

It is stated that Mr. Tilton has claimed the right to cross-examine Mr. Beecher either personally or through counsel in a meeting of the Committee, and in the event of this being denied he will endeavour to have the whole subject thrown into the courts.

The Investigation Committee will not meet again till Monday evening, when it is expected Mr. Beecher will make his defence. Meantime, Mr. Beecher has gone to Peckskill. It is said Mrs. Ovington was before the Committee last night.

**Guelph Evening Mercury**

MONDAY EVEN'G, JULY 27, 1874.

**Farmers' Working Hours.**

The letter from "A Laborer" which appeared in our issue of Friday, commends itself to the thoughtful attention of all who have to deal with the working classes. The arguments adduced by the writer apply more strictly to the farming community, and for this reason, perhaps, they are entitled to greater consideration, owing to the influx of the English farm laboring class whom the writer represents. The consequence of the lock-out of these laborers in England will be, and is, the emigration of large numbers of them to seek their fortunes in this country, and our farmers would do well to encourage them in every possible way. The question of the hours of labor has grown with our correspondent into a serious grievance; and we fear that if our Canadian customs make a similar impression on the minds of his fellow countrymen and fellow immigrants the result will not be at all pleasant. It is possible that the case cited is an exceptional one; that as a general rule the employers of agricultural laborers do not demand the full time from sunrise to sunset, but we fear that the complaint of such a demand might in many cases be made with good cause.

The French-Canadian farmers, although behind their Ontario neighbors in their modes of working, are ahead of them in their arrangement of the hours of labor and rest. The summer days being long, they rise by four o'clock or earlier, and after a light breakfast get to work before five. They then work till about ten, take dinner, and perhaps sleep till about three in the afternoon, when they go out and work till seven or eight. Their hours of labor are thus nine or ten, in the coolest part of the day, and they are equally fresh for both morning and evening labors. They have six or seven hours for sleep at night, besides a mid-day nap, if they take it, and they can do some chores in the house, barn, or stables, during the long mid-day interval. This arrangement has the great advantage of avoiding the heat of the day when work is so oppressive; and by reducing the amount of labor to ten hours each day, it meets the objections of those who might otherwise leave the farm for the city, as our correspondent says they have done.

We commend the subject, with the suggestions we have offered, to the attention of our farmers, and trust that by mutual discussion such an arrangement of the hours of labor will be made as will accord with the feelings of those who now consider them oppressive.

**The Election Court.**  
At this court held in Toronto on Saturday before the Chancellor and the Chief Justice of Common Pleas, the trials of petitions in the Lincoln and West Northumberland elections were fixed on the following dates:—  
Lincoln, to be held at St. Catharines on Monday, September 7th.  
West Northumberland, to be held at Cobourg on Friday, September 25th.

The following business was also transacted:—  
South Renfrew—Mr. Bethune, on behalf of respondent, moved to enlarge the preliminary objections and for the furnishing of particulars; and Mr. Lyon, for the sitting member, applied for particulars of the preliminary objections. Orders were made in accordance.

Holton, Cornwall, and North Renfrew—Mr. Bethune obtained an order extending the time for furnishing particulars to fourteen days before the date fixed for the trials.

**SUIT FOR DIVORCE FROM BRIGHAM YOUNG.**—Salt Lake, July 25.—In a suit for divorce from Brigham Young by his wife Anna Eliza, the demurrer of the defendant to the jurisdiction of the Court was overruled, and thirty days given to answer.

**AN INDIAN WRITHEE.**—A few days since a man named Sackrider, near Norwich, says the Ingersoll Chronicle, fired at a couple of boys who were taking some of his cherries, of which he had an immense quantity, many of them hanging over the road. He fired at them with a smooth-bore rifle loaded with buckshot, and one of the shot penetrated the lungs of one of the boys, named Albert Smith, who died from the effects of the wound. The other boy was wounded in the leg, but not seriously. Sackrider was taken before a magistrate and remanded to Woodstock jail for trial.

Messrs. Sifton and Glas, of London, Ont., have been working in Ottawa for several days past getting up data with a view to reduce the cost of the Canadian Pacific telegraph line. The present Government intend to lay out and work this trans-continental line. About twenty tenders were submitted for the work.

**RECAPITULO THE GOVERNMENT CASE.**  
There is a little story connected with Lord Dufferin's arrival in Toronto on Friday that is rather amusing. It seems that the Rossin House carriages were in waiting on the wharf, but there was no one to do the honors. Captain McGaw, of the Queen's, however, was on hand with the vehicles from that house, and when the steamer came to the wharf he went on board with a magnificent bouquet for the Countess, which he presented to Her Ladyship. He then, informed His Excellency that the carriages were waiting for him, and excused the party off in triumph. The smartness of this transaction assumes even grander proportions when the Rossin House people learned to their great disadvantage that His Excellency's baggage had arrived by the Grand Trunk the night before from Kingston, and been straightway conveyed to the Queen's, where the Vice-Regal party found everything ready.

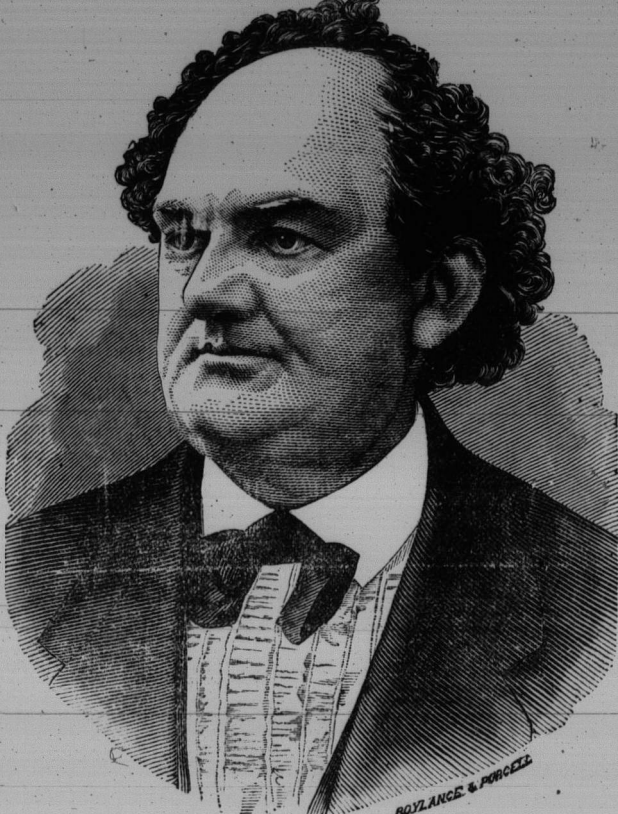
Mr. Robert Sparks has entered the field already for the representation of Russell in the Ontario Legislature.

**DEATHS.**  
KEELING—At Guelph, on Monday, 27th inst. Rebecca, wife of Mr. Charles E. Keeling, aged 25 years.  
The funeral will take place to-morrow (Tuesday) afternoon, at 4 o'clock.  
NEWBORN—In Guelph, on the 26th inst. George A. infant son of Mr. Thomas Newbourn, aged 10 months.  
ROBB—In Pilkington, on the 15th inst. James Robb, in the 27th year of his age.  
PILCHER—In Mount Forest, on the 22nd inst. Mary Ann, wife of Mr. John Pilcher, aged 26 years and 3 months.

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