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GODERICH, SEPT. 19, 1877.

Freedom of the Press.

Referring to the number of criminal actions for libel which Hon. Alexander Mackenzie has entered against certain journals, some of his newspaper enemies are working themselves into a fever of indignation at what they term an effort to bridle the "liberty of the press." The servility of the press in France, in their minds, will be nothing compared with the condition to which the Premier is aiming to reduce the mouthpieces of public opinion in Canada, simply that his official acts may not be criticised and the truth be told of him. They see in his endeavor to defend himself from the shameful slanders and falsehoods which have been uttered against him and of him, and his effort to have condign punishment meted out to these reckless maligners of official dignity, the presence of a despot whose will is to crush out all liberties which will imperill the security of his position. Such sillines of language acts like an overdose of poison—it proves harmless while a more judicious dose might be quite effective.

We have every anxiety to see the liberty of the press maintained, but Canada has reason to congratulate itself that the intelligence of the people is such as to insist on and retain the boon of a "free press," and we have no fear that the country will ever have occasion to mourn its loss. Unfortunately, however,—and of this fact, Canadian intelligence is so cognizant as to condemn it heartily and deservedly—the freedom thus vouchsafed is prostituted by numerous unscrupulous persons, to the shame of the profession and the confusion of the authority which has the control of this boon. Libels are uttered against individuals, personal integrity is slandered, virtue is robbed of its purity by the maligning pen of the unscrupulous author, and the privileges of free criticism, honorable condemnation and the utterance of powerful language rounded by "saving clauses," as known in the law of libel, are completely ignored that the author may give full swing to his vindictive pen, and, as Mark Tapley said, "take liberties with Liberty herself." To utter a word in defence of such journalism, or to accuse any one of "liberty-gagging" for defending himself from the outbursts of such journalists, is to counsel a principle which would not be much less fatal to the future of law and order than Free Love or Communism. When Mr. Mackenzie's personal integrity was directly assailed he felt that, in justice to himself, since his own statements in denial were not regarded, he should vindicate himself before the courts, where his enemies would be forced to accept his denials of the charges preferred against him, and an impartial judge should decide between them. Any man would have sought such satisfaction, but further than this Mr. Mackenzie's position as Premier is assailed and its dignity offended. The offenders should be doubly punished. They have forgotten to be gentlemen in the profession, have prostituted their privileges and uttered, in their reckless language a condemnation of the trust given them. The associating circumstance of political difference of opinion offers no extenuation, for whatever may be the latitude given in criticising public men, libelling does not come within the pale.

The latitude of expression given to the press is great, and one of its limits is partially defined by the law respecting libel. Though so indefinite its limits may be readily comprehended by honest, intelligent, law and order loving editors; and while these will escape libel suits, they will have the fairest opportunities to criticise and condemn. Some papers have sought a reputation by courting a libel suit, counting it a cheap mode of winning notoriety and advertising themselves abroad. Such tactics are only to be condemned with indignation, and, as from them for the most part comes the wail about the freedom of the press, he cry is only fit to be laughed at.

As a similie of stability, the Eddystone lighthouse long continued, but now it is about to go the way of all human works. It took many years of ingenious labor and perseverance to plant this work securely on its rocky foundation, and since 1759, the year it was completed, it has stood a monument to Smeaton's skill. It is not, however, that the masonry has proved deficient—that is apparently as sound as ever—but the rock upon which it is placed has become so undermined as to necessitate the destruction of the lighthouse. Another and larger building, to accommodate a more powerful light and a fog whistle will be erected in its place.

The Turco-Russian War.

The English people are unmistakably and naturally friendly to the Ottoman power in the present struggle, and the pleasure evinced on receipt of late news from the scene of operations at Plevna was hearty and uncontrollable. Though giving no moral countenance to the Turkish cause as a government, England regards the hypocritical Russian crusade in its proper light, and by virtue of old relationship and the instinct that sympathises with the weaker and defensive party in a struggle—though the latter may be guilty of many offences against christian laws—she is looked upon as the friend of Turkey. She is indeed, so far as the desire to see her hold her own in this war of defence, but her better feeling prompts her to wish that the country may become so exhausted in this struggle as to compel the country to become an *attache* of some other European power, which will give guarantees for her future good conduct.

During last week the contest in the Shipka Pass was lost sight of in the midst of the more important events transpiring about Plevna. Suleiman Pasha has not yet succeeded in clearing the pass, although his troops gained another victory on Thursday and dismounted a battery on Friday. Gradually he is hemming in his enemy, and making his position daily more untenable.

In the early part of last week the Turkish prospects at Plevna were anything but bright. Osman Pasha has sustained a severe siege, although in his protected position he has been enabled to give mere knocks than he got. A determined assault was made by the Russian forces on Tuesday, on three redoubts which were considered the key to Osman Pasha's position, and after a desperate struggle were taken. These redoubts were said to greatly imperil Plevna, as they commanded the town. On the following day, however, two of the redoubts were recaptured, and the remaining one is so covered by the Turkish artillery as to be almost untenable, and is heaped with dead and wounded Russians, the fire being so hot as to prevent ambulance trains or physicians reaching the spot. Osman Pasha has also defeated a body of the enemy sent to cut off his reinforcements coming by the Sofia Road, and has this important route open to him. It is further reported that the Turks at this position are on the offensive, and in an engagement with the forces investing Plevna inflicted a serious defeat with a loss of 5,000 men. It is at least known that the Russian losses at this point have been very heavy, they confessing that since 7th Sept. they have lost 300 officers and 12,500 men.

Mehemet Ali's forces have been very successful, and the Czarevitch's army is retreating before their onward march. South of the Balkans a terrible state of affairs exist. From Adrianople to the Balkans the country is fever-stricken, the towns are like pest houses, and the stench from putrefying bodies, in some places, is frightful.

A report from St. Petersburg states that an attempt to assassinate the Czar has been discovered.

LATER.

Since the above was in type the news comes that Sulieman Pasha has become master of the Shipka Pass and formed a junction with Mehemet Ali. The Russian losses before Plevna are confirmed, and their position is precarious.

The Show.

Entries up to noon of Tuesday were coming in in great numbers, and there is a prospect of a magnificent exhibition. The preparations are now completed, the pens being all in position, the offices erected and everything in apple-pie order. The hall looks very tasteful, the annex being two stories high, finished in a manner which gives a fine appearance to the interior.

Those having entries to make, should make them to-day (Wednesday), as an extra charge of 25 cents will be made on entries made the following day. The Secretary will be in attendance to-day at the Court House, in Mr. Adamson's office, to receive entries.

The question of a successor to Brigham Young has been a question fraught with much importance to the Mormons. It was understood that the dead prophet looked fondly upon his first-born as the successor to the honors and emoluments of the chief position among the people, but the people are opposed to hereditary succession, and the younger Brigham has not the qualifications for the position. Taking example by the action of the ruling apostles at the time of the martyred Smith, the twelve ruling apostles recently proceeded to supply the vacancy, and, as they have publicly and solemnly declared, have consulted with the Lord and found his choice to be John Taylor, one of the oldest elders of the church and a zealous and fanatical man. In consequence this man has been declared the leader of the church, and all prophetic visions of the Mormon future will come through him, all divine communications and the power to adjust all matters of dispute. In the manifesto sent abroad to declare this divine choice to the faithful, a special injunction was embodied to forward the tithes to the church authorities as of yore. Unfortunately for the integrity of the Mormon community, dissension prevails, and this thin, spiritual-in-myeye procedure is not swallowed by the faithful ones. One party of the church strongly favors Arson Pratt, while discontent with the government generally prevails. The extent of this disorganization is such as to warrant the belief of a speedy disruption in this disgraceful community, which will result in their final extinction.

Mr. Plumb has been exhibiting at the Amherstburg pic-nic what purported to be a picture of the famous Neebing Hotel, at Fort William, purchased recently by the Government. This picture represents the hotel as built on posts and little more than a shanty in appearance, whereas when it was bought it was fully completed, built on a stone foundation and comparatively well finished. Mr. Plumb's tactics are disgraceful. It has been shown how absurd is the cry about the excessive price paid for it, by the letter which the hotel company sent to the Government offering to purchase back the building at the price paid for it. But anything to beat the Government is a motto which will not brook a regard for these details.

Sir John on protection is hard to be understood. At the Cobourg pic-nic he said that what the country wanted was "a small increased protection," which the *Mail* remodelled into "moderate and sufficient protection." At Napanee he declared that since we could not have reciprocity of trade with the United States, we "should have reciprocity of tariffs." How consistent these statements are! how uncertain this man is in his policies. Think of a reciprocity of tariffs, a monstrosity varying from 400 to 30 per cent., and compare it with his other statement of the necessities of the country. Truly his protective policy is strangely and wonderfully made.

Mr. Plumb has explained the matter at length, and he has the country's thanks therefor. At the Lindsay pic-nic he was asked what protection to farmers meant, and, in the words of the *Mail*, he replied that "it meant that farmers should be in a position to have a rotation of crops." And among the other good results flowing therefrom, Mr. Plumb may yet inform the world that it means the power to raise dried apples by sewing the parings.

A 200 lb. bear was shot by Mr. J. McDonald, of lot 1, con. 13, Luther, one day last week.

ATHOLCOTT RANGE.

HURON RIFLES AT THE BUTTS.

A good Day's Shooting.

CO. 3, SEAFORTH, WINS THE CUP.

WINNING SCORE, 174.

The annual shooting match of Huron Battalion took place at Atholcott range, near Clinton, on Monday last. The attendance was better than usual, seven companies being represented. Among those present were Col. Ross, M.P.P., Majors Cooke, Connor and Murray and nearly all the officers of the Battalion. Although threatening, the weather proved favorable, there being no strong winds and no dazzling lights to puzzle the vision. As a consequence the shooting was a decided improvement over last year, although to the fact that a different mode of counting was adopted this year is in a great measure due the improved scores. Last year the winning score by Brussels Co. for the cup was 159, while this year Seaforth carried it off by a score of 174. Private Wynn of the Brussels Co. made the highest score in this match, namely 39 out of a possible 40.

There were two targets used, and the contest was ended in good season, although Major Cooke and the markers were kept busy throughout the afternoon. Mr. Pike, of Clinton, furnished refreshments on the ground of an excellent kind, and was generously patronized. The affair passed off very pleasantly, and very satisfactorily.

The following are the scores of the various matches, furnished us through the kindness of Major Cooke:—

BATTALION CUP.

Five rounds at each range. The best shots in each company only given, each of whom took 34 prizes, while the best shot in the Battalion, Private Wynn, took 38. The scores given are the aggregate scores made by the companies.

		200	400
H. McLean, Co. 2		74	152
Capt. Wilson, Co. 3		86	88
Sergt. Major Scott, Co. 4		73	70
Pte Wynn, Co. 5		77	82
Capt. Howard, Co. 6		68	54
— McDonald, Co. 7		75	75
Corp. Roberts, Co. 8		69	50

OFFICERS' MATCH.

Three rounds at each range.

	Prize.	200	400
Capt. C. Wilson	88	13	11
Lieut. J. Wilson	4	13	10
Capt. B. Wilson	2	9	12
Capt. Howard	2	7	10

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS' MATCH.

Three rounds at each range.

	Prize.	200	400
Sergt Munro	30	8	14
Sergt Campbell	7	9	13
Corp. Home	6	10	11
Sergt Leary	5	5	15
Sergt Scott	4	10	10
Sergt McDonald	3	9	10
Sergt McDougall	2	7	10
Sergt Miller	1	6	8

PRIVATES' MATCH.

Three rounds at each range.

	Prize.	200	400
H. McLean	21	11	12
J. Wilson	10	11	12
— Roberts	9	10	12
— Parker	8	9	12
A. McDonald	7	11	10
— Sanderson	6	11	9
W. Wilson	5	9	10
— Muttart	4	8	10
— Pike	3	9	9
— Wynn	2	9	9
— Watson	1	7	10

ALL COMERS' MATCH.

Five rounds at 200 yds.

	Prize.	Score.
Parker	67	24
Robson	6	21
McDougall	5	20
Capt. C. Wilson	4	19
A. Wilson	3	19
Campbell	2	18
Cavan	1	18

THREE YEARS' SERVICE MATCH.

Three rounds at two ranges.

	Prize.	200	400
Pike	8	9	11
Bissett	8	12	9
J. F. Roberts	7	12	9
W. Wilson	6	11	9
Grassick	5	12	8
Sheppard	4	12	8
Proctor	3	8	11
Sanderson	2	11	8
Wynn	1	11	8

The resignation of the License Inspector of the County of Brant, on account of his inability to enforce the provisions of the Dunkin Act, has created considerable excitement in that neighborhood. It is known that the violations have been many and open since the adoption of the measure, and the inspector, with the aid of two detectives, worked up over a hundred cases which were to have been heard last week. However a mob attended the police court, and so abused and threatened the detectives that they left for Toronto refusing to go on with the cases, and now the inspectors resignation allows them to fall to the ground. This may be a triumph for the liquor party, but it is obtained as the result of disgraceful means, a triumph of mob force. Where such untamable elements of opposition exist, it may be well to repeal the measure and enforce the Crooks' Act with all possible rigor; but we do not think the people will consent to so soon deserting the ship, but will insist on a further trial of the Dunkin Bill that this opposition against the will of the majority be broken.

At the recent meeting in Orangeville of representative men of the municipalities interested in the broadening of the gauge of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway, the attendance was quite large. The feeling was unanimous in favor of the scheme, and committees were appointed to discuss and present it to the various municipalities with the object of securing the needed assistance to carry out the work. Resolutions were adopted, requesting that the government be appealed to for aid. Among the delegates were representatives from Walkerton and Kincardine, all of whom strongly urged the continuation of the road to their respective localities, but the proposal to continue it to Wingham met with the greatest favor.

A Mr. Frazer has been going through the country of late, speaking on protection, but so tempering his utterances as to present Sir John as the only and true advocate of that policy, and urging a large attendance of those interested at a meeting to be held in Toronto to discuss the matter. So hollow were the man's pretensions, that his pilgrimage of late has been utterly devoid of success.

It is announced that Mr. Andrew Monteith, the present member for North Perth in the Commons, will not again be brought forward as a candidate. And the query is, why should so faithful a supporter of Sir John be cast aside by his party? It may be that they see more clearly with the old Scotchman who said, "He's no' just sae forehanded, ye ken; but he's gran' to tak snuff."

Her Majesty had been pleased to confer the honor of Knighthood upon Chief Justice Richards of Ottawa, Chief Justice Dorion of Quebec and Chief Justice Robertson of Prince Edward Island. Sir Knight will get to be as common as Squire soon.

ANNUAL DRILL.

GODERICH GARRISON BATTERY ON DUTY.

GUN AND RIFLE PRACTICE.

PRESENTATION.

The Goderich Garrison Battery has just ended an exceedingly interesting annual drill. The Battery turned out 34 strong, with two officers, Major J. Thomson and Lieut. T. Dixon. Nearly two thirds of the men were recruits, and owing to the fact of it being two years since they were out, many of the men were away and the terms of service of some had expired. Only four days elapsed from the time of turning out till inspection by Col. Irvine, Inspector of Artillery for the Dominion, and Commandant of the School of Gunnery at Kingston, yet in this short time the men had acquired a knowledge of the drill which they did remarkably well. As they passed along the street to and from their gun drill, their marching was excellent.

On Wednesday, in the presence of the Colonel, each gun detachment was put through the gun drill, which they did in a very creditable manner. Then ten men were chosen to fire at a target, four rounds each, two of solid shot and one of common and one of diaphram shell. The target was a packing box fixed on a raft with a flag staff and flag, out on the lake, twelve hundred yards distant. The inspecting officer desired Major Thomson to fire two trial shots, in order to give the men the proper distance and elevation. The first shot went directly over the target, and the second cut down the flagstaff amid great cheering. The firing of the ball and shell of different detachments was good, several of the shots striking the target, and the shells, bursting in the right place, tore the target into fragments.

Trumpeter Parker won the first prize, $3, Sergt. Stewart second, $2.50; Corp. McCaig third, $2; Sergt. Major Bates fourth, $1.50; and Sergt. Miller fifth, $1.

At the conclusion of the practice, Col. Irvine complimented the battery very highly on their accuracy and the expedition with which they loaded and laid the gun, one detachment firing two shots and two shells in 5.59 minutes.

On Thursday, the last day of drill, the battery marched over to Mr. Attrill's flats for rifle practice, fifteen rounds each having been served out. The practice was fair, the battery medal being won by Gunner Pennington. On the same evening the men mustered in the armory, and returned the arms and clothing into store and received their pay. Before breaking up, Sergt. Miller, on behalf of the battery, presented Major Thomson with a beautiful silver cup and urn, together with an address, after which three cheers were given for Major Thomson and three for the Queen, and the men dispersed until another call. The address was as follows:

To Major Jas. Thomson, Commanding G. G. B.

Dear Sir,—The undersigned officers and privates of the Goderich Garrison Battery, who have the honor of being under your command, cannot allow this occasion to pass without giving an expression of the esteem in which you are held by every man in the battery. You have always taken the utmost interest in its welfare, have spared no pains to bring it to its present state of efficiency, and the highly complimentary manner in which it was, lem of by Col. Irvine was, we are convinced, due entirely to your efforts. Each of us has felt it an agreeable task to obey your commands, and whatever inefficiency there may be in the battery we know you are not responsible for it; and should the time unfortunately come when the best blood of the country is required in its defence, we have confidence that you are the right man to lead us, assured as we are of the abilities you possess, and the kindness of heart which every officer should show to those under his command. As a small memento of this occasion will you permit us to present you with this silver cup, with the best wishes for your future welfare and the efficiency of the Goderich Garrison Battery.

Sergt. A. Miller,
On behalf of the Battery.

MAJOR THOMSON'S REPLY.

Members of the Battery.—This too flattering address, accompanied with this beautiful present, has taken me completely by surprise. I can assure you one and all that I accept it as it is given, a memento of this our annual drill and of the kindly feelings that you have expressed toward me, and I am quite sure those sentiments are genuine, as no order I have given but what has been cheerfully obeyed. But I cannot lay claim to the whole of the credit you have given me in bringing the Battery to its present state of efficiency, for as you well know, over one-half of our number are for the first time in the ranks; and had I not had the assistance of three noncommisioned officers who have qualified themselves by attending the School of Gunnery, I could not have possibly succeeded so well, and I wish to thank those noncommissioned officers for their assistance on this occasion; and I would say that when the time for the next annual drill comes I hope that circumstances will be such that I can have the same men around me again, so that we may be able to bring the company to a greater degree of perfection than can possibly be done in the short time allowed.—Allow me again to thank you for the beautiful present, and the kind sentiments expressed.

Legal Notes.

Sentenced. — Charles Sinclair, for threatening was sentenced on Tuesday to one days' imprisonment.

Liquor Case.—George Knox, of Clinton, was brought before C. Crabb, Esq., on Tuesday, charged with selling liquor without license and fined $20 and costs.

Chambers.—Judge Squier will hold chambers every morning during September at 10 a. m., and if no applications are made before 10:30, chambers will be closed for the day—Judge Toms will sit in chambers next month.

Chancery Court.—The fall sittings of the Chancery Court opened in the Court House before Hon. Vice Chancellor Blake, at 11 a. m. on Tuesday. The list of causes comprised eight suits, the counsel on either side being local members of the bar with the exception of Mr. Bethune of London. John Boyd, Q. C., and D. B. McLennan, Q. C., of Toronto, were present. A stenographer was in attendance to report the evidence. We are unable this week to report any of the business transacted.

BEN MILLER.

Runaway. — On Wednesday, 12th inst., as Mr. Jesse Snyder was returning from Goderich, having occasion to call at Mr. Moore's shop, he left his team standing outside. The horses getting their heads entangled in the lines started to run. Mrs. Snyder, who was in the waggon at the time, noticing the horses starting, jumped out and received some severe bruises in falling. The team ran due north for about two miles, and on being stopped it was found no damage was done.

Improvements—Mr. Jonathan Miller has erected a large addition to his hotel, which is now nearly ready to be occupied. Part of the new building has been fitted up for a grocery store and post office. Last summer Mr. Miller increased his stabling accommodation, so that in every particular the Benmiller Hotel is now a first-class stopping place.

—Mr. John Stewart, with his usual enterprise in his line of business, has enlarged his greenhouse by one third, making it now one of the largest west of Toronto. Mr. Stewart finds increased accommodation necessary in order to supply the demands of his customers.

Thursday, November 22, is to be generally recognized as a day of public thanksgiving throughout Canada, the five western provinces having consented to the recognition of that day.

The miners' strike in the Lehigh region of Pennsylvania is at an end.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

Cool Burgess.—This famed comedian exhibits in Oddfellows' Hall on Thursday and Friday evenings.

Don't forget that J. W. Weatherald has engaged Prof. Marquis Chisholm to play for him at the fall show here on the 20th and 21st inst.

Market Fees.—The Goderich market fees for the ensuing year will be sold by auction at Truesman's auction mart, on Saturday next at noon.

Welcome.—Mr. Rogers, formerly of the Toronto *National*, has assumed the editorial chair, in the sanctum of the *Star*. We hope and expect our relations with him will be as agreeable as with his predecessor.

New Dress.—The old Toronto *Leader* has donned a new dress and looks as airy as a deacon in a bathing costume. With the display of a proper degree of enterprise in its news departments, the one-time prestige of the journal might again be restored.

Lumber Notes.—The shipments last week were: Williams & Murray, 8 cars; Secord, Cozzens & Co., 29 cars; Wm. Lee, 4 cars; Wm. Seymour & Co., 7 cars oak timber. Receipts—Williams & Murray, 128,000 ft, by schr. Todman, and a cargo by barge Mary Robertson for Secord & Cozzens.

Fainted. — On Friday afternoon, while Mr. D. Doty was at work in his office he suddenly fainted away. The ordinary restoratives were applied by those present, and Dr. Cassady was called in. In a short time Mr. Doty recovered consciousness but remained in a weak state for some time. He is now quite recovered.

Manhattan Smart.— Work is progressing steadily, a depth of 51 feet having been reached with no sign of the rock further than the presence of huge boulders. The engine house is making good progress towards completion, the four boilers being ready to place in position. Gangs of men are working night and day at the shaft.

Harper's Monthly.—The October number is to hand, as interesting as ever. An illustrated article entitled a journey from Brisa to Constantinople, giving a remarkably finesketch of the Turkish country is very entertaining at the present moment. Its other contents are selected with the usual care, and the illustrations are numerous and very fine. For sale at the bookstores.

Au Revoir.—It is with regret that we announce the departure from town and the severance of his connection with our town cotemporary of Mr. C. W. A. Dedrickson. During the time he has resided in town and in his journalistic capacity he has made many warm friends by his geniality and gentlemanly manners, and these will regret to learn of his departure. Our relationship with him has been of the most agreeable character, and we are sincere in the wish that in his new field of employment he may find much pleasure as he finds increased pecuniary benefit.

History of the Dominion.—Parts five and six of Tuttle's Illustrated History of the Dominion have been received, bringing the record to the warlike operations of 1760. The double steel engravings in each number are exquisite representations of Canadian scenery, and the several wood engravings are stirring sketches of the important battles of those days. Ten portraits of famed Canadians are also given, and altogether the numbers form excellent parts of what promises to be a magnificient complete work. The work is not expensive, costing 50 cents a number, and will form an elegant and valuable addition to Canadian libraries.

Peaches.—This fruit has proved an excellent crop this year, and they are selling very cheap, but we doubt if they will this season sell cheaper than they did on Friday evening. Mr. Fred Hutty brought a large lot from Toronto, and being very ripe they were sold at $1 per basket to run them off. But a good many baskets remained in the evening, when Mr. G. M. Trueman was called in and he auctioned them off at an average of about 50 cts per basket. The fruit is unusually large. Mr. Geo. Cox, of this office, has a number of the Crawford variety which measure 7½ inches in circumference.

New Drug Store.—Mr. James Wilson, a duly qualified chemist, formerly of Mr. George Cattle's drug store, has started business as a chemist and druggist in Cooke's old stand, which has been handsomely fitted up for the purpose. He is displaying a full stock of drugs, chemicals, fresh dye-stuffs, and fancy articles in the toilet line, and other things commonly found in a drug store. Some very fine cigars and tobaccos are offered for sale. Mr. Wilson will make the dispensing of prescriptions an especial line of his business, and having had four years experience with Mr. Cattle is capable of giving satisfaction in this line. He recently passed his examination and has the diploma of the Ontario College of Pharmacy.

A Long Journey.—A little girl, eleven years old, very lightly clad and barefooted applied at the jail on Wednesday forenoon to be permitted to see her father, Gen. May, who was serving a term of one month for abusing his wife. She was admitted at once, and the father's surprise and pleasure were genuine, the more so when he learned that the little one had walked the greater portion of the way on foot. The girl left her home in Exeter on the previous Monday evening, and walked along the track towards Clinton until it got dark, when she lay down in the grass by the way and slept until morning. The journey was resumed early on Tuesday, and maintained until the vicinity of Clinton was reached late in the evening. During the day she had nothing to eat but beech nuts which she gathered in the woods, but she was taken in by a kindly famer's wife in the evening, kept over night and forwarded to her distination next morning, in a buggy. She was kept for a short time in the gaol, where she made herself very useful and proved herself a bright intelligent little one. On Thursday the mother arrived and took the child, much against her wish, home again.

The Model School.—On Friday afternoon G. W. Ross, Esq., M. P., Inspector of Model Schools, paid his first official visit to the school here. The scholars were dismissed for the afternoon, and the teachers and Model school pupils assembled in the Principal's class room. The visitors present were: Col. Ross, M. P. P., Rev. Dr. Ure, J. R. Miller, I. P. S., Messrs. C. Crabb, Jas. Buchanan, Geo. Swanson of the School Board, Messrs. H. I Strang and S. P. Halls of the High School, and Mr. J. T. Duncan. The Inspector examined and lectured the class for about an hour and a half, and expressed himself pleased with their proficiency, considering the shortness of the time since the opening of the school and the comparative inexperience of the new system on the part of the tutor, which had been attained, Mr. Ross stated that it had first been the Government's intention to establish three Normal Schools in the Province for the instruction of teachers, and the present system was adopted temporarily, but he thought it would prove more effective and successful in turning out efficient teachers. He had heard some complaints against compelling pupils to this further labor before securing certificates, when candidates before them hod gone directly into schools after passing the regular examination. There was no reason, however, to find fault with this apprenticeship; it was for the benefit of the schools. In England teachers had to serve an apprenticeship of five years. Each teacher would have the satisfaction —unknown to former beginners— of doing a good days' work the first day on which they taught school Mr. Ross gave the class several lessons in teaching and arranging classes and the general management of schools together with a few remarks on school hygiene. At the conclusion, remarks were made by Mr. J. R. Miller, a number of the teachers present and by Messrs. Crabb and Swanson, after which the class was dismissed.

Dead.—Mr. A. M. Stewart, of Montreal, the occupant of Bellevue Place, died of Bright's disease on Sunday.

Harbor Mills.—The shipments last week were: 3 cars and 206 bags bran, one car shorts and 2760 bags flour.

Shipment of Stock.—Last week Mr. Wm. McClain shipped to Buffalo 640 lambs. Mr. Geo. Hamilton also shipped to the same point a car load of hogs.

The Canadian Edition of Hamblin Smith's Arithmetic (authorized) is now ready at Moorhouse,—price 75 cts., Free by post for 80 cts.

Crowded Out.—More "flat earth" news has been received from Mr. W. G. Smith, for which our readers may hold themselves in readiness for next week.

Personal.—M. C. Cameron, Esq., Q. C., will conduct the Crown business at the approaching assizes in London.

—Mr. J. R. Miller, I. P. S., on Monday left for Belleville to attend a convention of school inspectors there.

Prof. Ormsby's Singing Class.—This class is greatly increasing in number. The names now reach 110. Mrs. Marquis Chisholm's voice secured much pleasure to the young folks at last rehearsal.

Navigation. — Among the receipts last week were 26,400 bushels oats by the M. C. Cameron, consigned to A. Armitage, Seaforth; and 1260 bbls land plaster, by Scow Iosco from Alabaster, for Toronto.

Saline Notes.—The shipments last week were: Wm. Campbell, 500 bbls; Wm. Lee, 202 bbls; S. Platt, 210 bbls; Wm. Seymour, 200 bbls to Winnipeg; Wm. Stitt, 100 bbls to Fishing Islands. Mr. Campbell has orders for about, 2000 bbls to go by water.

Out in the Storm.—On Tuesday the scow Iosco, while making this port signalled for help, when the tug Maytham went to her assistance through a very heavy sea. Nothing was wrong further than that the captain of the scow did not know the entrance to the harbor and was afraid to try it in no stiff a gale, She was brought in without trouble,

Boat Launch.—Mr. Jas. Strachan has placed one of his patent boat launches on the dock, on the inner side of the checkwater. It worked exceedingly well, its operation being viewed by a large number of captains and vessel owners who pronounced the machine an excellent invention and just the thing needed.

Voters' Lists.—The appeals against the printed voters' lists of the town have been filed and number as follows: Conservatives—To be put on, 28; struck off, 12; corrections, 8. Reformers—To be put on, 9; to be struck off, 6; corrections, 1. A number of other appeals of an unimportant character have also been entered.

Removal.—Mrs. John McIntosh, jr., has removed her grocery store to the premises formerly occupied by Mr. R. Proudfoot, on East street. Her stock has been thoroughly replenished, and in regard to price and quality cannot be excelled. Call and inspect for yourselves.

Accident. — On Tuesday forenoon, while John Brophy and Andrew Williamson were working on a scaffold in Ogilvie & Hutchison's salt block, the frame gave way precipitating them to the floor. Mr. Brophy had his left leg dislocated at the ankle and sustained a slight fracture, while Mr. Williamson escaped with a severe shaking. Drs. McLean and Taylor attended the injured men,

General Freight. — The following shipments were made last week, among others:—G. Maedel, 787 lbs. wool; S. Andrews, 3 bbls. tallow; Jas. Thomson, 55 pieces composition stone; Robt. McLean, 4 bbls. tallow; C. Reeve, 1720 lbs. junk; Kirkpatrick, Bro. & Co., 10 rolls leather; D. Campbell, 2 bbls. fish oil; Wm. Mitchell, 280 lbs. wool.

Distinguished Visitors.—On Saturday Sir Henry Tyler, one of the English Directors of the Grand Trunk Co., in company with Messrs. Jos. Hickson, P. Hannaford, W. J. Spicer and other Canadian magnates of the road visited Goderich on a tour of inspection. Everything about the station looked "spick and span" on the occasion, and the visitors were much pleased with the appearance of things. Sir Henry Tyler says the portion of the road from Stratford to Goderich looks much better than any other portion of the road.

An Ugly Fall.—On Tuesday forenoon Charlie, son of Capt. Fred West, of the Albion Hotel, a lad about five years old, met with a painful accident. He is a venturesome little fellow, and had got on a narrow ledge outside the railing of the pizza on the second floor, and while walking along lost his balance and fell to the sidewalk. The height was about fifteen feet, but strange to say no bones were broken although the little fellow's body was badly bruised and he may have sustained internal injuries, Dr. McMicking is in attendance.

Complimentary.—Speaking of educational matters in Muskoka, the Parry Sound *North Star* thus alludes to the visit of Mr. J. R. Miller, I. P. S., and Mr. S. P. Halls to that section this summer: "J. R. Miller, Esq., Public School Inspector for the County of Huron, whose talents are evidently well appreciated by the Educational Department of our country, having been appointed to organize, remodel, and stimulate educational matters in our district, has lately paid us a visit. He has, we are happy to say, most thoroughly and efficiently performed the duties which Government laid upon him. Arriving in our midst on Saturday the 18th ult., he started on the 20th on his tour of inspection, accompanied by Mr. S. P. Halls of the Goderich High School. Travelling through the townships of Foley, Humphrey, Monteith, Spence, Ryerson, Croft, Hagerman, McKellar, Ferguson, and Carling, he returned to McDougall, where he finished his arduous and toilsome labours by examining the school of Parry Sound village." The report proceeds with the business of the examination, and further on alludes to a meeting of the Teacher's Institute of the section, at which both the above gentlemen delivered lectures on various educational topics, and in the evening at a conversazione Mr. Miller 'sketched briefly and ably the educational system of Canada."

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—Thos. McDonald, of Seaforth, has been appointed judge of saddlery at the Provincial.

—John Thorp's team drew 8,000 lbs flax five miles, to the Seaforth mill recently.

—The Lucknow *Sentinel* has resumed the old convenient four-page shape again.

—Messrs. Aikens & Fleming, of Clinton, have rented Colles' mill at Manchester.

—Stapleton salt works is shipping considerable quantities of salt in bulk and barrels by G. W. R. from Clinton.

Messrs. Petty & Shillenlaw shipped recently from Hensall station, 805 sheep and lambs for New York.

—Jas. Kerr, jr., of Brussels, is wanted for taking a span of horses and wagon from his father's premises.

—Two blacklegs practicing their little devices at the Brussels races lately, were fined $5 each and costs.

—The apple crop is reported to be a complete failure in the vicinity of Centralia.

—Mr. Thos Logie, a former resident in the vicinity of Exeter, dropped dead while walking from church homeward, recently, in London.

—Mungo Wallace, jr., while working on Stretton's new building, Brussels, a few days ago fell a distance of 24 ft, breaking one of his arms near the wrist.

—G. Johnson and John. Anderson, of Stanley, who three years ago, located in Dakota Territory, this year have 1650 bushels of wheat and 800 bushels of barley, 2,000 bushels of oats and peas, 80 head of good cattle, and a large stock of hogs. In connection with their farm they run a good store.

—Wingham wants a High School.

—The Wingham Quoiting Club played for a silver medal on Monday.

—The assessment rate has been fixed in Stephen at 3½ mills in the dollar.

—Large quantities of wheat have already been marketed in Centralia.

—Over thirty appeals have been entered against the Wingham voters' list.

—Geo. E. Evans has been made station master at Wingham, vice N. Hargwood, resigned.

—John Knutson's tailor shop in Wroxeter was entered by a burglar on Tuesday night and a coat stolen.

—Geo. Stickrod, shoemaker of Hills' Green, recently had a pitchfork run into his thigh. He is recovering.

—John Fisher Esq., recently sold a number of lots adjoining Wingham, by auction, about $1000 being netted. Acre lots averaged a little over $100.

—A series of gospel temperance meetings was concluded in Wingham on Monday last week, when 150 had taken the pledge.

—The Teeswater Reform Convention will be held on the 24th inst. Messrs. Blake, Mackenzie, Cartwright, Mowat and others are expected to be present.

—James Walkinshaw, 2nd con. Hullett, has a sample of white mane oats, the heads of which are over a foot long, and there being 20 stalks, the product of one seed.

—From one bushel and three pecks of seed, sowed by John McConnell, on his farm in Morris, 75 bushels of oats were realized.

—The *Vidette* says:—We understand that Dan Moran is going to Utah to secure one of the deceased chief's wives. Success to yez, Dan. Butter take the lot.

—Mr. Thos. Nellans, of Hullett, has purchased from Mr. Alexander Robinson, the south half of lot 5, con. 11, Hullett, for $2,000.

—Thos. Reilly, a few days ago, was thrown from the back of a horse, on the farm of Geo. Sproul, Tuckersmith, and had several ribs broken by the animal tramping on him.

—Henry Carter, of lot 42, 13th con., Hullett, last week pulled a potato vine that had grown to the extraordinary