

THE HURON SIGNAL FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1881.

THE PROPOSED RAILWAYS.

For weeks past Goderich has talked railway. The time is coming when action will be the order of the day.

At present there are several routes in contemplation, and we will proceed to deal with them seriatim:

Perhaps the shortest line to the Provincial capital would be to Wingham, where the T. G. & B., would be connected with. This line would be about 145 or 150 miles in length, from Goderich to Toronto, and, if there were no possibility of it being swallowed up eventually by the Grand Trunk, it would no doubt be a good line.

Next, there is spoken of a line to connect at Brussels with the Great Western, over which, it is claimed, running powers can be had in the interest of the Credit Valley Railway to Elora, and thence by C. V. R. to Toronto.

The latest project proposed is a connection with the Credit Valley R. R. at Woodstock, via St. Marys, Exeter, Zurich, and Bayfield. This line would be about 158 miles to Toronto, but has an advantage over the other contemplated routes in being direct to Hamilton and London.

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THE MICHIGAN RELIEF FUND.

As many of our readers are deeply interested in the work of relief at present going on in Michigan, among the sufferers by the great fires, we publish here, with the reply of Mayor Carleton, of Port Huron, to enquiries from a New York branch of the Relief Committee.

THE BITER BITTEN.

When a bully gets whipped he usually whines. And it is thus with H. T. Butler, of the Stratford Times. Last week that bumptious personage waxed facetious, and wrote a burlesque on the editor of THE SIGNAL.

"There is nothing easier than to edit a blackguard paper, and nothing more difficult than to get up a newspaper free from foulness and blackguardism."

WHAT GODERICH HAS DONE.

From the manner in which Goderich is spoken of by some of our outside contemporaries, one not versed in the facts would be led to infer that the town has not now, or never had any ambition, push or energy.

In the face of the foregoing, what can be said of those who systematically misrepresent the county town, and would have outsiders to believe that Goderich is inhabited by a race of Rip Van Winkles?

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PORT HURON, Oct. 26th, 1881.

W. C. Dewey, Esq., Chairman and Division of Michigan Relief Committee, 25 Chambers Street, New York City.

DEAR SIR:—In reply to your favor of 24th inst., I would respectfully submit the following:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 'TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS' and 'DONATIONS IN SUPPLIES'.

2,063 families (6,591 persons) according to sworn statements in the hands of the Port Huron Relief Committee, figure their losses as follows:

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It is estimated that after all moneys now in the hands of the several committees are expended, \$100 for each family will be needed to tide them over to the next harvest, which would require an additional \$200,000—being about \$700,000 short of actual losses.

the burned district, papic-stricken, but since the generous donations have come in most of the fugitives have returned, and are energetically at work building up their homes.

In conclusion, I will say that the Port Huron committee have ceased to purchase supplies of any kind, and are distributing cash to sufferers.

We have an abundance of clothing, and of supplies of all kinds. What we want is cash, so that we can at once close up our business, and let the people shift for themselves.

E. C. CARLETON, Mayor, Chairman of Port Huron Relief Committee.

"This only includes Sanilac and Huron counties, and not Bay, Tuscola, and Lapeer counties, not in our district, and of which we have no returns."

THE convicts in an Iowa penitentiary recently raised \$110, by working overtime, and denying themselves tobacco, &c., and had it forwarded to the Michigan sufferers.

THE Dublin City Council is still having a ruction concerning the conferring of the freedom of that city upon Parnell and Dillon.

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A CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION, with a banquet to Sir John A. Macdonald, will be held at Toronto on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd.

The growing popularity of Hon. Edward Blake, and the failure of the wily Premier anxious about his party, and it is supposed that the general election will be sprung upon the country next summer.

WHEN the Reform office holders were thinned out just after the accession to power of the Macdonald-Langvein Cabinet, the patriotic Conservatives claimed that it was done because of "economy," as there were too many officials under the former Administration.

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THE NOVEMBER HEAVENS.

The lovers of that most fascinating of all sciences, astronomy, will have a treat this month, provided the midnight sky is clear.

On the 7th of November the planet Mercury will make a transit of the sun's disc, but the phenomenon will not be visible farther north than a line running east and west through the southern part of the Middle States.

THE PLANET MARS

is now becoming a splendid sight in the constellation Gemini. The white portions at the poles, which are supposed to be snow, are plainly visible, and the other portions of the planet's disc are marked with curious green spots which are the ice-covered mountains.

ARTESIAN WELLS.

Want a Dunville Editor knows about them.

The sinking of artesian wells has become an important industry throughout this country, and is extending in all directions. It will no doubt be the main source of supply, and take the place of the open wells of the past.

THE N. P. IN HURON.

Cartwright at Lucknow. But what of this wonderful "home market" we were told we were to have?

WHERE WAS HE BORN?

A controversy has been going on for some time as to whether Sir John Macdonald is a Canadian or a Scotchman, not that either Scotland or Canada crave the honor of his nativity.

It is said that one of the greatest difficulties with constructors of railways in the southern half of the continent is the difficulty of procuring native labourers with sound ideas as to the utility of the wheelbarrow.

COMMUNICATIONS.

We do not accept responsibility for the opinions expressed in our columns. Contributions to the Signal should be brief.

CLINTON FEEDINGS.

To the Editor of the SIGNAL. Clinton, Oct. 31, 1881. Sirs,—I would crave a little space in your lively paper for the insertion of the following notice to some of the men, or boys I should say, in the organ factory here.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Report of the weather for the week ending Nov. 1st, 1881. Oct. 26th—Wind at 11 p. m. East, light, clear. Frost. Number of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 250.

ROBBERIES.

Parrell was suddenly seized with violent spasms on Sunday, and had great suffering for several hours.

MARRIED.

SALT—ROBERTSON—In Clinton, on the 26th ult., at the residence of the bride's mother, by the Rev. A. Stewart, Mr. Thomas Arthur Butter Salt, to Miss Catherine Hall Robertson, daughter of Mrs. Robertson, all of Clinton.

DEED.

STEWART—At his residence, Cranbrook, on the 25th ult., same day, aged 30 years, and 3 months.

TRAVELLING GUIDE.

Table with 4 columns: Location, East, Exp's, Mix'd, Mix'd. Includes Goderich, Ly 20am, Stratford, Ar 5am.

TEMPERANCE COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

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PROSPECTUS.

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