon.

DREDGING.—The Government dredge Challenge arrived here from Kincardine on Saturday, and proceeded to dredge out the channel at Williams & Murray's dock, at the eastern end of the new breakwater. The channel is to be deepened so that vessels can deliver their cargoes at these docks, and pass around the island. After completing this work, the dredge goes to Dufferin Pier, to work under the direction of the International Salt Co., in making a channel and deepening the approach to the pier.

PROVINCIAL PLOUGHING MATCH.—The annual match for this district will take place on Thursday, 25th October, on the farms of John Donaldson, Geo. McFarlane and A. Marritt, 2d con., McGillivray, two miles from Ailsa Craig. The sum of $347 will be awarded in prizes, in 1st and 2d adult classes and boys' class. Members of Societies contributing $25 to the match fund will be permitted to enter the competition free on producing certificates of membership; others will be required to pay $1.—Ploughing will begin at 9 a. m., and the competitors must be on the ground at 8:30 o'clock. For further particulars address W. K. Atkinson, Secretary, Ailsa Craig, or to Sheriff Gibbons, representative for this district.

ANOTHER FIRE.—On Sunday afternoon, the old carding mill recently purchased by Mr. Wm. Hilliard, and situated near his dwelling house, was destroyed by fire. Mr. Hilliard had just returned from church, and as he was passing the mill he saw a young man dressed in grey clothes coming from it, but did not take further notice of the circumstance at the time. After stabling the horse, and just as he had seated himself at dinner, not more than fifteen minutes after seeing the young man, flames were seen to issue from a window at the south-west corner of the mill. Owing to the inflammable nature of the building it was quickly beyond salvation and soon destroyed. The buildings adjoining were saved by the exertions of those who assembled on the alarm being given. Fortunately there was nothing of value in the mill, Mr. Hilliard having only commenced preparations for converting it into a gristing mill. No fire had ever been lit in it by Mr. Hilliard, and the evidence is positive that the fire was the work of an incendiary. The building was insured in the Canada Fire & Marine for $400. Loss, about $600.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON.—The regular meeting took place at Clinton, on Tuesday of last week, the attendance of delegates being larger than usual. The business of local interest transacted was as follows: Petitions were presented for the organization of Churches at Grand Bend and Chiselhurst. Rev. S. Young, of Manchester, accepted a call from Clifford; and Bayfield and Bethany, in favor of Rev. John McClung were sustained. Rev. Jas. Sieveright's resignation of Smith's Hill was accepted, and the re-arrangement of Knox Church in Goderich, Leeburn and Union church in Goderich Township was sanctioned. Rev. Dr. Ure was appointed to preach Smith's Hill church vacant, and Rev. Mr. McLean Hullett and Manchester churches, on the last Sunday in October. An adjourned meeting will be held at Blyth on the second Tuesday in November, to consider connecting Smith's Hill and Manchester in one pastoral charge. The next regular meeting will be held at Blyth on the second Tuesday in December. The Presbytery, in assenting to Mr. Young's removal to Clifford, adopted the following resolution:—In taking this course the Presbytery do so with regret at parting with Mr. Young, who during his long connection with this court has commended himself to the cordial esteem and affection of his brethren as an efficient laborer in the Master's vineyard, and as one whose presence and counsels have always been highly prized by his brethren in the Presbytery. The Presbytery cordially wish their brother God speed in his new sphere of labor.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—Blyth is to have a billiard hall.

—Brucefield beat Clinton at cricket, a few days ago, by 35 runs.

—Some 200 sheep were shipped from Clinton last week.

—Mr. T. Leadbeater, of Brussels, has a pumpkin which weighs 50 lbs.

—Mr. Robert McDonald, 1st con., Grey, recently sold a yoke of working oxen for $150.

—A parsonage is about to be built in connection with the Kippen Methodist church.

—Mr. A. Allan, of Exeter, has an apple tree which has blossomed the third time this season.

—Rev. S. Young, of Manchester, is about to take his departure for Clifford. His removal will be much regretted.

—The new Methodist church will be opened at Brucefield on Sunday, the 21st inst.

—Wm. Wrighton, an employee in the Blyth *Review* office had one of his thumbs smashed a few days ago, while working a press.

—On Tuesday last Tommy, son of Jas. Clark, of Blyth, was thrown from a horse he was riding and much bruised but not seriously.

—Hugh McQuarrie, of Blyth, week before last, gathered the second crop of cherries from some of his trees. A very rare occurrence.

—Mr. George Walls, of Brussels, accompanied by his son John, left for Nebraska on the 6th, by waggon. The trip will occupy five or six weeks.

—The quarterly services in connection with Holmesville circuit Methodist Church, will be held at Holmesville, on the 4th of Nov.

—Mr. Jas Clark, of Blyth, while out with his horse and buggy on Monday of last week, was thrown out and sustained the fracture of a rib. He is improving.

—Mr. Neil Milley, of Blyth, while ploughing a few days ago, received a blow from one of the handles of the plough, which broke one of his ribs.

—A marriage feast occurred on the Brompton line, Stanley, a few evenings ago, at which the bridegroom became so muddled that he began flourishing a revolver and when the company cleared out he fired into them hitting one young man in the calf of the leg.

—A horse belonging to Mr. Seraun, of Exeter, was last week killed by the upsetting of a load of water which it was drawing.

—Two boys ten and fifteen years old respectively were recently seen in Blyth, reeling drunk. It is a pity the hotel keeper who gave them liquor could not be detected and punished.

—On Wednesday last, Mr. Edmondson of Blyth, came near suffocating through having a piece of meat lodge in his throat. Dr. Carder was called in and dislodged the meat with difficulty.

—Look out for $10 bills on the Consolidated Bank. They are bogus, as the entire issue of that denomination has been cancelled, uncontersigned bills having been stolen.

—Mr. W. Westcott has sold his farm of 100 acres, being lot 28, 1st con., Tuckersmith, for the sum of $7,500; also 20 acres, near Brucefield, adjoining the cheese factory, to Mr. J. Gibson, for the sum of $1,200.

—Mr. Wm. Riley, of Londesboro, has grown this season a cabbage of the ox heart variety, containing nine heads, well formed, on one stalk. One head was full size, the other eight were smaller, but all solid heads.

—Master John Fox, of Clinton, was a few days ago thrown from his buggy while driving down the Holmesville hill, by the breaking of the axle. He was dragged a considerable distance but was only slightly bruised.

—Mr. C. Hamilton, says the Blyth *Review*, has sold his farm of 100 acres, Lot 35, 3rd con., of Wawanosh, to Mr. Frederick Toll, for $2,300. Mr. H. bought this place about eight days previous for $2,200.

—Walter Amos, an unlicensed medical practitioner of Wingham, was fined $25 by Thos. Holmes, J. P., at the instance of Detective Smith. John Jerome, of Lucknow, has also