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THE EQUALIZATION TROUBLE.

A special meeting of the Huron county council has been going on since Tuesday last...

The Clinton New Era declines to continue the discussion as to the relative financial condition of Goderich and Clinton...

The Howick Enterprise is after its township council with a sharp stick because the members won't agree to build a town hall...

The Court of Appeal having sustained the decision of the lower court disqualifying Fauquier, the writ has been issued for a new election to the Assembly.

Toronto is celebrating its semi-centennial, and is as proud as a little boy strutting about with his first pair of knickerbockers.

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CONTEMPORARY OPINION.

The Sayings of the Brethren—Wise and otherwise—Placed on Record.

GETTING HIM DOWN FINE.

London Advertiser.—We learn, on the reliable authority of our esteemed contemporary the Toronto Mail, that if a person attending the Reform picnic at North York "escaped with his watch and purse, he is greatly to be congratulated."

HOPEFUL FOR ONTARIO.

Toronto News (Ind).—The 10th inst., has been fixed by the Privy Council as the day for hearing arguments on the boundary question.

THE BOUNDARY AWARD.

Toronto Globe.—The governments of Ontario and Manitoba have, as announced in our special cable despatches of Saturday, secured the assignment of the 15th of July for the hearing of the Boundary question.

THE TRUE CANADIAN PARTY.

Ottawa Free Press.—The Liberal party of today is essentially the Canadian party. It aims by the spirit of conciliation and honorable compromise to wipe out Anglo-Canadian, French-Canadian, Nova Scotian, Manitoban, etc., etc., such, and to bind the whole into a homogeneous party actuated by a common patriotism and governed by common political principles.

WHAT THE MEETINGS DO.

The Reform demonstrations give the Reformers in the country district the opportunity of seeing the leader face to face, but for all practical purposes Mr. Blake is right when he says that the press is the best medium between politicians and people.

A Level-Headed Opinion.

W. H. Kerr, of the Brussels Post, who recently visited Goderich, in company with his wife, gives his impressions of the country town, thusly, in the last issue of the Post.

Literary Notes.

Canadian Methodist Magazine for July, 1884.—Price \$2 a year; \$1 for six months; 25 cents per number. For sale at all book-stores.

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NEWS ABOUT HOME.

"A child's name ye, takin' notes An' faith he'll print it."

TOWN TOPICS.

Ask for the "Solid Comfort" or "Olivette" Goderich clear.

The Scott Act question is being debated with vigor in the county just now, and the fact that Salvo takes such nice pictures is also the talk of the town.

Just received.—A variety of all cooking stoves, which will guarantee, The Victory, with its extension top; the Dietz Tabletop Hot Blast; also the summer stove. Prices from \$10.00 to \$25.00.

Mr. G. Struthers, Huron road, is at Teeswater.

James Reid returned from Buffalo on Dominion Day.

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We regret to hear that Arthur Cross-seller, a member of the Goderich Company, had so severe an attack of measles that he was left behind in the hospital.

George Acheson, of the "Red, White and Blue" store, is making a discount of 25 per cent on all cash purchases.

J. E. Johnston, formerly of Seagraves' plow works, Goderich, and his bride left last Saturday for their new home in Port Arthur. We wish them a happy and prosperous voyage through life.

We notice in the list of successful candidates when a recent examination of the Ontario College of Pharmacy the name of H. McLean, son of Dr. McLean. We congratulate Harry on the result of his exam.

John Gentles, of Kincairdine, met with a heavy loss last week by the death of his fine stallion, "Conquering Hero." The animal, which had been purchased this spring by Mr. Gentles at a cost said to be about \$1700, was only sick a few days.

SUMMER VISITORS.—The unusual hot weather of the past two weeks has brought our summer visitors nearly a month earlier than last year. Already families from Texas, Detroit, London and elsewhere have arrived at The Point Farm.

The sale of French cows and horses at Grand's, Toronto, last week, was largely attended, and the bidding very spirited. 78 French cows and calves, the property of Mr. H. Y. Attrill, of Goderich.

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SCARCITY OF PLUMS.—Plums are likely to be a short crop in the surrounding country this year. An experienced fruit raiser accounts for the failure in this way: The grafts are all made in wild stock; the grafts grow much faster than the wild parent, and hence the supply of nourishment is not sufficient to enable the grafts to bear fruit two years in succession.

SOLD.—The Seaforth Examiner says:—"A vendor of a combination penholder and instant victrola nearly every business man in town the other day by selling to them for one dollar and a half what could be got in almost any ordinary stationer's store for one dollar. It is astonishing what an influence a good deal of 'cheek' and an oily tongue possess. This same man sold 75 of his instants in the town of Goderich."

THE CATHOLIC PICNIC.—The picnic at Bingham's grove, Wednesday next, the 9th inst., under the auspices of St. Peter's church, promises to be one of the most successful yet held. Excellent working committees have been selected, and no pains will be spared to make the occasion a most enjoyable one to all who attend. One of the features of the day will be competition for the handsome silk flag. Dinner will be served from 12 o'clock to 2 p.m. An excellent quadrille band will be in attendance, and the platform will be kept in constant use. Admission: to grounds 10 cts; to dinner 25 cts. Everybody who wants a good day's diversion should attend.

THE TWO VETERANS.—The London Advertiser has the following on an incident of the late camp in the Forest city:—"Mr. Thos. Fitzpatrick, right baggage master at the Grand Truck, had the pleasure of meeting an old friend and fellow-soldier—Mr. Henry Cook, late major and adjutant of the 33rd—on Monday last for the first time in nearly 30 years. Mr. Fitzpatrick, 60th Rifles, in 1847 together. They came to Canada the same year went home in 1847, and to the Cape of Good Hope in 1851. Here they remained until 1855, when Mr. Fitzpatrick returned to England on his way to the Crimea, while Mr. Cook served through the Indian mutiny and in China. They subsequently both came to Canada, and Mr. Cook now resides at Goderich, and in major and adjutant of the 33rd. The old soldier, who had not seen each other since their separation at the Cape in 1855, met together on Wednesday, and spent a couple of pleasant hours reviewing old times."

GATHERING OF PIONEERS.—A most interesting gathering took place last week at the Point Farm, the occasion being the celebration of the settlement of the township of Colborne by a number of the old pioneers. Their numbers were largely increased by representative settlers from the adjoining townships of Wawanosh, Ashfield, Hullett, and the town of Goderich. Well chosen remarks were made by M. Hutchinson, of the Big Mill, and J. J. Wright, the host, which were ably responded to by Wm. Young, John Morris and John Glen, of Colborne; Wm. Hayden, of Ashfield; Chas. Girvin, of Wawanosh; H. Snell, of Hullett, and Elijah Martin, of Goderich. Many stirring stories were told by the above-named gentlemen of the hardships and adventures that were daily endured by their wives and themselves half a century ago, with nothing but the primitive bush; no roads, schools or churches. The struggle for life was one continual battle for existence, but with all their difficulties they often looked back at the pleasure they experienced in making a crooked place straight and a rough place smooth, and today they felt proud of the appearance of the beautiful county which they had a hand in bringing into cultivation. After three or four hours of stirring stories were told by the above-named gentlemen of the hardships and adventures that were daily endured by their wives and themselves half a century ago, with nothing but the primitive bush; no roads, schools or churches. The struggle for life was one continual battle for existence, but with all their difficulties they often looked back at the pleasure they experienced in making a crooked place straight and a rough place smooth, and today they felt proud of the appearance of the beautiful county which they had a hand in bringing into cultivation. After three or four hours of stirring stories were told by the above-named gentlemen of the hardships and adventures that were daily endured by their wives and themselves half a century ago, with nothing but the primitive bush; no roads, schools or churches. The struggle for life was one continual battle for existence, but with all their difficulties they often looked back at the pleasure they experienced in making a crooked place straight and a rough place smooth, and today they felt proud of the appearance of the beautiful county which they had a hand in bringing into cultivation.

Golden Wedding.—On the 26th June, 1884, the above wedding was celebrated at the residence of Mr. Joseph Williams by a sumptuous entertainment, given by their daughters, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. J. Varcoe, to Geo. Old at a grocery on Saturday night about 9 o'clock. Mr. Old was the first to discover it, and by that time the flames had made considerable headway. A number of men directed by the mayor subdued the flames with pails of water, and the engine was not started. At one time it was feared that the block would have gone. The affair is supposed to have been caused by a lamp exploding. The loss was about \$400, half of which was on wearing apparel, etc. The insurance company has objected to paying the loss on the clothes, holding that it was not covered by the policy, but may yet see its way clear to do so, as the question is in doubt.

SINGULAR ILLNESS.—Last week, says the Clinton New Era, Peter Grant, a former Clintonian, (of hayfork celebrity) passed through town on his way to Goderich, where his brother-in-law, Henry Spence, was living dangerously ill. Some time ago Mr. Spence struck the back of his hand on a wagon tire, making a small bruise and breaking the skin. Soon after erysipelas set in, and could not be checked until nearly the whole arm was eaten up. It had been decided to amputate it last week to save his life, but he was so low that it could not be done. We learn since, however, that he shows signs of recovering. Mr. Grant is located in Cleveland, in the steel tool business, and his old friends here will be glad to learn that he is on the high road to prosperity.

The following remarks from the Clinton New Era are timely and to the point, and we commend them to the attention of any who may be in the habit of offending in the way specified. It says: "A good many temperance people, particularly from the country, are in the habit of driving their horses into hot stable and sheds, and leaving them there until they wino go home. This is quite right, but a number never think of paying the hotelkeeper for the use of his shed, and this is not right. It is a convenience to a farmer to have a place where he can securely leave his conveyance while in town, and he should be willing to pay something for the accommodation. Hotelkeepers have just reason for complaining on this score, and the temperance supporters should give them as little ground for complaint as possible."

Goderich, July 1st, 1884.

The steamer Anne Craig, sailing near Toronto on Lake Ontario, was forced to run a mile out of her course to avoid the bullets from a volunteer rifle range.

At Waverly, Tenn., Wilson Larkins had been annoying Wm. Owens by making innuendoes against his wife. Saturday Larkins displayed a hankerchief near Owens' store, stating it had been presented him by Mrs. Owens. Owens came out with a revolver, when Larkins shot and killed him. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

OLD TIMBERS AT WORK.

The Proposed New Railway Line—How it can be Brought to Goderich.

To the Editor of The Huron Signal. Dear Sir,—I am exceedingly pleased at having been able to persuade Mr. F. Woodcock (my ally-in-chief in the railroad agitation of 1862) to join me in an attempt to bring another railroad to Goderich. We are resolved to stick to it, until we exhaust every argument we can think of in its favor to secure the success of our scheme,—a scheme, which we have already forethought—and no amount of pooling, sneering, nor sarcasm, will drive us from our purpose, of attempting to achieve, what our "city fathers" have been battering their brains against for the last four or five years, and as all the public know, have not yet been able to arrive at a single conclusion on the subject. I am sorry that I cannot at present assist Mr. W. will particulars as to the dangers attending the entrance into the Georgian Bay (and their name is legion) but I shall show you what I did in 1836, the year before the rebellion, upon the subject. In the year named, a government surveyor named Rankin, having finished the survey of the village and township of Sauguen, and having, I presume, taken some lands as part of his pay, sent two long letters to the Toronto Colonist newspaper in the days of Hugh Scobie, pressing on the government what he called the superior claims of Sauguen as a harbor of refuge, to any other on this side of the lake; and, as no one seemed inclined to reply to him, I resolved to try it myself, but, before doing so, as Capt. Murray Macgregor will yet remember,