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F. C. B. B—Westervelt & York, London Ont.

TOWN TOPICS.

A chiel's amang ye, takin' notes,
An' faith he'll prent it."

The leaves are beginning to turn, but Geo. Stewart's photographs continue to come up as brightly as ever.

A BAD MISS—If you fail to see the summer goods at B. MacCormac's. There's money in it if you attend to it in time.

If you want tea that is tea go to G. Rhynas' and ask for the Li-quor brand. For drugs and chemicals, &c., also go to Rhynas' drug store.

Pridham Bros. fly high, but their prices for first-class suits are extremely moderate, and their suits fit most exquisitely. See their big advt. elsewhere in this issue.

The riotous scene on North-st. Wednesday evening was not a pleasant one to look upon, but if you want pleasant scenes artistically taken send for R. Sallows the photographer.

THE WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION will meet regularly for the transaction of business every Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in Knox church. Every woman interested in the work is cordially invited to attend.

For all drugs, dye-stuffs, perfumery, patent medicines, chemicals, etc., best quality and lowest rates, call at Goode's drug-store, Albion Block. Special attention paid to dispensing of prescriptions and family recipes. W. C. Goode, druggist.

THE HURON AND BRUCE LOAN AND INVESTMENT COMPANY.—Depositors in this company have the best possible security for their money, all being invested in mortgage on farm property. Depositors have a first lien in all the company's assets. Rate of interest paid, from 4 to 5 per cent. according to amount and duration of deposit. Farmers having surplus means should call and see the manager.

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Mayor Seager was in Toronto on Friday.

M. Hutchison, of the Big Mill, is at Winnipeg.

Mrs A. M. Ross visited Seaforth Saturday last.

Wednesday was the dustiest day of the season.

J. T. Garrow, Q. C., was in Toronto on Saturday.

Wm Loutit, of Wingham, is visiting friends in town.

Miss Brophy, of Cleveland, spent two weeks with friends in town.

Miss Cook will leave town shortly on two month's visit to the States.

Mrs and the Misses McMicking have returned from the Atlantic coast.

Mrs Samuel Fisher left on Tuesday morning for her home in Chicago.

Fred Bonamy has returned from Owen Sound, accompanied by Mrs Arnold.

The model school students commence their course of instruction on the 13th.

Miss Fanny Gibbons, of London, has returned home after two months' visit with friends.

The professional burglar is not fond of work. Nevertheless his motto is not "Give us arrest."

Miss Grace Polley left Tuesday afternoon to pursue her studies at Alma college, St. Thomas.

The public works committee had their men overhauling the sidewalk on West St. during the week.

It is the mild September, and the lucious bivalve will shortly supercede the toothsome ice-cream.

SENT FOR TRIAL.—John Eno, of Dungannon, has been committed to stand his trial for horse-stealing.

Miss Bedford left for St. Thomas, Tuesday afternoon, to visit her aunt, Mrs Joslyn, of that town.

Archie Dickson, formerly of the Bank of Commerce here, was in town during the week accompanied by his bride.

Rev. Charles McManus, who has been visiting relatives in this section, returned to his home in Windsor Monday last.

Mr Deans Swift who has been so severely ill, was so far recovered as to be able to be around town on Monday.

Miss Adelaide Chilton returned yesterday to Loretto Convent, Niagara Falls, where she will graduate next year.

George Stewart has been attending the meeting of the Photographers' Association in Toronto during the past week.

J. A. Macdougall, of the Omaha waterworks depariment, is in town visiting relatives. He leaves for Toronto today (Friday).

POSTPONED.—Owing to the absence of Mayor Seager from town, the regular meeting of the town council was postponed for a week.

Dr. M. Nicholson, the West street dentist, makes the preservation of the natural teeth a specialty. Gas administered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the painless extraction of teeth.

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Quite a number of Goderich people are visiting the Industrial Exhibition at Toronto.

Mrs Robert McAllister, of Grey, was the guest of A. J. Mauger, of the Big Mill, this week.

A. McWilliams, B.A., of Montreal, who assisted Rev, Dr Ure for the past three months, spent a few days in town during the past week.

Dr McDonagh will be in Goderich for consultation on Saturday, the 3rd of September, and afterwards on the first Saturday of every month.

William Ure, of Glasgow, has been the guest, of his brother, Robert Ure, D.D., the esteemed pastor of Knox church for the past few weeks.

Greg McLean and Ben Smith, who went to Woodstock College Saturday last, returned home Monday, owing to that institution being overcrowded.

Mrs T. McGillicuddy and children left for Stratford Saturday last. After a short sojourn with her parents she will proceed to her future home in Toronto.

Mrs Hossie, of Brantford, and Charles McCormick and James Hamilton, of Minneapolis, who were the guests of Mr James Reid, have left for their several homes.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS.—S McGaw, having purchased the house recently occupied by T. McGillicuddy, has made some substantial improvements in the edifice.

HURON'S REPRESENTATIVES.—Huron county is represented at the International Medical Congress at Washington by Dr. Thos. F. McLean, of Goderich, and Dr. Wm. Sloan, of Blyth.

PROF. HOPPER'S TRAINED DOGS.—Prof. J. L. Hopper will exhibit his wonderful troupe of trained dogs in Victoria Hall, on Friday, Sept. 16th. For particulars see posters.

JURY SELECTION.—The selectors will meet at the clerk of the peace's office on the 15th inst., to ascertain as to the number of jurors to be sent in by the municipalities for next year.

PASSED HIS BARRISTER'S EXAM.—We are pleased to observe that E. J. B. Duncan, formerly of Garrow & Proudfoot's law office, has succeeded in passing his barrister's exam.

We regret to learn that Corsellis Hodge, son of our townsman, D B Hodge, is suffering from a severe attack of inflammation of the lungs We hope to see him up and around shortly.

Messrs Walker and Vanstone, of Owen Sound, arrived in town on Tuesday evening on their bicycles. They made good time considering the weather, having left Owen Sound Monday morning.

Four sons of Consul Chilton, W. B., R. S. C., jr., Percy and Carroll, the two former from Washington, and the latter from New York, are here on a visit, they arrived in town on Monday last.

J. A. Reid & Bro's. fall stock of dry goods is now nearly complete. Their goods are all marked at very close prices for cash or trade. See their special advertisement of corsets in this week's issue.

FINE GRAPES.—We have to thank our old friend, John Russell, of East street, for a present of choice grapes. He knows how the editor enjoys toothsome things, and he made his donation Wednesday evening.

THANKS.—We beg to extend our best thanks to Harry Morris, of Colborne, for a basket fall of "Kentish Fill-Basket" apples Saturday last. They were true to name, and filled the basket in good shape.

THANKS.—Manager H. Piper, of the Zoological gardens, Toronto, will please accept our thanks for a press complimentary. The "Zoo" has greater attractions than ever this year and will be worth seeing.

D. Crane arrived in town Wednesday afternoon from Toronto, where he has been engaged in business since last year. The "Major" looks as if the Queen City agreed with him. He dropped up to attend his sister's wedding.

"CALVARY."—The subject for discourse next Sabbath evening in Victoria-st. Methodist church is the famous painting by Michael Munkacsy, entitled "Calvary." This is the fifth of a series of sermons on great Scriptural paintings.

CLINTON RACES.—Residents of our town who were present at the Clinton races last week represent the conduct on the grounds as the most disgraceful ever witnessed in Canada. Liquor flowed like water and blackguardism was rife.

AT THE MEDICAL CONGRESS.—Dr. McLean is representing Goderich at the great International Medical Congress now in progress at Washington. He left Saturday last, accompanied by Mrs McLean, and expected to be absent about two weeks.

A NEW PAPER.—The *Standard* is the name of a paper which has been started in Blyth recently by R. L. White. It gives good promise, but whether it will "fill a longfelt want," time alone can tell. Blyth has not the reputation of being a good newspaper town.

WHO CAN VOTE.—The voters' lists of the town contain 1115 names of which 712 are entitled to vote at municipal elections and elections of the Legislative Assembly. 319 are entitled to vote at municipal elections only. And 81 at elections to the Legislature only.

A GRAVE CHARGE.—James Watson, of Morris, a man nearly three score years and ten, charged with indecent assault upon the person of a girl named Jane Currie, about 12 years of age, was brought before the judge Monday last, and elected to be tried on Friday.

HE DOESN'T STAND-IN WITH "BILL" DAVIS.—Lawyer Hodge, of Mitchell, was in town Saturday last, but didn't produce any proof to back up "Bill" Davis' contention on Bob Birmingham's lie. Lawyer Hodge wouldn't like to be responsible for what liar Davis says.

AN OMISSION.—In the prize list of the Northwestern Exhibition, which will be held in Goderich on Oct 4, 5 and 6, one or two slight omissions have occurred. Yearlings colts have been inadvertently omitted from the heavy draught class, but prizes will be awarded notwithstanding the omission. Also Shropshire Down sheep will be shown with Oxfordshire and Hampshire Downs. 3w

Look at the label of this paper.

Miss Cameron has had the store on Hamilton-st., lately occupied by Mrs Mitchell as a grocery, thoroughly refitted, and has placed in it a complete stock of the most fashionable millinery, and will be able to show goods and receive orders on and after Saturday, Sept. 10th.

F. C. B. C.—Attention is invited to the advertisement of the Forest City Business College, London, in another column. This institution is thoroughly organized, has a practical and well taught course, and has been highly successful in the preparation of young men and women for business life.

OF INTEREST TO US.—We have recently forwarded to many of those who are in arrears to THE SIGNAL their accounts, and the postage, etc., has amounted to considerable. We hope these parties will not compel us to repeat the dun, for if we do, it will have to be done on postal cards. Kindly settle up as we must have our money.

IMPROVED.—The Clinton *New Era* has been enlarged and otherwise improved recently. Robert Holmes, the present proprietor has proved that he has the funds and the "know how" to run a first-class local paper. The *New Era* has always been a credit to Clinton but never more so than now. May its shadow never grow less.

RESIGNED.—Rev. G. R. Turk, who has been pastor of North-St. Methodist church for over a year, has resigned his position and accepted a call to the Atlanta Congregational church. He will be temporarily succeeded by Isaac P. Walwin, who acted as supply so acceptably in the place of Dr Potts in Elm-St church, Toronto, last year.

The Sarnia *Observer* says:—The United Empire has done an enormous traffic this season. On the up trip last week she had 280 first class passengers, and though the season is getting late she took out as many as she could comfortably accommodate in her last trip. The Ontario, of the Beatty Line, has also done well, both with passengers and freight.

EXCURSION FROM ST. THOMAS.—About 250 excursionists visited town Tuesday from St. Thomas and disported themselves during the day between the Square and the Lake Park. They were a well-behaved and highly respectable looking party. Amongst the number we noticed chief Fewing of the police force, in support of the law, and Rev B. F. Austin, of Alma college, in behalf of the gospel.

"PUCLIC SCHOOL TEMPERANCE."—We have received a copy of "Public School Temperance," from the publishers, the *Grip* Printing Company, of Toronto. The author is the celebrated Dr Richardson, F. R. S., F. R. C. P., of England, who is known throughout the British Empire as one of the highest authorities on this and kindred subjects. The book will be sold to pupils and the public for twenty-five cents.

ON "COOK'S TOUR."—Henry Horton and Geo. B. Cox, of the British Exchange are off to the Maritime Provinces. They are taking in the celebrated "Cook's Tourist Trip," and will visit Halifax, Boston, New York and other points, and return by way of the Hudson river route. If we mistake not G. B. C. will bring back a barrel of seawater with him, and use it for medicinal purposes. He's an old "salt," and will everlastingly sniff the mighty Atlantic.

CONTENTS OF A BUM'S POCKET.—The Stratford *Herald* gives the following list of the contents of a vagrant's pocket who was recently arrested in that town:—One plug of tobacco with bit off corner; one clay pipe with broken shank or stem; one pair of laces worn; two matches; one leather purse containing broken box of pills; one herbeaceous plant with bulbous root, commonly known as an onion, with bite out; one apple; one orange; one penny bun; three nails; two toothpicks; a looking glass; jackknife; spectacles; needle and thread; three buttons and a bunch of keys.

KINTAIL JOHN HOLDS UP HIS END.—Saturday's London *Free Press* had the following:—John McPherson, of Kintail, the champion shot putter of the continent, a Canadian by birth, arrived in London last night, and desired to put up a sum of money with the sporting editor of the *Free Press* to cover the reply of C. Currie, of Parkhill, in accepting his challenge published some time ago. He was informed no acceptance of his challenge had been received and no money left here. He authorized the issuance of a challenge for $500 or $1,000 to Currie or any other "putter of shot" in Canada or elsewhere, according to Caledonian rules. Letters addressed to his care at the City Hotel will receive attention.

A BAD MIX.—The misfortunes which beset editors are not only frequent but appalling. A contemporary has taken to a swamp, and will probably never return to the social circle from which he parted in such haste. He somehow got a cattle show and a concert mixed in his paper. The article ran as follows:—"The concert given last night by sixteen of Storm Lake's most beautiful and interesting young ladies was highly appreciated. They were elegantly dressed and sang in a most charming manner winning the plaudits of the entire audience, who pronounced them the finest breed of short horns in the country. A few of them are of a rich brown color, but the majority are spotted, brown and white. Several of the heifers are fine bodied, tight limbed animals, and promise to prove a good property.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING.—The regular monthly meeting of the school board was held in the library last Monday. Present the chairman Mr S. Malcomson, and Messrs Acheson, Ball, Butler, Morton and Swanson. The minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed; also the principal's report showing the attendance at opening to be 683. A motion, allowing those not contributors to the public school found to attend the central school on payment of 50 cents per month, payable to the principal in advance, was carried unanimously. A communication regarding the introduction of a new book, was filed. Accounts:—E. Sharman $27.75; E. R. Watson $51.90; Estate G. Grant $1.20, were on motion ordered to be paid. The contingent committee was ordered to report at next meeting regarding shutters for St. Andrews's ward school. The board then adjourned.

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H. McPhee, formerly teacher at Kingsbridge, has been engaged to superintend a department in St. Jeromes college, Berlin. This is his second year in connection with that institution. He left by the early train Wednesday.

THE CALEDONIAN SURPLUS.—By the treasurer's statement, which we have examined, we learn that the receipts of the Caledonian games were $844.80 and the expenditures $763.09, leaving a balance in the hands of the treasurer of $81.71. This latter will form a nest egg towards the next year's games. The detailed statement can be seen in the office of Treasurer Nairn, corner of Hamilton-st. and the Square.

EVEN "SOFT STUFF" IS DETRIMENTAL.—A recent analysis, just closed by an American Board of Health, of the various medicines and tonics generally known as "temperance drinks" brings out some startling facts. There were sea weed bitters which contained no sea-weed, sulphur bitters without a vestige of sulphur, beef tonics without even a suspicion of beef in their composition, and hop tonics which were as hopless as a dead grasshopper. There was one thing which they all contained, however, and that was alcohol. In fact one temperance medicine which is advertised as being without stimulants, was found to be nearly half alcohol, quite enough to cause even an old back number church deacon to go on a wild spree and paint the town red. With medicine which does not medicate, stimulants which do not stimulate, prohibition which does not prohibit, the popular solution still remains: "What will you take?" This is a great country!

FOR LIQUOR DRINKERS.—The following, which we take from the Windsor *Record* refers to a person not unknown to some of our Goderich residents:—Prof. A. Burkart, Stratford, passed through Tilbury Centre the other day, and spent Sunday in town. He is selling drugs—rank poison—by which whiskey can be converted into Holland gin rum, or almost anything required. Some of the fly'uns in town took him for Inspector "Lauce" Elliott, and Saturday night the hotels were closed as tight as an oyster shell. The "Prof." visited Comber, Woodslee and Essex Centre, and reports a brisk trade, but was indignant because he was ordered out of the Windsor House at Comber. It is quite a scheme and is a big direct saving to hotels. A small bottle judiciously used will be worth $100 to a hotel man, and from the prosperous appearance of the "Prof," who is a stout, elderly man, with a gray beard, he is doing a rattling business, and dudes who think they are getting the "pure quill" are getting sadly left, as their headaches next morning testify.

MODEL SCHOOL EXAMINERS.—At a meeting of the board recently held, there were present, the chairman, John E. Tom, and Messrs. Malloch, Turnbull and Halls. Mr. Tom was re-elected chairman for the current year. The resolution of the Board passed in 1886, allowing only residents of the county to attend the model schools was rescinded. It was resolved that the practical work of the candidates be examined by the Inspectors, who are to devote three days to each model school, and that the per centage required to obtain a certificate be 40 on each subject and 60 of the aggregate. For practical drawing book 5 is to be completed and handed in at the end of term, certified by the Principal of each model school as being the work of the candidate, provided there is no Departmental regulation to the contrary. The secretary was instructed to notify each candidate which of the schools they are to attend; any further applications to be divided as nearly as possible between the two schools. The number now allotted is 38 for each school. The Board then adjourned.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—A meeting of the directors was held on Tuesday evening, Thos. Weatherald president in the chair. The directors present were: Messrs. Reid, Foot, Naftel, Sharman, Humber and Murney. The secretary reported that he had received the Government grant for the year. A. J. Moore was authorized to purchase the list of books that had already been selected by the board, and to have a shipment sent on approval, so that the full amount of $200 may be expended on new books at once. The account of C. G. Robertson, for supplies amounting to $3, upon being properly certified was ordered to be paid. On motion it was agreed to commence the sale of tickets for the year 1888 after the 1st of October next for $1, as an inducement for new members to join. The secretary was instructed to find the cost of twenty advertising cards with frames; also to procure 300 circulars, and report to the room committee. The subject of evening classes for the coming winter was discussed, and the matter left in the hands of the class committee to report at the next meeting.

Y. W. C. T. U. CONCERT.—The concert under the auspices of the Y.W.C.T.U., which was held in the house of Mrs W. Watson, Tuesday evening last, was very successful, some 60 being present, of whom the larger number were young ladies. In the absence of Rev. Dr. Ure, the chair was taken by M. McGillivray. The program opened with the singing of "Bringing in the Sheaves," by the company. Next was a solo by Miss Skimmings, which was warmly *encored*. This lady also gave a number of instrumental pieces during the evening. E. C. Belcher and Miss Berry followed with "Larboard Watch" in a capital manner. Miss M. Sands gave a recitation, of the pathetic order, which was appropriately rendered. H. I. Strang, B.A., read a very instructive piece, and also gave a short and pithy address on temperance, coupled with congratulatory remarks on the success the society had already attained. At 9 a.m. refreshments were provided. Miss McCormack, of Cleveland, and Miss McIntyre also favored with solos during the evening. The instrumentalists were Misses Berry, Skimmings, Fraser and Mr Clarke. Mrs Henderson, president, and her co-workers, deserve great credit for the success that has attended the first concert under the auspices of the society. The proceeds netted $6.80.

"AND THEY PLACED A RING UPON HIS FINGER."—Monday evening last, the members of the Goderich Caledonian Society showed their appreciation of the services rendered to the society by J. D. Stewart—who so ably performed the duties of manager of the Caledonian games in Goderich on the 1st of July—by presenting him with a handsome plain gold ring. D. McGillicuddy, on behalf of the society, made the address on the occasion, and the ring was presented by Chas. A Nairn, treasurer of the society. The bestowal of the souvenir was brought about in this wise: So well satisfied were the members of Goderich Caledonian Society with the efforts that had been made by Manager Stewart to contribute to the success of the games, that it was thought only right that some token of appreciation of his services should be made to him. For a time all efforts to make him accept of any acknowledgment of the services rendered proved futile, but he was finally prevailed upon to accept the memento of which he was the recipient Monday evening. His presence on a business trip was taken advantage of by his friends to make the presentation. "J. D.," in reply, stated that he would cherish the souvenir as emblematic of the circle of friendship which bound him to his friends of the Goderich Caledonian Society. Anything he had done to contribute to the success of the games in Huron's county town had been a labor of love on his part, and was freely given, without hope of fee or reward. If in the land of the living, he hoped to be with them next year, when, with new grounds and old committee men, he was confident that Goderich would be able to participate in a series of games that could be exceeded by no other place on the continent. (Hear, hear and applause.) The ring has in raised letters on the back the initials by which Mr Stewart is known from one end of the Province to the other "J. D," and on the inside is the inscription "Presented to J. D. Stewart, by the Goderich Caledonian Society. 1887." J. D. left for the Seaforth games by the 7 o'clock train Tuesday morning.

NORTHWESTERN FAIR.

Some of the Attractions that will be Offered on the Occasion.

The agricutural hall on the grounds of the Northwestern Exhibition will be completed this week. The building will be the largest of the kind in the county.

The Northwestern Exhibition will be formally opened by Hon. A. M. Ross, M.PP., Commissioner of Agriculture for Ontario, on Tuesday, October 4th.

The Goderich Encampment is doing regular drill preparing for the grand display of evolutions at the Northwestern Exhibition on the evening of Oct. 5th.

The choral practice for the opening of the Exhibition, is being prosecuted vigorously under the leadership of S. P. Halls, science master of the High School.

Mayor Seager, of Goderich will deliver an address of welcome to outsiders on the Exhibition grounds on Oct 4th.

The grounds will be brilliantly illuminated by electric lights supplied by the Royal Electric Co., of Montreal, and the Ball Electric Co., of Toronto.

There will be speeding in the ring on the forenoon and afternoon of Wednesday, Oct. 5th.

A number of attractions not already announced are being arranged for by the board of directors.

LAKE NOTES.

Items of Interest to the Boys Who Plough the Deep.

The schooner Jane McLeod with a cargo of lumber, part for H. Secord and part for Jos. Williams, arrived Monday.

The schooner J. G. Kolfage with a cargo of lumber for H. Secord arrived in port on Monday morning.

The schooner Todman with a cargo of lumber for H. Secord reached harbor on Friday, and at once commenced to unload.

The schooner Ariel with a cargo of lumber for Joseph Williams reached her dock on Saturday morning.

The steam barge Energy, from Wallaceburg, with a cargo of hoops and staves for George Rice and others, reached harbor on Saturday, and cleared again on Sunday.

The steam yacht Uarda arrived in port on Saturday afternoon, on her second visit this season. There was a number of ladies and gentlemen on board.

Last week the barge Pinafore placed a boiler on the schooner Ontario, the vessel that has so long been aground in the harbor. It is expected that the attempt to pump her out will be successful this time.

The schooner A. C. King, of Chicago, arrived in Port on Friday afternoon, and commenced discharging her cargo, 26,000 bushels of oats, at the G. T. elevator on Monday morning.

The schooner Ellsworth, of Chicago, with 26,680 bushels of oats for the G. T. elevator reached the G. T. dock on Friday afternoon. The Ellsworth completed unloading on Saturday evening and sailed for home on Sunday morning.

The steamer Ontario of the Beatty line reached Lee's dock on Saturday morning. After taking on board several passengers and a large quantity of salt, apples and general merchandise she left for the upper lakes.

Twelve thousand dollars' worth of jewelry was seized by the Customs at Montreal Wednesday on a charge of undervaluation.

The Supreme Court of Illinois opened at Ottawa, Ill, yesterday. A decision in the Anarchist cases is not looked for until the second or third week of the term.

Sir John Macdonald arrived in Toronto Wednesday morning. It is understood he will remain there till Saturday morning, and will address the Young Men's Liberal-Conservative association on Friday night.

There are no less than four detectives at present in St. Catherines, amongst whom, it is said, is Robert Pinkerton. They appear to be keeping a close watch on the office and residence of Mr. F. St. John, whom they evidently think knows where to find McGarigle.

A TERRIBLE HOLOCAUST.

Frightful Scenes of Panic and Suffocation in an English Theater.

LONDON, Sept. 6.—During the performance of "The Romany Rye" in the theater at Exeter last evening the building was discovered to be on fire. The audience became panic stricken and made a frantic rush for the exits, despite the heroic efforts of the attaches to reassure them and induce them to go out quietly. The occupants of the pit engaged in an awful struggle for egress in the narrow aisles. Men and women were deliberately knocked down and trampled upon by those behind them, and hundreds of persons were almost entirely denuded in their terrible fight for life. The pit was finally cleared, but a large number of the occupants of that portion of the house were seriously injured and presented a horrible spectacle as they reached the streets. The occupants of the gallery did not fare so well.

There was only one very narrow exit from the upper tier, involving the descent of a long flight of stairs, and here an almost indescribable scene of terror and slaughter ensued. The rush for the stairs was terrific, and in a moment the entire passageway was blocked, those persons who kept their feet being supported by a solid mass of prostrate humanity. The shrieks, groans and curses of the imprisoned, and the trampled, the wounded and the dying, were perfectly heartrending, but there was no relief, and in a moment scores of men and women were either suffocated or killed by being trodden upon. A fire escape was at last brought to one of the gallery windows, and through this medium the pressure was relieved and a great many persons were lowered to the street.

As soon as the house had been cleared of the living the work of removing the dead was begun, and sixty bodies were taken out by means of the fire escape. The wounded survivors were conveyed to the hospital and their number cannot at this time be definitely ascertained, but it is very large. The total number of lives lost is estimated at 150, but may exceed that figure.

The fire started in the flies during the fourth act of the play. When the flames were discovered a drop scene was lowered to prevent the current of air from increasing the blaze. After this was done the actors and stage hands threw open a door to make their escape, when the draft caused the flames to burst through the drop scene and ignite the woodwork of the gellery. The flames overtook the hindmost of the unfortunate people, who were wedged in the corridor and stairway, and literally roasted them alive. There was no escape for them, the fire being at their backs, and a compact, immovable mass of human beings in front.

The firemen reached the upper windows and took out all the people they could find, but most of them were dead, and many others died soon after they were taken out. The surgeons in the hospital revived a few persons who were thought to be dead from suffocation, but at 4 o'clock this morning more than 100 corpses laid in rows on the floor, and these did not comprise the total number of the dead, as a great many bodies were burned to ashes in the theater. Some of the dead were simply suffocated and not at all mutilated or burned.

The occupants of the dress circles escaped without injury, the injured and dead being confined to the pit and the upper circles. The building was destroyed.

One hundred and thirty bodies have been taken out of the theater thus far. Of these one hundred were men and boys, and thirty women. A score or more of the injured were taken to the hospital and a large number were taken to their home.

Leeburn.

Mrs John Andrews *nee* Cassidy, now of Goderich, is visiting here.

Thos. Carney is enjoying the wonders of the Toronto exposition and visiting old friends about Weston during the week.

Paramount.

A McLellan and his daughter Anna, of Michigan, are at present visiting old friends here.

Jno G Murdoch, general merchant, and his sister Mattie, intend taking in the Toronto exhibition, Thursday the 8th inst.

Albert Towle has taken the contract of gravelling 140 rods on our main st.

Seeding is almost completed in this vicinity.

David Houston and Miss Lizzie Cook, of this place, were united in holy bonds by the Rev. R. H. Shaw, of Lucknow, last Wednesday, Aug. 31st.

John C. Reid and James Murchison, of this village, and who passed the entrance at Kincardine, are at present going to school, the former to Goderich, the latter to Lucknow. We wish you success, boys.

The officers in Dewdrop lodge I O G T. No 27, are as follows:—W C, Bro S Murchison; W V C, Sister Sarah McKenzie; W Sec, Bro Neil McDiarmid; W F Sec, Bro Joe Agnew; W Treas, Bro Alex McDairmid; W Chap, Bro John C Reid; W M, Bro A V Murdoch; W G, Bro W Davis; W S Bro J Martin; W Assist. Sec, Sister M A Beaton; W Deputy M Sister C Beaton; W R H S, Sister M Murdoch; W L H S, Sister B McDiarmid. This lodge will hold its quarterly open meeting Friday evening, Sept. 16th.

At the Iowa State Fair, now being held at DesMoines, Iowa, the Brantford Bow Park herd of Shorthorns has won the first prize of $500 for a grand beef herd. This was in competition against all classes of beef animals.

The Fall Fairs.

Northwestern Fair, Goderich, Oct. 4, 5, 6.
Huillett, Clinton, Sept. 27 and 28.
Tuckersmith, Seaforth, Sept. 28 and 29.
Morris Branch, Blyth, Oct. 11 and 12.
Stephen and Usborne, Exeter, Oct. 3 and 4.
Grand Central, Hamilton, Sept. 26 to 30
Western Fair, London, Sept. 19 to 24.
Provincial, Ottawa, Sept. 19 to 24.
Southern, Brantford, Oct. 11 and 12.
Central, Guelph, Sept. 20 to 22.
Industrial, Toronto, Sept. 5 to 17.
Northern, Walkerton, Oct. 3 and 4th.
North Perth, Stratford, Oct. 6 and 7.