

Report of the Directors of the W. K. A. S.

The Directors report for 1883, presented at the last meeting of the Society, reviews the work of the year, and contains some valuable information respecting its status.

The Society is congratulated on its increasing prosperity and the success of its exhibitions and the sale of the old Agricultural Fair grounds, to Mr. Robert Smith, for \$5,500, is reported. The sum received was divided equally between the East and West Kent societies, West Kent's proportion being applied to outstanding debts.

The Society is now free from debt except the \$4000 for the new grounds, the yearly sum (\$280) having been kept fully paid up.

At the Spring fair 31 entries were received and \$130 paid in prizes; that amount having been received in gate money.

The report on the last (42nd) annual fall show is quite elaborate and presents some valuable suggestions for the consideration of future Directors, as to encouragement of stock breeding. The entries are quoted at 1051; gate receipts \$1993. Eight new stables were built last year, yet there was a serious lack of accommodation. They recommend the building of more stables.

Attention is called to the fact that the poultry house is altogether too small for the purpose.

The report recommends that a discrimination be made between imported and home-bred horses.

The erection of a permanent booth at which meals can be obtained is recommended, and a regret is expressed that accommodation in that line was not better last year.

It concludes with regrets at the falling off in the crops, and thanks to the patrons of the Society and to the inhabitants of the town for their aid in making the show a success.

Annual Meeting of the W. K. A. S.

The annual meeting of the above society was held here in the town hall, on Wednesday. The attendance was large and more than usual interest was manifested.

The report of receipts and expenditures for the year was handed in by the Treasurer and after being read was adopted.

The following officers were elected for 1884.

President, Samuel Glenn, (re-elected) 1st Vice Pres. Andrew Neil, 2nd " Frank Wilson.

Directors.

- Thos. Holms, Town of Chatham. P. Kelly, D. Wilson, Harwich. Richard Pooley, Raleigh. W. H. Pardo, Dover. Jno. Faxton, Hy. Pattinson, Robert Fisher, Township of Chatham. W. C. Fletcher, Tilbury. Col. Smith, re-elected. Kenneth Campbell, Auditors.

The three names before the Provincial Agriculture & Arts Association were submitted to the meeting:

- Stephen White, Chatham. J. A. Coase, Wyoming. Albin Rawlings, Forest.

The Society selected S. White as its nominee.

The Treasurers Report shows the following:

Receipts during year 1883 including share of proceeds \$6681.32 of old Agricultural Society Grounds.

Total Expenditure including building debts. \$5541.97.

Bal. \$139.35. Receipts on Wednesday, special subs. and membership. \$98.00.

Total bal. credit. \$937.35. The premiums yet unpaid with a few trifling debts will reach about \$75.00.

The statement gave great satisfaction and the management of the Society's affairs was paid high encomiums. There is no doubt that the success of the exhibition was largely due to the untiring efforts and efficient services of its executive.

Mr. David Wilson moved, seconded Mr. P. McGarrin, that it would greatly benefit the Agricultural community if the County Board in issuing Prize list to say that all samples of grain, seeds and vegetables taking prizes at our annual fairs shall be the property of the Country Society on the condition that the owners thereof be paid along with their prizes the fair market value of said samples; and that all such grains and seeds be sold by public auction to the highest bidder, the proceeds thereof to be the property of the County Society.

The mover urged his resolution as a preventative of fraud by exhibiting the same wheat, etc., year after year. Others opposed it on the ground that while it might do harm in some ways it would not prevent the purchaser of such exhibits repeating the fraud. The motion was lost.

Moved by Mr. D. Wilson, seconded by Mr. B. Wemp, that a committee be appointed to draw up a petition to the Local Legislature praying to have the surplus produce raised on the Provincial Agricultural Fair at Guelph divided gratuitously among the several counties of the Province. Carried.

Moved by Mr. D. Wilson, seconded by Mr. B. Wemp, that it is the opinion of this meeting that the large amount of public money placed at the disposal of the Provincial Board of Agriculture is uselessly expended by said Board; and further that it is the opinion of this meeting that if said money was expended equally among certain unions of the several counties of the Province it would have a tendency to improve the interests of the farming community in a more permanent manner than it does at present.

The motion was fully discussed, but Mr. Wilson's views that the money devoted to the encouragement of Agriculture in the Province was misapplied did not meet with general favor and his motion was negatived.

Votes of thanks to the President, Directors and retiring officers for their services to the society, were tendered after which the meeting adjourned.

The sale of "Hall's Catarrh Cure" has steadily increased since placed on the market. All druggists sell it.

Valeets.

The annual meeting of the Agricultural Society was held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, when the report of the Directors was fully discussed and adopted, showing the society to be in good financial standing. The following officers were elected: Harry Forbes, President; Thomas Tyler, Vice-President; Directors: W. C. McGregor, Thomas Narry, A. Sinalce, Thomas Harburn, John Powell, Wm. Barr, W. C. Fletcher, George Hope; John Richardson, Treasurer.

Mr. Wm. K. Strath, son of Rev. John Strath, formerly minister here, has been engaged as teacher in school No. 2.

Our Blacksmith, John Graham, has finished a fine new office and has added several other improvements and secured the service of Mr. H. Harrison.

Mr. & Mrs. Smith, of Romney, are here visiting friends.

Mr. J. Mann, formerly of this place but now of Ridgetown is here on business. Ridgetown agrees well with him judging from his robust figure.

Miss Fanny Tyler has gone on a visit to Ridgetown.

Mr. James Millen goes east next week with a view of purchasing improved stock.

Bothwell.

A very valuable horse belonging to H. Potts of Wardville, died the other day, entailing a serious loss upon the owner.

It is stated that Edward Raitlon, son of George Raitlon, formerly of this place, drew \$15,000 recently in the Louisville lottery.

Mr. Lang Trott, formerly of this place was in town last week. He states that the Troit Bros. hub and spoke factory, recently burned down in Oil Springs will be in full blast again in a few days.

We understand that legal action is about to be entered against one of our citizens for obeying the injunction to "vote early and often," it having transpired that he succeeded in placing two votes for Mayor and Reeve.

The other night when Constable Cook was after Cram, he was told by Mr. Weber, hotel keeper at Inwood, that an Irishman had stolen \$7 from his (Weber's) hotel before leaving for Alvinston.

No papers were made out in the matter, but Cook succeeded in getting the Irishman to disgorge the ill gotten gains. The way of the transgressor seemed hard in his case, as Cram his travelling companion, had kicked and beaten him several times on his journey.

Papers were issued the other day by Robert Tunks against John Keys, a travelling book peddler, residing in Newbury, for obtaining money under false pretences. These papers were placed in the hands of W. N. Cook, of this place, who proceeded at once to execute them. Keys saw he was in a box, with no avenue of escape, so he came to town and settled the matter, paying some \$16, which his fraudulent act had caused the prosecutor. This is not the first crooked transaction Keys has been mixed up in, and the public should be warned against him.—Times.

The Trades Congress.

The meeting of the Trades Congress in Canada is in some degree an epoch in our history. Whatever may have been the case in the past these men have now grounds for meeting as a laboring man's congress. They have been deluged to be a special class by act of parliament, and a great chasm has been opened between the capitalist and the so-called laboring man. The congress now in session in Toronto has demanded that the protection given to their employers be given to them, by prohibiting Chinese immigration and checking immigration from Europe. This is quite as wise as the demands made by the manufacturers' association and it is at least consistent with protection in every way. If the money that a cotton mill costs is to be protected, what reason is there that the labor that makes the cotton should not be protected? In fact the protection of labor would for a time at least do the greatest good to the greatest number at present in Canada though it would check the progress of Canada more than any other respective duty. One of their demands is not only reasonable but of the greatest importance. It is absolutely necessary for the sake of the future of Canada that a Factory Act, fixing the ages of those who may work in factories, should become law. At present every manufacturer may do what seems to him right, and the consequences are that many an accident takes place which could easily be prevented. The demand for protection on the part of the laborer is a reasonable one to make of a Government whose policy is protection to home industries. But it will be treated as utterly unreasonable by that Government. Their business is only to work cheap and pay higher cost of living. When they have discovered this it will be for the men who form this trades congress to study the question of protection in a different light from that which the manufacturers have placed it before them in, and then, perchance, they will be able to find out what it is that separates labor and capital and keeps them poor.—Montreal Witness.

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AMERICAN.

John McAfee, a dealer in boots and shoes at No. 521 Michigan avenue, Detroit, was choked to death on Monday while eating pig's feet.

Laura Kennard, daughter of a root doctor, of Prosperity, S. C., has been found dead in a fire place horribly burned. Kennard bears a bad reputation. It is suspected he murdered the girl, who was heir to considerable property.

John Donahue, of Bridgeport, Ala., recently married Mary Washam, Saturday she abandoned him and went to her father's house. Donahue followed. In a quarrel with the woman's father, he stabbed him fatally with a dirk. Washam's son and Donahue then exchanged twelve shots without effect.

On Monday, at the residence of the groom, No. 909 Arch street Philadelphia J. D. Garrison was married to Bertha E. Clear, of Haddington. The man is a living skeleton. He is one of the most famous of American monstrosities, and the bride a girl of 17.

Mrs. Neeley, prominent in Jeffersonville, Ind. religious and social circles, was taken ill a few days ago and pronounced dead in two hours. While funeral services were being held the undertaker noticed a movement of the body. The burial has been postponed, and efforts are being made to bring the lady out of her trance.

W. B. Trippler, lately secretary of a Sunday School of the Methodist Church at Williamsburgh, N. Y., charged with betraying a lady teacher under promise of marriage. Trippler some time since eloped with a sixteen year old pupil and married her. He has disappeared.

Cyrus Crow, a watchman for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, Reading, Pa. is the victim of hydrophobia. He had the first spell on Monday, and was held down by seven men. They ceased their vigilance for a moment, when he jumped from his bed, grabbed a knife, and slashed his throat and wrists. He then jumped out of the window and was found on the pavement dying. During all this time he was handcuffed. He has a wife and seven children.

THE KENT ELECTION.

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CANADIAN.

The loss by fire during 1883 in Hamilton was \$21,735; in insurance, \$225,346; loss where no insurance, \$1,739.

John Lutz, of Pearl street, Hamilton, had a block of ice fall on him, breaking his collar bone.

Hamilton's waterworks pay: the surplus of receipts over expenditures for 1883 amounted to \$46,264.

In Montreal there is a large increase of destitute persons, who are dependent on benevolent institutions, this winter as compared with last year.

Thirty one witnesses have been examined by the Crown in the case of the Harbor Grace (Nfld.) prisoners. So far the testimony is strongly against the prisoner, and tends to show that the Riverhead party were the aggressors.

The wardenship for 1884 is seriously agitating the people of Essex county.

As soon as spring opens the Canada Southern railway will start thirty-seven construction trains to double track the entire road.

The London soup-kitchen was opened for the first time yesterday morning. Quite a large number of applicants presented themselves for tickets.

Mr. John Annand, formerly of Carleton, but now residing in Manitoba, has arrived in London. He reports selling in Winnipeg for 10 cents per bushel while in Grand Forks, 140 miles distant they are sold at 35 cents. The price of wheat is also ridiculously low, and many of the newly arrived immigrants are destitute. Section men are receiving \$1.25 per day and paying 80 per week for board.

Jemima Hewitt was arrested on her arrival at the Union Station, Toronto, from Watford Tuesday, and at the Police Court was remanded till Wednesday. Jemima is the young woman who passed as the wife of J. S. Carter, an old Englishman, lately arrived, and left with Restouck for Watford, taking with them \$300 and a gold watch belonging to Carter. Both were arrested at Watford, but were liberated on bail by the authorities there against instructions from Toronto, and now a Toronto detective is hunting around Watford for Restouck, who is the son of a cattle dealer there.

The coroner's jury at Toronto on Tuesday returned a verdict finding Conductor Barber, Engineer Jeffreys and Mr. Charles Still, superintendent of the Great Western Railway, culpably negligent in the recent disaster, and through them the Grand Trunk is responsible for the collision. Barber and Jeffreys were committed for trial. Jeffreys is too weak to go to jail and was allowed bail. The jury also demand that the road between Toronto and Mimico be double tracked.

Hard Times.

The prevailing stringency, which during the early part of the winter was tempered by the open weather, has been greatly intensified by the prolonged cold spell. Street work and building have been abandoned, and more laboring men have now to draw upon their small store of savings to keep themselves and families from actual starvation. The burden of relieving distress has not been for many years so keenly felt in this community and thoughtful men are asking what may be the condition of affairs before spring. Trade is in a state of stagnation, and the employes of factories temporarily closed in other places in many instances have come to swell the volume of pauperism in this city. The reports of vagrants to be sent by the Police Magistrate to goal are becoming alarmingly frequent, and unfortunately he has little option in the matter, for by committing some simple theft they can easily compel him to comply with their oft urgent and pitiful requests. The distress here is not relieved by the echo of the more aggravated trouble in the North-West, which has absorbed so much Ontario capital during the past three years, and has made so many people, if not penniless, at least unable to do much in the way of helping their still poorer neighbors.—Toronto cor. Montreal Witness.

THE MAILS.

IRREGULARITY OR SOMETHING WORSE.

The Toronto Globe says: In November last a letter was mailed and registered at a village postoffice in Souty Essex addressed to a Toronto firm. The sender receiving no reply, made enquiry at the office and the postmaster promised to notify the Inspector and have the letter traced. Two or three months passed, during which time all that could be elicited from the postmaster was that he was prosecuting an inquiry into the matter. Finally the sender of the missing letter wrote himself to the Inspector and that official responded promptly by visiting the postoffice and instituting an investigation. The letter could not be traced beyond the office where it was mailed, and the surties of the postmaster were obliged to pay over \$500, the amount claimed to have been enclosed in the missing letter. The inquiry also revealed the fact that the postmaster had not made proper returns to the Government, and that he was unable to square his stamp account. Despite all this, however, the postmaster, who is an active Tory, is yet retained in office, and many of the residents of the locality, are obliged to go long distances to neighboring postoffices to mail all important communications and valuable enclosures.

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