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WATER WORKS.

We understand the waterworks and electric light schemes are making progress. At the last council meeting the matter was referred to a committee of the council, consisting of the mayor, deputy reeve and councillors Butler, Humbr, Bingham and Colborne, with the co-operation of Messrs Joseph Williams, Garrow and McEwan. This committee met and organized at the appointment of the mayor as chairman. Several important meetings have since taken place.

Arrangements have been made with Mr Chipman, a well known engineer of Brockville, who recently superintended the construction of the Cornwall water works and also the Brockville water works, to come to Goderich and consult with the committee at an early day, when the plans for carrying out these improvements will be finally completed and reported to the council, and tenders will be asked for the immediate construction of the works.

There has been some discussion in the committee as to the question whether there is a water power available at the harbor sufficient for running the waterworks and electric light.

Most of our citizens are aware that in putting down salt wells at the harbor water was struck which spouted up and has ever since continued to overflow. It is said to rise to a height of 28 feet above the level of the lake, and if a sufficient supply can be procured by putting down several holes, there can be little doubt that all the power required exists. This would effect a saving of \$2500 a year at least in the running expenses. It is intended to take the opinion of engineer Chipman upon the subject when he is here.

TORONTO uses 11,500,000 gallons of water daily, and the saloons continue to do a lively trade, too.

Mr Parnell's health is causing his friends much anxiety. He looks wasted, worn and fatigued, and is extremely nervous. Some medical men believe he is suffering from softening of the brain, but this is denied.

MR. BAIRD has notified the Government of his intention to resign his seat for Queen's county, New Brunswick, but the date of the new election has not yet been fixed. This shows that Mr Baird believes Robt Porter, M. P. for West Huron, voted wrongly on the Queen's county case.

Postmaster-General McLelan will shortly leave for Nova Scotia on a visit, and on his return here he will go to Manitoba and the Northwest and British Columbia on business connected with his department. On his return from British Columbia he will take steps towards establishing a parcel post service with the United States. Negotiations are now in progress towards organizing a similar service with the other principal colonies of the Empire.

Sir George O. Trevelyan publishes a letter in controversy of the statements recently made by Joseph Chamberlain and other Liberal Unionists, that the only obstacle to the reunion in the Liberal party was the refusal of the Gladstonians to make any concessions in their Irish programme. The Gladstonians have, says Sir George, made concessions in all the disputed points, and therefore interpose no obstacle to the reunion of the party. "The Liberal Unionists," he concludes, "will be unable to destroy Liberals, but a union of the Liberal party would serve to moderate its policy."

A London despatch says:—The adjourned inquest into the circumstances attending the death of the Chatham volunteer, Ralph Shaw, on the night of the 18th inst., was again resumed last night. The evidence of a couple of neighbors of the prisoner, of the detectives who arrested him and of the doctor who made the post mortem examination was taken. The latter deposed that the wound was about four inches in length, and had been driven with such force as to divide the tenth rib. It would easily have been made by the knife found in the prisoner's house, and not with a bayonet, as the defence tried to make the jury believe. The jury retired at midnight, and after an absence of an hour and twenty minutes returned with the following verdict:—"That Walter Stevenson did on the 18th day of June feloniously, wilfully and with malice aforethought kill and murder Ralph Shaw."

TORONTO LETTER.

Notes of passing Events in the Queen City.

A Very Hot June Day—The Normal School Closing Exercises—Agnes Knox recites—Trouble Among the Court Reporters—"Pumpsey" Robertson and the Personal.

June 21, 1887.

The mercury ran away up to the neighborhood of 90° on Thursday last, and the city was in one vast sweater. There was not so hot a day all last summer. And then the air was so oppressive. I never heard so many people talk about a simoon before. And a lot called it 'simoon' when they didn't think. It's a habit most people have. They got into it at school, so they say.

The oppressive atmosphere did not prevent a large and fashionable audience from thronging the Normal School in the evening to witness the closing exercises of the term. The students sang choruses, semi-choruses and full choruses in a hearty fashion, and Miss Knox, who at one time taught school at Goderich, recited. She was splendidly received, and was at one time most vociferously encouraged. She looked charming, and recited very pleasingly. She is clearly in the front rank of Canadian readers. It is rumored that she is going on the stage, but I don't know whether or not there is any authority for the assertion. During the evening the names of passed students were read out, among them being Wm. Hackett, of Ashfield. Mr Hackett sat and smiled when his name was called, and his neat little side whiskers, of Queen City growth, will add dignity to his appearance when he returns to Huron. The Minister of Education made a brief and sensible address, which was well received by the audience of students and spectators. I understand that nobody was absolutely plucked. Three or four have to write at supplementary examinations.

There is a scandal in connection with the Superior Court reporting. One of the staff is charged with cooking his bills—with swelling his transcripts—and an enquiry will shortly be made into the matter. As the case is *sub judice* I can no more than indicate that the examination is going to come off. The official reporters of the higher courts get handsomely paid, when their perquisites are taken into consideration, although the work is said to be very wearing on body and mind. They are all first-class men so far as note-taking is concerned, but there is a whisper of crookedness, and the matter is going to be investigated. John Ross Robertson, of the *Telegram*, yclept "Pumpsey," was in the witness box last week, telling about his connection with the waterworks pump deal. A reporter on a rival paper (the *World*) was permitted to cross-examine him, and the gold watch matter came up. It all turned out as *The Signal* had it a month ago. It was a reporter on the *Telegram*, John R. Robinson, who got the watch, and not John R. Robertson. It was a great day for the liberty of the press—an editor and reporter in the box telling how they helped to load the pumps on the public, and a reporter on a rival paper cross-examining them with the *sang froid* of a Q. C. The press men of Toronto wear large hats now-a-days.

I saw George Johnston, of Texas, in the city today with his brother Harry. I hadn't time to get pointers on sheep ranching, but I suppose he is an expert in wool and mutton by this time. W. Proudfoot, F. Jordan and M. Grene Cameron were also in the city last week. Mr Jordan was talking up the waterworks and electric light schemes in truly patriotic fashion, and Tommy Wright and Charlie Smith, who were at the station seeing the boys off, sighed as they longed for a visit to the old town at the mouth of the Maitland. Tommy will be at the Point Farm during August. He is with Nordheimer.

Death of Chief Justice Sir Matthew Crooks—Cameron—His Tribute to the Patrons of "The Huron Signal" Towards Political Opponents.

Toronto, June 26, 1887.

Yesterday Sir Matthew Crooks, a Cameron, who for many years has been a notable figure in the province, passed away after being confined to his room for about a week. A short time ago what seemed to be a simple carbuncle appeared on his neck, but it gradually developed into a case of blood poisoning, and

notwithstanding all that his son and other medical men could do for his relief, he passed away after a brief illness. Sir Matthew was never robust; a gun-shot wound in the ankle while a youth crippled him for life, and led him into sedentary habits, which kept him from active, muscular exercise. He had a wiry frame and tough constitution, however, and as a lawyer, politician and judge accomplished an immense amount of work. In fact, he worked too hard. He should have rested within the past few months, but he disregarded the advice of his physicians, and got so run down in health that he fell a prey to the disease which carried him so speedily off. A short time after he was appointed to the position of Chief Justice he visited Goderich in his judicial capacity. While there an editorial appeared in *The Signal*, in which a tribute was paid to him as an able lawyer, a clear-headed and honorable political leader and a pure and upright judge. The article was written by one of the editors, and no one knew of its nature until the paper was issued. Somebody sent a copy of *The Signal* containing the article to Justice Cameron at Sarnia, and the following letter written by him to the Crown Attorney of Huron shows that he could appreciate a kind word from a Liberal newspaper:

"Will you kindly see if you can get me half a dozen copies of *The Signal* of Friday last containing that too flattering portrait of your humble servant. I am certainly much indebted to the writer of the article for the very kindly and friendly feeling manifested therein. I always tried to do what was right and just by a quodam political opponents, and it is very gratifying indeed to find that I have not been misunderstood, and that party feeling in all quarters does not run so high as to deny me the virtue of good intentions. I am by no means certain that you or the Sheriff may not have had a hand in procuring so flattering a notice from so pronounced a journal as *The Signal*. If it was not inspired by any such personal or friendly feeling my obligation to the publishers is greater; and if it was the act of a personal friend, whoever he may be, he has my sincere thanks."

The Signal alone was responsible for the tribute, and Sir Matthew deserved every word of it.

LAKE NOTES.

Items of interest to the Boys that Plow the "Great Inland."

The steam barge Belle Wilson, before leaving on her upward trip last Saturday took on board eleven car loads of hay at the G. T. depot, for use in the lumber woods.

The schooner Pinnafore was in harbor last week, and unloaded a cargo of lumber and salt from Port Frank. The schooner Mary S. Gordon arrived last week with a cargo of timber which she discharged at the G. T. dock.

The Bealy Line steamer called in on Wednesday and took on a number of passengers, a quantity of freight and a large number of horses.

Montreal is again flooded with counterfeit bank bills. The Auditor-General is preparing to pay the revolving-officers.

For the five months ending May, the C. P. R. cleared \$552,833.

The Scott Act Association, of Guelph, has decided on vigorous action. Lieut.-Gov. Masson is said to be suffering from softening of the brain.

Fifty carpenters started from London Tuesday for British Columbia.

Two lunatics escaped from the asylum for the insane at Hamilton on June 22nd.

Mr. F. M. Workman, a well known Stratford merchant, died on Monday June 20th, at the Homewood Retreat, Guelph.

The General Assembly excursion party celebrated the Queen's jubilee at Glacier House on the summit of the Selkirk's amid much enthusiasm.

At Sarnia, the grand jury found a true bill against Alfred Perkins, a resident of the township of Euphemia, for child stealing and abduction. After the picnic at Orangeville on July 1, Mr. Wiman will speak at a farmers' picnic given by the agriculturists of Durham and Northumberland at Port Hope on July 4.

WHAT'S UP?

Things That Are Happening Around Us.

Something About Division Court Business—Too Many Lawyers and a Bench of Clients—How Equity was Done Out in the Olden Time.

—I saw a peculiar item in a county paper the other day. It stated that at a recent division court held at Londonboro, there were thirteen lawyers present and only three cases. The item set me thinking, and carried me back to old times when the most important court in the section was the division court, and the most important day of the quarter was that upon which it was held. In the old days we were not troubled with too many lawyers, and the clients were thicker than dust in a church. It wasn't necessary to see a lawyer then to get a fair show, or have your case heard with neatness and despatch, but justice was distributed broadcast after the fashion of equity rather than with an eye to legal quibblings. Technicalities didn't count, although sometimes the man who swore strongest and stuck to his text, whether he stated what was right or wrong, discomfited his more timid or less demonstrative opponent. I recollect on one occasion one of the neighbors wanted to make a man whom he had accommodated digor who borrowed money to the bulk amount of \$4. The sum wasn't a large one, but it was larger than the original owner could afford to a losing neighbor, and so he sought the aid of the "poor man's court." The man who had borrowed the money, instead of paying it up like a man, went off and hired Jim Benson, a lawyer chap who then lived at Seaforth, to come out to the Corners and fight the case in his interest. There wasn't an available lawyer within thirty miles to take up the cudgel in the cause of rightness, squareness, honesty and fair dealing, and it looked as if the man who had lent the four dollars would have the bark peeled off him by the Seaforth lawyer, and not only lose the original sum but be put in for costs. I was living on the ninth concession then near "Cornerville," and it so happened that the man who wanted legal advice lived up on the same line, and as the neighbors had a pretty good conception of my level-headedness, it didn't surprise me on the morning of court day to see him come and talk the matter over with me. The long and the short of it was that I took his case, without hope of fee or reward, and agreed to put it through to the best of my legal ability, or words to that effect. When the court came on, and I got the delinquent in the box, I pulverized him in the cross examination, and dragged him up stony hills, and led into thorny pastures, and down by tangled shrubbery, until he was footsore and weary, metaphorically speaking, and had owned up that he had borrowed \$4 without giving value received, and had refused to return the funds on the day nominated in the bond, or within a month thereof; and instead of so doing had sent back an ungrammatical and badly-spelled letter, loaded up with "saw," applied with measly little pious cuss words where they used "run;" for men's at the end of words commencing with "d—" contrary to the laws and the statutes made and provided governing the constitutional rights and privileges of the liege subjects of Her Majesty the Queen, and I showed and above board, according to Hoyle, and warranted not to fade or decay with years of service, but, on the contrary, that the laws and the statutes in the back townships.

It didn't make any difference to me that Benson put in his spoke, and said I was not following the ordinary rules of division court law. Oh, no! I just retorted that I wasn't on salary and wasn't after law, but I wanted justice and I was going to recover that \$4 which his client was endeavoring to beat mine out of, with costs to counterbalance the loss of principal, loss of interest, anxiety and wear and tear on my client for two months, three weeks and two days. I knocked out Jim in the first round, so that he refused to wrestle with me on the forum any longer, and the case went in his honor, who without bothering about making a lengthened deliverance, decided in favor of the plaintiff for the full amount and costs. After that until lawyers got more numerous, I was frequently asked by the neighbors to hold up their end at division court, but being a modest kind of a man I invariably refused, and from that day to this I never took part in any legal turmoils, but have been content to rest upon my hard-earned laurels, and wear the chaplet placed upon my wrinkled brow for my forensic ability and legal sagacity on that occasion. But the days of old fashioned division court are gone, and we'll never see their like again. AXAX

THE GAMES TODAY.

Probabilities of a Good Time All Along the Line.

The Athletics, Pipers and Dancers are Coming in—A Fine Field of Sport Probable—A Large Attendance of Spectators Assured.

Up to the time of writing everything bids fair for the holding of the most successful athletic competition ever held in Goderich. The railway arrangements are far superior to any offered on previous occasions, and the fact that no competitive games of any description are being held nearer than the village of Paisley gives a sweep of territory larger than has previously been our portion. The time of the

EXCURSION TRAIN LEAVING STRATFORD is 7.30 o'clock a.m., and is also in the interest of an increased attendance, and the early start from the lower stations is thereby obviated. Wednesday last John Macpherson, the shot putter, and Taylor, of Detroit, arrived, and every train since that time has contributed to the number of athletes, pipers and dancers. Wednesday evening the final committee meeting was held, and all arrangements were completed, so far as a committee has power in the matter. Ticket-sellers and ticket-takers for the main entrance and the grand stand have been appointed, together with constables for the outer grounds and arena.

THE GRAND STAND has been greatly added to, and is now capable of accommodating several thousand persons. The arena is of oval shape 240 feet one way and 300 feet the other, with a dancing platform 32 inches high placed so that it will be in good view from all parts of the ring. Every precaution has been taken to ensure the best of order during the performance of the games, and the rules governing the events will be rigidly enforced. The control of the games is in the hands of J. D. Stewart, the veteran Caledonian manager, and he has as assistants D. McGillicuddy in charge of the piping, dancing and costume events; D. C. Strachan superintendent of the heavy competition, and Capt. T. N. Dancy supervisor of racing, &c.

THE CONCERT at the Grand Opera House in the evening, promises to be one of the finest expositions of Scottish song, dancing and piping ever given in Goderich. The numbers selected in the program are of the best quality, and will, beyond question, give universal satisfaction. Following is the program:

- PART I.
- 1—Scottish Reel.....The Weans
 - 2—Song....."Scotland Yet".....Mr. Spence
 - 3—Song....."Bonnie Prince Charlie".....Miss A. McNeill
 - 4—Song....."Bonnie Doon".....Miss A. McNeill
 - 5—Dance....."Highland Fling".....The Weans
 - 6—Song....."Jessie's Dream".....Mr. Spence
 - 7—Duet....."White Sails".....Miss and Mr. Rankin
 - 8—Song....."O, Whistle and I'll Come to You".....Miss McNeill
 - 9—Duet....."The Pilot".....Messrs. Spence and Rankin
- PART II.
- 10—Pipe Music.....Robert Ireland
 - 11—Song....."Bonnie Dundee".....Miss Wynne
 - 12—Song....."Soot, Wha Hae".....Mr. Spence
 - 13—Song....."The Scottish Blue Bells".....Miss McNeill
 - 14—Reel of Tulloch.....The Weans
 - 15—Duet....."Life's Dream is Over".....Miss and Mr. Rankin
 - 16—Dance....."Ghille Callum".....The Weans
 - 17—Song....."Hundred Pipes".....Mr. Spence
 - 18—Song....."I'm Glad My Heart's My Ain".....Miss McNeill
 - 19—Dance....."Sailor's Hornpipe".....The Weans
 - 20—Song....."Auld Lang Syne and God Save the Queen."

Wingham.

On Saturday evening last a large crowd of people assembled at the railway depot here to welcome home again Dr. Macdonald, M. P. for East Huron, after his first visit to Ottawa as a representative of the people. The crowd was composed not wholly of Reformers, but there was a large representation of Conservatives. The cheers which greeted the doctor as he stepped to the platform showed in a marked degree the esteem in which he is held by the people of Wingham. The town band was present and headed the procession from the depot to the doctor's house, where the crowd again assembled. Stepping out into the balcony of his residence Dr. Macdonald delivered a neat speech, in which he thanked the people of Wingham for their kindness towards him and the respect shown him, and hoped that the same good feeling would always exist.

ACCIDENT TO A MARE.—T. C. Doherty had a mare and foal pastured on the farm of W. Veir, and on Saturday evening he was very much surprised to learn that its leg had been broken. How it happened can only be surmised, but the indications point to a desperate fight with another horse, as a piece of its leg was broken clean out. There was no alternative but to kill it. The mare was one of Mr. Doherty's black team, and worth at the least \$150.—Clinton News &c. September.

COUNTY CURRENCY.

Pencilings and Scissorings from Exchanges.

Items from all over Huron County, Collected and Condensed—Fifth and Point—The Pick of the Grist from our Exchanges.

McClellan Bros. shipped another large lot of cattle from Clinton station this week.

Peter Thompson, of Brussels, has received the contract for building a flax mill at Blyth.

The editor of the *Exeter Advertiser* is practicing bicycling to overtake delinquent subscribers.

P. Kelly, of Blyth, returned home from Ottawa on Monday where he had been for some time.

H. B. Proudfoot, P. L. S., Clinton, left for the Mattawa district on a surveying expedition last week.

Twenty-six contested election cases in Quebec and Three Rivers districts are said to have been settled.

Henshall has a ash and door factory, two carriage shops, one cat mill, a grist mill, pork factory and salt works.

S. Thellier, of Morris, unskipped an engine at Blyth station on Monday, which he intends using for the coming threshing season.

Mr. Kennedy, a Methodist student for ministry, will take charge of Blyth circuit until the return of Rev. Mr. Tonge from the Old Country.

Loyal Orange Lodge 924, Exeter, meets on Friday evening next. A full attendance requested. This lodge intends taking the Exeter band with them to Goderich on the 12th.

Mrs. John McElroy, of Morris, left the Brussels station on Monday for New York, where she intends taking one of the fast steamers for the old country.

Rev. R. H. Barnby, who has for the last year been stationed at Henshall, has been removed to Rockwood. He leaves many warm friends behind whose best wishes he carries with him.

Police Magistrate Williams sat on five Scott Act cases at Exeter on Wednesday last week. Fines were imposed against Messrs. Brimacombe and Oak, and the other charges adjourned until Wednesday next.

At the recent examination of teachers at the Normal school, Toronto, Mr. John McGregor got a 2nd class certificate grade A., and Thos. R. Butchart and Neil Gilmour, of Stanley, each second class certificates, grade B.

Mr. John Hawshaw, of Exeter, recently sold three horses for which he realized upwards of \$600, they were superior animals. He has purchased two colts of the "Tontine" strain, which give promise of being fast.

Recently the *New Era* mentioned the fact of a bonnet being stolen from the bedroom of Mrs. Swarts, at the Prince of Wales hotel. The thief's conscience evidently troubled them, for they lately brought the hat back and left it where it had been taken from.

There must have been a stick in it, for this is the way the *Wingham Advertiser* man put it:—"We attended the meeting of council of the township of Tumberry on Monday last at Blyth, but lost our note book on the way home, so cannot publish the minutes this week."

Dr. Gunn performed a successful operation on the hand of J. Paterson, at Wingham, last Saturday. Mr. Paterson had been troubled with a cancer-wart on the back of his left hand for a number of years, and finally consented to have it cut out. The wart was fully three inches in circumference and nearly an inch thick. Drs. Campbell of Detroit, Morphy of Michigan, and Towler of Wingham, were in attendance.

On Wednesday last week between the hours of one and two a terrific hail storm passed over a small section Howick. The hail was about the size of a rifle bullet, and did very great damage to the spring crops, principally the pea crop, which was literally levelled to the ground, and badly cut up. Grape vines, and fruit trees generally, were much injured.

On Monday morning, Mr. G. A. Henderson, of East Wawanosh, noticed that his dog was bleeding at the mouth, and on further examination, discovered that his mouth was literally filled with porcupine quills. With much care he proceeded to draw them out, and took seventy-eight from the inside and twelve from the outside of it. Where the dog fell in with his enemy was not exactly known, but it is supposed it was on Sunday evening in his owner's bush.

Last week the *Clinton News &c.* had the following:—"Jas. Fair, Miss Fair A. H. Manning and Chris Dickson leave tomorrow morning to catch the steamship Lake Ontario at Montreal, which sails Tuesday morning. Mr. Fair goes partly on business but mostly for a rest. Mr. Dickson goes to buy, if he can do so to good advantage. He needs a rest, and we hope will come back greatly regenerated. Mr. Manning goes partly on legal business, and it is an open secret that he will be entrusted with a commission by the Ontario Educational Department to investigate and report upon some phases of British Industrial Education and the Mechanic's Institute system. The party expect to return by last of September."

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