

FRIDAY, AUG. 27.

HAMILTON LETTER.

ECCLESIASTICAL.

The Retreat for the priests of the diocese, held during the past week in the house of Providence, Dundas, closed on Saturday morning. It was chiefly conducted by the Rev. Father Burke, who is said to excel in this particular line of duty.

At the termination of the Retreat Exercises, His Lordship Bishop Crinnon called a meeting of the reverend gentlemen present, and announced to them the following appointments which he was pleased to make: viz.: Rev. Father O'Reilly, parish priest of Dundas, and Rev. Father Lausie, of Arthur, to be Very Rev. Deans, and Rev. Father Keough, parish priest of St. Patrick's, Hamilton, to be Rev. Chancellor of the Diocese. In the estimation of the public these reverend gentlemen are in every way worthy of the honors thus conferred on them. Very Rev. Dean O'Reilly is the oldest acting priest in the diocese of Hamilton. He was ordained by Bishop Power, of Toronto, about thirty-five years ago and has spent by far the greater part of that time as parish priest of Dundas. He has always been most assiduous in the discharge of his sacred duties; his zeal, continuous of the true, steady-going order, and in every respect he is, and ever has been, an excellent type of the Catholic priest and gentleman. Very Rev. Dean Lausie is the first priest who was ordained in the diocese of Hamilton. Many of our citizens will remember with pleasure the genial, pain-taking young clergyman who acted in their midst some twenty years ago, and will be glad to hear that his quarter of a century of well-spent life as a successful priest has thus been rewarded with so signal a favor from the hands of his bishop. Rev. Chancellor Keough was ordained by the late lamented Bishop Farrell in 1871, and though comparatively young in the holy service, has distinguished his short career by many meritorious actions. The Rev. Chancellor of a diocese is charged chiefly with the care of monies that are collected for diocesan purposes. The duty of a Very Rev. Dean is principally to watch over and report to the bishop on the condition of that portion of the diocese over which he has jurisdiction.

His Lordship also took occasion, at the same time and place, to organize a Diocesan Council consisting of the following members: Very Rev. Dean O'Reilly, Dundas; Very Rev. Dean Lausie, Arthur; Rev. Chancellor Keough, St. Patrick's, Hamilton; Rev. Father Fawcett, St. Agatha; Rev. Father Hamel, S. J., Juelph. The members of the Council are to be chosen annually by the bishop; and their office is to assist his Lordship with their counsel and advice in matters appertaining to the spiritual and temporal interests of the diocese.

Immediately after this event a meeting of the clergyman was held for the purpose of forming a society whose object will be to give aid to aged and infirm priests. The meeting having been regularly organized, the following officers were duly elected: Very Rev. Dean O'Reilly, of Dundas, president; Rev. T. J. Dowling, of Paris, secretary, and Rev. Chancellor Keough, of St. Patrick's, Hamilton, treasurer. The members' fee is to be \$20 per annum. The formation of this society is a very commendable piece of foresight on the part of the reverend gentlemen concerned, and it is to be hoped that it will be as successful as its merits deserve.

His Lordship, Bishop Crinnon delivered a sermon on "Sacrifice" at the opening of the new church at Ingersoll last Sunday. He is now about to make a tour of the diocese, administering Confirmation and attending to other spiritual as well as secular matters under his charge. It will be probably six weeks or two months before he will return to the city.

According to announcement, Rev. Fr. Burke delivered a lecture in St. Mary's Cathedral last Sunday evening. The excellence of the lecture delivered the preceding Sunday in St. Patrick's attracted a very large audience, every pew in the capacious Cathedral being occupied. The Rev. gentleman's subject was "Reverence to the Holy Ghost," &c., which he handled with consummate skill, and much to the interest of the congregation, though the fact of its being explanatory and argumentative made it appear rather lacking in brilliancy.

The annual picnic in aid of the funds of St. Stephen's Church, Cayuga, was held on Wednesday, 26th, in the Agricultural grounds at that village. Besides sports during the day there was a grand concert in the evening, at which several distinguished vocalists took part. As usual, the affair was very successful, and must have been gratifying to the energetic young pastor, Rev. Father Cleary.

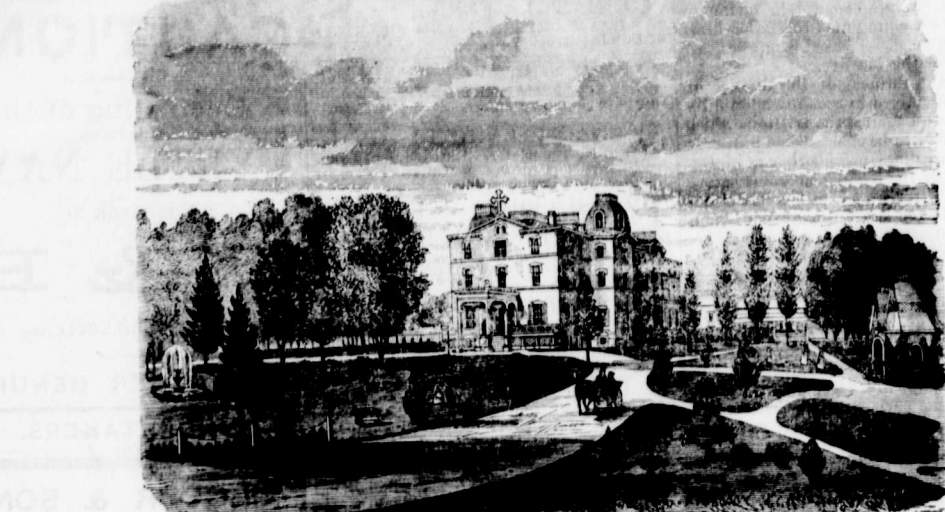
Father O'Reilly, of Oakville, intends holding a picnic at Oaklands on Thursday. The programme of games has been prepared, and there are some valuable prizes waiting for successful competitors.

NEWSPAPER JOTTINGS.

Both of our city dailies are a unit in crying down Toronto "hogwash" and advocating more energetic Hamilton action in the matter of the Provincial Exhibition. This is right and proper. It is necessary, in order to obtain fair play for Hamilton, that Toronto's selfishness in not visiting her little local show as "Canada's Great Fair" should be made publicly known, and it is also necessary to the success of the exhibition and the maintenance of Hamilton credit, that it should be thoroughly advertised and prepared for with all possible exertion.

The Times suggests the holding of the Civic Holiday hereafter on a Monday. This is, comparatively speaking, a slack day, and the business of the city would suffer less injury by closing up on that than any other day of the week. But the chief idea is to afford a longer holiday—from Saturday afternoon until Tuesday morning. This is not so valuable a consideration as the former because experience proves that it is better to have a day of rest after a holiday rather than before it.

The Spectator smiles ironically at a lady who writes to it on the subject of proposing a law to prohibit boys from swimming. Such a law would be both foolish and wrong. The legislation of Draco, executed by an army of Afghans and Zulus,



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could not keep the average boy from swimming. Besides, it is an exercise giving present benefits from a sanitary point of view, and a possible help against future danger. It is risky to be sure, but there are few things we can do that are entirely free from risk. More people are prematurely killed on land—ladies too—by a careless regard for health, than boys drowned by swimming. If mothers but showed as much anxiety to keep their boys out of bad company as they do to keep them out of the water, the number of bad boys and broken-hearted mothers would be fewer. Let the boys swim under certain conditions, judiciously prescribed and authoritatively enforced, the danger from swimming can be reduced to a very slight minimum.

The Orangeville Advocate makes a mistake when it mixes up the Hamilton Societies in the row that occurred in Toronto on the 6th inst. The disturbance was confined entirely to the "lamb" of Toronto—the Orangemen being the aggressors—and the Hamilton people were miles on their way homeward before the "stones and bricks were passed around."

The Thorold Post is a very respectable looking sheet; still like many of its contemporaries it is not above giving or permitting a bad slap at the Irish element. It allowed some low-minded fellow signing himself "Finnigan O'Flaherty," to insert a scurrilous communication in a recent issue caricaturing Irishmen generally, and ending up with a dirty insinuation against the fame of O'Connell. This individual writes in a style that attempts to represent the average Irishman as a down, knave, and rowdy, and all too under the guise of humor, and all too under the guise of humor, it is an insult to truth and charity. It has been too common both in the press and on the stage to misrepresent the Irish character in the manner done by "O'Flaherty," and thereby make it appear that the nation, which is really a nation of scholars, poets, orators and statesmen, is nothing more than a nation of ignorant and fools. When the individual Irishman does wrong let him have the full benefit of legal and moral punishment, but it is an insult to truth and charity. It has been too common both in the press and on the stage to misrepresent the Irish character in the manner done by "O'Flaherty," and thereby make it appear that the nation, which is really a nation of scholars, poets, orators and statesmen, is nothing more than a nation of ignorant and fools. When the individual Irishman does wrong let him have the full benefit of legal and moral punishment, but it is an insult to truth and charity.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS.

The works in connection with the laying of the new water drain are being pushed rapidly forward. The work has been completed as far as the base of the old reservoir, and considerable progress has been made westward along King street. Workmen are now engaged in connecting the main pipe with the reservoir. When completed the city will be abundantly supplied with water, with facilities in reserve for meeting any extra demand that may be made for a long period in the future.

On the site of the old British Hotel a large warehouse is about to be erected. The building, the property of Messrs. Stuart & MacPherson—will be mainly of brick, with cut stone facings. It will have a frontage on John street of 66 feet, three stories high, and on Main street the various sections of the warehouse will occupy an extent of 132 feet. Common report says that it will be one of the best of the kind in the province.

The Canada Life Assurance Company are preparing to erect a new and magnificent building on the south-east corner of King and James streets. The buildings to be torn down in order to give place to this structure have stood about 45 years, one of them having been built for a wholesale grocery by the late Henry McLaren, who carried on business there for many years, beginning in 1834. The work of demolition is already almost completed.

Work has at last been commenced on the long talked of new Opera House. The basement is being dug out and the foundation walls are beginning to appear. This is also meant to be a very imposing structure. Hamilton is going ahead in the matter of fine buildings, and if the Government would only get to work at that new Custom House on the Melnis property, we could compare favorably, from an architectural standpoint, with any other city in the Dominion.

HAMILTON MARKETS.

The following are the latest quotations: Grain and flour—wheat white per bush, 94c.; red do., spring 93c.; oats old 36c.; new 32c.; barley and rye 50c.; corn 40c.; timothy \$2 to \$2.25; clover \$3 to \$3.50. Flour sup. per bbl. \$5 to \$5.25; bakers \$5.50; cornmeal per cwt. \$1.30; oatmeal \$2 to \$2.25; bran 50c.; shorts fine 60c.; coarse 40c.

Hay per ton \$9 to \$11; straw \$6 to \$8; wood per cord No. 1 \$5 to \$5.25; No. 2 \$4; No. 3 \$3 to \$3.50; pine \$3.

Hides per lb. according to quality 7c. to 9c.; and 9c.; Calveskins do. do. 10c. to 12c.

lambskins each 50c. to 75c.; sheep pelts do. 25c. to 50c.

Beef, hind quarter, per cwt. \$6 to 6.50; fore \$5.50 to \$6; dressed hogs \$6 to 6.25; mutton per lb. 5c. to 5c.; veal do. 5c.; ham 12c. to 15c.; pickled pork 8c. to 10c.; smoked bacon 12c.; shoulders 9c.; lard 12c.; chickens 40c. to 50c. per pair; ducks 50c. to 60c.

Butter roll per lb. 16c. to 20c.; tub 12c. to 15c.; fresh 16c. to 20c.; eggs per doz. 12c. to 15c.; cheese farmers, per lb. 8c. to 10c.; dairy do. do.

Potatoes per bag 45c. to 60c.; tomatoes per bush, 20c. to 25c.; cabbage per doz. 25c. to 40c.; beets per bunch 3c.; carrots 3c.; radishes 3c.; cucumbers per doz. 15c.; corn 5c. to 8c.; melons 5c. to 25c.

Apples per bag 50c. to 75c.; peaches per bush, \$1.50 to \$2.50; plums \$1.50 to \$3.

ST. CATHERINE'S NOTES.

Business generally is very dull in St. Catharines and wages low. The population has diminished considerably, being about 2000 less than it was a few years ago. As a consequence, empty houses are numerous and rents low. It is a pity to see in this handsome little city—perhaps the prettiest in the Dominion—houses rented for 12 and 15 dollars a month, that in Hamilton would bring 20 and 25 dollars. The slackness of traffic on the canal is one of the immediate causes of this depressed state of affairs. The ultimate cause must be sought among those influences that a few years ago blighted the commerce of the continent and has not yet ceased producing their evil effects.

It is rather singular in this respect that her neighbors, and her chances of returning to her former prosperity are equally as good as theirs.

In the matter of public institutions St. Catharines is by no means behind. She has a good system of waterworks, a telegraph fire alarm, a volunteer fire company and a substantial central fire station, scholars, poets, orators and statesmen, to notice that the St. Catharines City Hall is a perfect thing to that in Hamilton in point of architecture. The pretty streets and excellent hotels of St. Catharines are of course widely proverbial.

Speaking of these hotels calls up a comparison between the great business they have done some years ago and the very quiet life they lead now. Hotel keepers sigh for the days when they were in vogue for the golden age of the American civil war, when the chivalric Southerner and the warlike Northerner filled their buildings and their coffers too, having left the "home of the brave," not that they feared death at all, but just to keep out of the way, you know.

The Catholic population of the city has been estimated at about 3000, some of whom are among the wealthiest men in St. Catharines. There are three clergymen, including the Rev. Dean Mulligan, parish priest, and three churches, two of which we understand are used for school purposes during the week. The parish church—St. Catharines—is a handsome building, situated on one of the beautiful grounds on one of St. Catharines prettiest avenues, Church street. St. Joseph's Convent, in the vicinity, is one of the finest buildings in the city. The Separate School classes are all taught by Christian Brothers and Sisters of St. Joseph.

A Hamiltonian will be pleased to meet, in Catharines, a one-time fellow citizen occasionally. Here are Mr. J. K. Barrett, collector Inland Revenue department, looking as jolly as ever; Mr. Chas. Norton, once connected with the well-known Norton's hotel, corner James and Main streets, Mr. Brougham, hale and stout, still connected with Her Majesty's Revenue.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A local reporter not long since succeeded in "extracting" information from the superintendent of the Mechanics' Institute. If the operation be anything like pulling teeth, the generally suave and bland superintendent must have felt much revived after the dental report had got the ugly thing out.

Chief Aitchison, of the Fire Department, has developed a new idea in connection with the alarm signals. He proposes doing away with keys and locked boxes, and instituting a glass pane which can be instantly broken, and the handle immediately turned. This obviates all delays, no more aggravating banging at doors, no running around blocks to find keys, no fumbling at the box to find the key-hole, in the dark, while thousands of dollars worth of property are, in the meantime, burning away. Now you smash the glass, twist the handle, and immediately you will hear the clatter of the approaching brigade. The cost of putting in fresh panes is trifling in comparison with the advantage obtained.

The schools re-open on Wednesday, Sept. 1st. It is to be hoped that parents and guardians will be particular in sending their children in the morning of the very first day, in order that they may be on hand for the classification, and make a fair beginning in union.

The Typos of Hamilton and Toronto had a friendly game of base ball here on Saturday. The playing was lively. The boys seemed filled with the spirit of the

Times, and were by no means idle Spectators, but mailed their Telegrams in a way never before seen on this Globe. No hard feelings.

Some people are never pleased. When crops were light, the sturdy farmer grumbled because although prices were high he hadn't much to offer. Now when crops are abundant, he grumbles in his own expressive language: "Yes, dead loads of stuff, but then you see a fellow can't git nothin' for it." CLANCARILL.

ST. MARY'S LETTER.

A MOST SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

The Catholic concert organized by Rev. Father Feron came off in the Town Hall, at St. Mary's, on the evening of Wednesday last. The programme was so very select and attractive, it drew not only the Catholics, as a body, but the elite of St. Mary's turned out in full force. Miss Reidy, of Simcoe, may surely be christened over again and called the Nightingale of Western Ontario. She appeared in St. Mary's for the first time, and fully justified the anticipations of the audience by her faultless rendering of such classical and difficult pieces as the "Pre-aux-cleres" and "We'll Meet nae mair at Sunset." For encores all those enduring young charms, "The Twinklingmerry," and some Scotch ditties with which the whole audience were perfectly delighted.

Miss Nora Clench, a girl of eighteen summers, is a perfect little prodigy of perfection as a violinist. She executed in masterly style a violin obligato to Miss Reidy's "Pre-aux-cleres," and astonished all present with the ease and finish of her style in her "Carnival de Venice" which she accomplished with all the perfection and touch of a Romy. Miss Feron, of Ottawa, a proved second to none in Canada as a pianist. Miss Mary Clench, accompanied on the piano, her little sister's wonderful execution on the violin. In several other important choirs Messrs. Dromgole and Coles, of our city, lent a very valuable assistance to the success of the concert. Miss Lottie Whelan of St. Mary's, executed very nicely the galop de concert, "Vive," accompanied by Mary Clench. The magnificent lamp performed by Miss Feron was graciously offered for the occasion by the Ladies of the Sacred Heart, London.

At the end of the first part, Rev. Father Flannery, of St. Thomas, delivered a very interesting and eloquent lecture on "Erin's National Bard, Tom Moore," with which the audience seemed perfectly delighted. The entertainment of last Wednesday was a very enjoyable affair, and was very highly appreciated by the good folks of St. Mary's.

AMHERSTBURG LETTER.

Arriving home safely after a three week's tour among the pleasant places in the counties of Essex, Kent, Middlesex, Oxford, Brant, Waterloo, Perth and Lambton, I have been agreeably surprised to find the country so much more lovely, so much more cultivated and improved, than I had imagined, and so much more demonstrative in point of the elegance and comfort of the farm-houses and farm-buildings, which everywhere diversify the landscape and charm the patriotism of those who rightly think Ontario a favored spot.

It is even more gratifying to witness the wealth of Catholics found in the large towns and cities occupying prominent positions in the mercantile and other leading professions. Another feature of interest to a Catholic who is a member of the C. M. B. A., when travelling, is the true brotherly manner in which he is sure of being received in any town or city where a branch of the C. M. B. A. exists, and it is well worthy of remark that the members of the C. M. B. A., in the Branches in the places I have visited, belong to the best class of Catholics, morally, intellectually and socially. It is really surprising, Mr. Editor, that the ranks of the C. M. B. A. do not fill up faster, and that there are not more rapidly, for to be a member of any one of the Canadian Branches, (I presume the same is true of the United States Branches), is to be one of a chosen band, that while one might well envy the virtues of its members, none with proper qualifications and physical conditions need be long deprived of participating in its advantages.

It is even more gratifying to witness the wealth of church property possessed by Catholics and the evidence of material prosperity which is being developed in elegant and tasteful churches and pastoral residences, and every kind of houses of charity and buildings for educational purposes, for the benefit of the Catholic community. I have not time here to space to generalize; but surely if the evil spirit of discontent did not pervade a portion of the Canadian population, they could certainly make as flourishing a country of Canada as any on this continent. Let us hope that the era of prosperity which appears to be about to favor Canada will provide means to continue and complete the many good works

now commenced in the interest of God and religion.

In conclusion, let me say that to appreciate Ontario, one must drive through it. A very poor opinion will be formed from what one can see while travelling over its railroads. C. M. B. A.

SACRED HEART ACADEMY, LONDON.

This institution for the education of young ladies will re-open on the 7th of September. The merits of the academy are already so well known, it is not necessary we should enlarge upon them. Those who have placed their children under the care of these ladies look upon the results with the utmost satisfaction. In addition to the superior training in all branches of studies and accomplishments, a very important feature to be borne in mind is the fact that the cost of board and tuition is only about one-half that charged in other schools. By addressing "The Mother Superior, Sacred Heart Academy, Dundas st., London, Ont.," circulars containing full information will be sent. We hope to see the school well filled on the opening day.

GODERICH LETTER.

The first picnic under the auspices of the Roman Catholic ladies of Goderich came off on the 19th inst., in Mr. Bingham's Grove, situated on the banks of Lake Huron. In addition to the people of Goderich there were a great many from neighboring towns as far east as Stratford, also from the parish of Hullet, Rev. Father O'Shea, of Sarnia, and Rev. Father O'Connor, of Wawanosh, and other clergymen, were in attendance. The weather was all that could be desired for the occasion, and from early morning crowds were to be seen moving to the grounds. There dancing, swinging and other amusements were going on. The Goderich band was in attendance during the day discoursing some beautiful pieces.

I would say to any picnic parties wishing to have a good time on the banks of Lake Huron, they could not go to a more suitable place. Mr. Bingham intends fitting it up with the necessary games and amusements, such as should be found in public pleasure grounds. In connection with the grounds there are large green-houses and flower gardens.

WINDSOR LETTER.

In Bishop Burgess' annual report just issued, the total of contributions from Detroit and vicinity collected for the education of students for the priesthood, is \$9,848.38. Of this amount Detroit alone contributed \$924.27.

From the statistics for the year ending on July 31st, we note the following: No. of priests performing their ministerial duties in Detroit and vicinity—127. On the list of the deceased for this year the name Rev. F. J. Van Erp of Ann Arbor is the only one that appears. No. of students preparing for the priesthood—37. Father Wagner attended the consecration of the Church in Ingersoll last Sunday.

Mr. Frank Lemaud, an ecclesiastic of Assumption College, has returned from his trip to Lower Canada, in which he was accompanied by his mother.

The Little Sisters of the Poor are now building a House for the Aged, at the corner of Scott and Dequindre streets, Detroit. G. W. Loyd has the contract and expects to complete the building in a week.

Mr. John Quirk, a resident of Detroit, who took a prominent part in the Manitoba Garland disaster, was presented with a handsome gold medal bearing an appropriate inscription. In response to the presentation speech, Mr. Quirk thanked them for the thoughtfulness in his regard, but said he did not think he deserved such a magnanimous reward, as he only performed his duty in rescuing as many as possible from the impending peril when it was within his power.

CANADIAN NEWS.

A young lad named Robert Simms was killed by lightning in Windsor on the 19th.

The Newcastle Woolen Mills were burned down about 1 a. m. on the 17th. Loss \$50,000; insured for \$200,000.

Ex-Jailer Lamb has moved out of the jailer's quarters. He has removed to Lucan, where he intends opening a store.

On Friday a boy named Masker, of Perth, who went out duck shooting up the river, was accidentally shot by his own gun in the left arm. The limb had to be amputated.

The two hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the Society of St. Joachim, the next below that of St. Anne, on the north shore, was celebrated with great pomp in Quebec on the 15th.

Last week we announced the death of Captain Sherwood, by poisoning, through the mistake of a druggist's clerk. We are sorry we are now called upon to chronicle the death, by drowning, of his wife, which took place at Charlotte on Thursday.

Colborne, Ont., Aug. 23.—At Greer's crossing, near here, yesterday afternoon, the wife of Rev. Geo. Carr, while in a melancholy state of mind, placed her head upon the track as a train came along, which severed the head from the body.

A fourteen-year-old daughter of Mr. Brown, residing about two miles from Simsbury, fell from the limb of a small tree in the woods, on which she was swinging a few days ago, striking a log. The result has since proved fatal.

A boy named Little, aged 15, lately out from England, and working on Fred. Harrison's farm, East Williams, fell from a load of flax forward under the horses' hoofs and under the wagon. His skull was penetrated and his spine broken. Dr. Gunn says the poor lad can only live a few hours. His people are all in the old country. It appears the team (Archy McCullum's) commenced to run away, and the lad, getting frightened, slid down from the high load in front instead of at the side or behind.

LATEST CABLE NEWS.

IRELAND.

A battalion of the Guards is under orders to proceed to Ireland at a moment's notice. The officers belonging to the regiment who are on leave have been ordered to return without a moment's delay. The channel squadron and the Duke of Edinburgh's reserve squadron are under orders to proceed to Queenstown harbor, where possibly the latter will remain when the vessels belonging to the other will cruise between Fastnet Light and Cork, to be within signal if their services are required, and to keep a sharp lookout for some suspicious vessels, which are reported as having left the other side of the Atlantic with arms and ammunition.

The Government is severely condemned for the present state of affairs in Ireland, which, it is alleged, might have been prevented, as it is pointed out that warnings were issued from reliable sources more than six weeks since that secret drillings storing arms and ammunition and every other description of preparation was being carried out on a large scale by the discontents. So accurate was the information given at the place of drill, as well as the state of efficiency and adaptability to the use of arms the men were steadily acquiring, were also reported without the least heed being taken.

New York, August 22.—The Tribune's cable says: In spite of the official denials that gunpowder was really found at the tunnel at Cork, the railway officials say eight or ten barrels were found.

A strong impression prevails that after Parliament rises and when the rich harvest in Ireland has been gathered the landlords will press for back rents. This may lead to violence throughout the country. Some Irish officials anticipate that it will be impossible to pass the winter without enforcing the Coercion Acts. The general feeling among members of Parliament is that there may be a winter session of Parliament to consider the state of Ireland and pass the Coercion Bills.

London, Aug. 22.—Land meetings were held yesterday in various parts of Ireland, but nothing noteworthy occurred. The proceedings were orderly, and the usual violent speeches were made.

London, Aug. 23.—At the land meeting at Killala, yesterday, 1,000 men marched to the ground four deep in military order, and maintained their ranks compact and unbroken throughout the day. It is understood this demonstration had been arranged by the Land League, and was intended as a hint to the Government as to what sort of a force the movement could muster if occasion should arise. The men were not armed, and made no threats.

A series of land meetings were held to-day in Ireland. At each of the meetings there were Government reporters to take notes of the proceedings. At Tullamlinn inflammatory speeches were made and bloodthirsty placards exhibited. At the meeting in Ballygarry apologies were made for the absence of Messrs. Dillon and Parnell. An anti-eviction meeting was held at Down, at which 1,000 persons were present.

A despatch from Dublin states that four men raided the police barracks at Bannagher, gagged and bound the orderly, who was the sole occupant of the place, and stole a number of rifles. The Cork Land League have rescinded the resolution recently adopted, forbidding the robbery of arms on board a vessel in Cork harbor.

A despatch from Cork states that another case of arms, addressed to some fictitious person, now lies at the wharf unclaimed. The box arrived at Cork on the steamer from England. Every steamer that arrives is thoroughly searched. The military authorities have recalled all the men on leave of absence, and refuse to grant any furloughs.

AFGHANISTAN.

Simla, Aug. 19.—The brigade of Stewart's force reached Gundamak unmolested.

London, Aug. 18.—A Bombay despatch says Candahar is safe. Ayeol Khan is occasionally firing shells, but little damage is being done. The siege is scarcely formed.

Quetta, Aug. 18.—The enemy's force in attack on the garrison at Kuch on Sunday is estimated at 2,000. Their loss was considerable higher than at first supposed, and is now estimated at 200 killed. The British loss was 15 killed, 25 wounded.

A Quetta despatch says the late body of troops forming the Candahar relief column has left Sibi for the front. The heat is terrible and the troops continue to suffer greatly. Many are temporarily disabled.

Simla, August 22.—It is reported that the Candahar garrison made a sally, inflicting heavy losses on the Afghans. The number of British casualties is unknown. It is believed the tribes north of the Kohjak pass have collected to attack communication with Peshawar.

London, August 22.—The troop ship Furina, which was yesterday visited by the Queen and Royal family, sailed to-day with 1,300 men of the 11th Brigade, destined for Afghanistan.

London, Aug. 23.—A despatch from Quetta says the natives report that Ayeol Khan is not only raising works against Candahar, but is entrenching his own position, and intends to give battle when the reinforcing column arrives.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

NEW BOOT AND SHOE STORE IN ST. THOMAS.—Pocock Bros. have opened out a new boot and shoe store in St. Thomas. They intend to carry as large a stock as any store in Ontario. This will enable all to get what they want, as every known style and variety will be kept on hand in large quantities, a new feature for St. Thomas. Prices will be very low to suit the present competition. Give them a call.

A MONSIEUR, importer and wholesaler, dealer in foreign and domestic fruits, smoked fish, game, oysters, etc., City Hall buildings, Richmond street, London, Ont.

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