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WE REJOICE to remark that it is about time that Robert Porter, of Simcoe, the accidental member for West Huron, was getting the plans and specifications ready for the new public buildings in Goderich. The harvest will soon be past, and the summer ended, and it looks as if a barren promise is likely to obtain.

IF THE new tariff with reference to iron and coal is right, what excuse has the Government and its supporters to offer for having taken an entirely different course for the past eight years? If Tupper is really a "heaven-born financier," Tilley and McLellan must have been decidedly "of the earth, earthy."

WE haven't heard the opinions of Rev. Dr. Potts, or Rev. Dr. Wild, or Rev. Mr. Milligan, or any of the other reverent or irreverent tithing-men, upon the action of Lord Lansdowne in swearing in J. J. C. Abbott as a Cabinet Minister on Sunday last. There is an opportunity for them to exercise their talents in a legitimate sphere by dealing with this question. And what is Mayor Howland doing that he has made no effort to "tighten up the string" in this matter? We pause for a reply.

THE Toronto World admits the pluck with which Sir Charles Tupper turned a deaf ear to the entreaties of the Montreal iron manufacturers to reconsider the recent tariff changes. During the last campaign Tom Cowan, of Galt, a "professional" manufacturer, gave as his principal reason for deserting the Reform party prior to 1873, that MacKenzie and Cartwright had "stubbornly refused to give ear to the entreaties of the manufacturers." What will Tom say to Tupper now? We'll warrant he will take the stand of the World, and what was "stubbornness" in Cartwright and MacKenzie will be "pluck" in Tupper.

THERE is trouble amongst the Tories on the question of who pays the duty on coal. Since 1879 a section of them have contended that the producer paid the duty, and amongst those who so contended was the Hamilton Spectator. Another section, led by Lachlan MacCallum, of Monk, argued that the consumer paid the duty, and Lashlan argued his point so strongly that he got a special rebate from the Government on all the coal that he used on his tug. Now the vexed question comes up again, and the Tories are at sixes and sevens on it. The Spectator hangs to its contention that the Yankee producer pays the duty, but Sir Charles Tupper claims that the taking off of the duty will so help the consumer, that with it and an increased protective duty on manufactured iron in Canada, he will be able to build up the iron trade of the Dominion. Since the Mail ceased to be in accord with the Tory party, the Hamilton Spectator has endeavored to pose as the leading Conservative journal, but it will have either to step down and out, along with the Mail, or tune its pipes to chord with the Finance Minister. Some one is blundering.

The gentlemen's party, as usual, made backgrounds of themselves Tuesday afternoon last, when William O'Brien was delivering his address in the Queen's Park, Toronto. The Mail, Globe and World denounce the blackguardly exhibition made on the occasion by the organized band of Tory reactionists and "loyalists." Mr O'Brien can console himself that he fared better than Lord Elgin at the hands of the "loyalists." Lord Elgin was the Governor-General of Canada—the Queen's representative—but that did not hinder the "loyalists" from rotten-egging him, or it did not save the parliament buildings from being destroyed by the loyalist mob of "gentlemen." The average Tory "loyalist" is the same yesterday, today and the day after.

THE brutal attack on Wm. O'Brien, M. P., which we publish in another column is another exhibition of Tory "loyalty." We wonder if Rev. Dr. Potts, and Dr. Wild, Rev. Milligan, and the other clerical inciters to violence, were with the ruffianly assailants? Are the Toronto journals all say, that attack on O'Brien is a disgrace to the city.

WHAT'S UP?

Things That Are Happening Around Us.

He Did It With His Little Cackling—The Fellow That Did All the Shouting—If You're Big Be Merciful.

—Well the three bylaws have been carried, and if we are to believe the *Almanac*, already the gorgeous hues of the Sun of Prosperity can be discerned on the Square and down the side-streets. The editor of the *Almanac* walks on his toe tips, and with a jaunty strut lets the people know that "We did it, hoorah!" But now that he has carried the bylaws by his own unaided efforts, now that he has polled all the votes in favor of the schemes, now that he is open for tenders for the construction of the works, would it be well for his Serene High Mightiness to be a little generous, and not pulverize those who voted against the scheme. There were some men who voted against the series of bylaws who have done more to further the interests of Goderich than the *Almanac* ever did or ever can do, and simply because these men voted as they conscientiously believed to be right is no reason why they should be sneered at by the "Johnny Raw" of the *Almanac*.

—I have fully as much stake in the interest of the town as the unballasted editor of the *Almanac*, but I don't see what he has to cackle over. The people of the town, by a large majority, have seen fit to incur a heavy debt for public improvements, and the sapient scribe goes away off into "high-strikes," as if he had won a nickle-plated watch at a raffle. What's the fellow shouting about anyhow? The town is not getting something for nothing—the contrary it is paying one hundred cents, if not more for every dollar's worth.

—And right here I might state that I did not oppose the waterworks scheme, but I did oppose the scheme of some of our municipal legislators who ever since away back in 1885 have been using the project to get cheap popularity as the January elections came around. There was nothing on earth to hinder the work that was necessary in getting up the data and submitting the bylaws inside of six months from the inception of the scheme; yet for months and I might say, years it hung fire, and had it not been that I occasionally poked fun at the funeral procession, and tried to hurry the promoters along, it would have been an election cry for municipal purposes for years to come.

—With regard to the electric light, I must confess I don't approve of it for a town of the size of Goderich, and without the introduction of gas as an adjunct, I don't think it will prove a good paying investment. Councillor Butler at the public meeting bore me out in this regard, and suggested that the arrangement should be made by which the two systems of illumination should go hand in hand.

—The agricultural park was purchased last year, and needed no bylaw to be voted upon for its purchase were it not for the fact that money was required to fence and sit it up in the interest of the town, so that the original investment would not be a dead loss.

—One thing, however, I have always contended for, and that was that the series of schemes should be publicly discussed, and that the public should be taken into the confidence of the committee on all occasions. The result of the public meeting a week before the voting, when a flood of light was shed on the subject by J. T. Garrow, John Butler, J. H. Colborne and others, showed that I was not wrong in my original contention in this behalf, and I feel satisfied that, should necessity arise again for public action to be taken on any important matter the "dark lantern" system will not be resorted to.

—Now that the neighbors have seen fit to go in for all the public improvements, I hope they will prosecute the matter most vigorously, and I, for my part, will do my level best to hold up the hands of the public men who are entrusted with the future progress of the various schemes. And I'll keep my eye open so that middle-men will not get between the option and the contractors for the schemes. Now is the time to make preparations so that in the letting and sub-letting of necessary contracts the art of "greasing" will be guarded against.

THE NEW PARK.

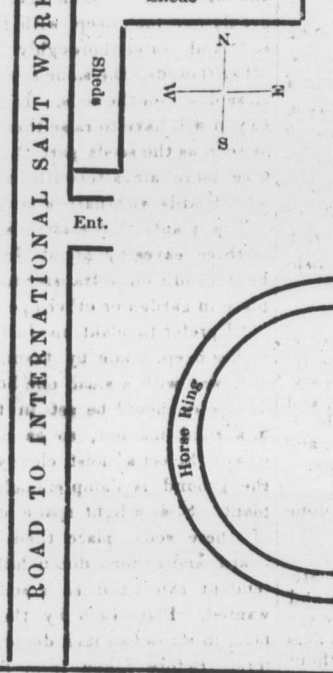
The Steps that are Being Taken by the Committee.

The Work of Fitting Up to be Done at Once—A Diagram of the Park With Contemplated Improvements.

A meeting of the public works committee was held in the town clerk's office Wednesday evening, to arrange for the taking of immediate steps to prepare the new Agricultural Park for the holding of the fall show of the West Huron Agricultural Society. It was decided to go on at once with the necessary improvements, and instructions were given to have the plans and specifications with regard to the levelling and draining made ready at once.

A new Park comprises fifteen acres situated on Britannia Road, and extends back to the present cricket grounds. It was purchased last year from the executors of the Macdonald estate, and when all the contemplated improvements are made, will be one of the finest and most convenient parks in Western Ontario.

Thursday morning chairman Bingham of the public works committee and Councillors Butler, Jordan, Colborne, treasurer Horton and A. McD. Allen, president of the West Huron Agricultural Society, inspected the grounds and drew up a plan in connection with the proposed improvements. There will be three entrances, one from Britannia road, one from the street leading to the International Salt-Block, and another from the road leading to the cricket ground. A large agricultural hall will be erected at



TORONTO LETTER.

The O'Brien visit the Topic of the Hour.

An Intolerant City—A Big Meeting in the Park on Saturday.

TORONTO, May 16.

Those of us who have lived in the western portion of Ontario, and inhaled the freer and more fraternal air of Huron, look with mingled feelings of amusement, pity and contempt upon the bigoted, illiberal and unfriendly feelings prevailing between the Orange-Tory wing, and the Catholics of this city. Let me say in parenthesis that the former party are generally the aggressors. Liberty of speech is today threatened in Toronto, and hateful things are said, because Wm. O'Brien, the talented and eloquent editor of *United Ireland* has dared to come to Canada and appeal to the understanding and the conscience of the people of this land. I have been astonished at the intolerance of some otherwise respectable and estimable Toronto folk. I cannot understand it. Not only do they not want to hear the case of the tenants of the Lausdowne estates, but they do not want anybody else to hear the Irish champion. Dr. Kane, his skirts dilled with the blood of the unhappy victims of the Belfast riots—riots fomented by his intemperate and unchristian tirades—came here, and was feted and applauded by the very men who today say that Wm. O'Brien must not be heard. I have not

the north-east corner of the lot and close to the fence on the north-west side of the park, the cattle sheds will be built. In the centre of the southern section of the park a quarter-mile horse-track 60 ft wide will be laid, with a stand on the inside of the circle for the holding of Caledonian games and other such ring competitions. At the north-east quarter of the horse track will be located the grand stand, which will be constructed to hold a goodly number of spectators. There will be a sidewalk on Macdonald street for pedestrians, and a cattle-entrance from the International Road. There will be a distance of 40 feet between the outside edge of the horse-track and the fence on the east, west and south side.

The work of fencing has been let to John H. Johnston, and will, we understand, cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000, as it is to be 8 ft. high, and done in a thoroughly workmanlike manner. Owing to the necessity for some underground drainage, and the further fact that the contractor has not made arrangements for the delivery of lumber before the 1st of July, none of the fencing will be completed by that date, but the committee of public works has given instructions to the street inspector to repair the fence on the south side so that the Caledonian games may be satisfactorily held in the cricket ground this year. It is understood, however, that the new Park will be thoroughly fenced, and everything will be in readiness for the holding of the Agricultural Fair of the West Huron Society during the month of September. Below we give a diagram of the Park and proposed improvements that can be looked for an early day.

THE COWARDS!

An Organized Gang of "Loyalists" Attack O'Brien.

A crowd of Brutal Ruffians Endeavor to Rob the Irish Editor—Another Exhibition of "British Fairplay."

From the Toronto World.
It was generally understood in the newspaper world yesterday afternoon that Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Kilbride would leave for Ottawa last evening. Mr. O'Brien did not go, but instead he had a lively experience with a Toronto mob. He had been out driving during the afternoon, as was fully recorded elsewhere, and towards dinner time returned to the Rossin House. He, Mr. Kilbride, J. A. Mulligan, E. B. Teefer and D. P. Cahill dined together. At 7:30 the party started out from York-street entrance of the hotel to take a walk, Messrs Mulligan and Cahill on each side of Mr. O'Brien, and Mr. Teefer escorting Mr. Kilbride at some distance behind.

When they reached the street a large gathering of sympathizers gave cheers for Mr. O'Brien, and started to follow him. Mr. O'Brien acknowledged the greeting, and after he had moved a few yards he requested his friends not to follow, as he was only going out for a quiet walk. They complied with the request.

But a large gathering of the other side was there, evidently determined on mischief, or as they called it, "fun." Mr. O'Brien and his escort walked along the south side of King street, followed by a mob of young hoodlums, which crushed and crowded them until they were almost shoved off the pavement into the road. At King and Bay-streets the mob, not satisfied with hoots and groans, gave expression by the throwing of stones and rotten eggs. Mr. O'Brien and his friends, with a view to avoiding their assailants, turned down Bay-street. But they were followed, and the egg-throwing continued. League Secretary Cahill was hit in the cheek with an egg, which broke and splashed over Mr. Mulligan's coat.

As the party reached Wellington-st. the riot grew intense and stones and missiles of all sorts flew fast. They turned westward on the north side of Wellington street, and then the real trouble began.

Mr. O'Brien and every man with him, including several reporters, were struck with stones. But the only ones who were injured were Mr. M. Wall, the Associated Press agent of New York, and Secretary Cahill. Mr. Wall was hit with a stone which cut through his hat, inflicting a severe scalp wound on the right side of the head. It bled profusely and for a few minutes Mr. Wall was so stunned that he knew not where he was. Mr. Cahill was hit in the back of the head with a stone just as he had stooped to dodge another which was whizzing by. His head was cut, his hat damaged, and he lost his eye-glasses.

Mr. O'Brien was hit three times with stones, but he suffered no injury. Mr. Mulligan, too, felt the touch of a stone but he escaped unhurt.

Mr. James Clancy of the New York Herald, and Mr. J. A. Kellogg of the New York Sun, who were at the scene of the trouble, took charge of Mr. Wall, and led him up Bay-street to Hooper's drug store, where his injuries were attended to. Mr. Cahill had his head bandaged later on. Mr. Wall then went to the Rossin House, and wrote out his dispatches.

In front of the locksmith shop of Mr. Thomas Lalor, jr., at No. 72 Wellington street, the crowd made a rush at Mr. O'Brien with hoots and yells, stones and eggs. A friend opened the door of Lalor's shop and said: "Come in here, Mr. O'Brien." East O'Brien's eye-glasses were hurled, and Messrs Mulligan and Cahill still stuck to him. He walked through the shop and went out at the back door. Mr. Kilbride had got separated from his friends. The stones that were thrown smashed every pane of glass in the doors and windows of Lalor's shop. The crowd rushed in after Mr. O'Brien and followed him to the end of the shop. Mr. Lalor had about thirty bicycles in his place awaiting repairs, and these were stood about so that anyone going in quietly would have to pick his way. But the mob was in a hurry and they rushed straight ahead. The bicycles were knocked right and left and eight of them were nearly ruined. In two cases the hubs were knocked clean out, and the spokes stood out like bristly hair. The fine Columbia racer, belonging to Fred Foster of the Wanderers' Bicycle Club suffered greatly. It was an extraordinarily good machine, and Mr. Foster had sent it down to Lalor's for cleaning. He was to start with it this morning for Woodstock, where he expects to do big work on the 24th.

Mr. Lalor, of course, is responsible for the machines in his place. He estimates his loss at about \$500, and he will expect redress from the city. The only one in the shop at the time was Thomas Buckley, an employe.

After getting out by the back door Mr. O'Brien's party sought refuge in a place in the lane at the rear, behind a restaurant, and in front of the old Royal Opera House. The officers of the League would not say just where shelter was had, but the World learned that it was in the tailor shop of Mr. Patrick Walsh. They remained there for over half an hour or so and then entered the Rossin House by a rear door.

FROM WASHINGTON

What Has Transpired at the United States Capital.

Association Meetings—A Gathering of the "Ferry-Miners"—The President's Visit to Mount Vernon.

Washington, May 16.
The past week was full of interest to the people of Washington as well as to the hundreds of strangers who came hither through interests scientific, business and social. I may say there were four national conventions. First came the hotel proprietors, representing all the leading cities and the leading hotels of the United States, who talked over matters of mutual interest, exchanged ideas and experiences, and had a good time generally. Then there was the American Surgical Association, which was in session here, and the Society of the Army of the Cumberland, which held its annual reunion and unveiled the statue it had erected to Garfield with much impressive pomp and ceremony. And Saturday morning saw an assemblage of gentlemen such as the world has rarely witnessed. This was the "Ferry-miners"—the men who crossed mountain and plain, braved the fields of the Antarctic sea, or the ferid suns and fevers of the torrid zone, and founded a new empire on the shores of the Pacific. A number of these California pioneers, probably a hundred or more, met here and spent the day together. They boarded a Potomac steamer and had a sail down the river, during which they organized a California Pioneer's Association. A plank had dinner followed, and then recitals of incidents, adventures, and reminiscences of their earlier days, which showed that these "Jasous" of the new world are still young enough to enjoy themselves.

On last Friday, President Cleveland, for the first time in his life, made a pilgrimage to the tomb of George Washington. It was at the invitation of the widow of Gen. Logan, who is now regent of the Mount Vernon Association. The President, Mrs. Cleveland and about a dozen other invited guests embarked on the steamer Comoran late in the afternoon. Arriving there they spent an hour or so rambling about the historic spot, and returned to the city after night.

Two days hence soldiers boys from all over the United States will be pouring into Washington for the National Drill. The first company to arrive will be the Vicksburg Southrons, then the Indianapolis Light Infantry, the Louisiana Rifles and the Massachusetts Rifles. Sunday will be the busiest day for arrivals, however, and before midnight it is expected that every company will be quartered on the camp ground.

Miss Clara Barton, president of the Red Cross Society, will have charge of the hospital of the encampment, and a dozen local physicians and surgeons will be on her staff, as also a number of army nurses and a number of volunteers from the Training School for nurses. Temporary hospital barracks are being erected, and the soldiers will be well cared for when they get sick.

To the majority of people of this city, the necessity of a hospital department to the National Drill seemed to be the first suggestion to them that the coming week of military display was likely to place among us sick and suffering men, strangers and soldiers who would need treatment and care. Until then probably not one person in a hundred had realized that there could be a serious feature connected with the great holiday week, or that so much display could develop as a part of itself, an actual necessity, demanding the same means of relief, the same watchful care, tender sympathy, true benevolence and firm control that an equal number of soldiers might require in a veritable camp or actual campaign.

A moment's reflection, however, makes it apparent that it would be impossible to bring thousands of men here under any form of enlistment, from their wide spread homes, subject to change of all habits of life, food, water, climate occupation, and rest, and place them in competitive action, ever man at his most and best, for the space of nine days, without any of them falling ill or needing care or treatment. It would be wonderful, indeed, if there be not some who will never return to their homes.

A GOOD PASTOR.—The following resolution was passed at the last meeting of the quarterly board of the Yarns Methodist church: "Whereas, The time has come, according to the rules of our church, as well as in the Providence of God, for the Rev. A. E. Smith to sever his connection with us as our pastor, we, the undersigned members of the quarterly board, cannot, at this our last board meeting under his pastorate, close without bearing testimony to the earnestness, clearness and soundness of his preaching, to his zeal for the salvation of souls, and to his general efficiency as a watchman on the walls of our beloved Zion, and we would earnestly pray that the blessing of the Lord, which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow, may attend him and Mrs. Smith upon all their future fields of labor, and that when their labors in the vineyard of the Lord close, many stars not only from this, but his after and future fields of their labors, may deck their diadems on high.

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