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WATFORD WEAVINGS.

Beech nuts are scarce this year.

Mr. Frank Hillis is on the sick list.

Smith's axes at reduced prices at P. Dodds'.

Angus takes his porridge straight since the old cow died.

Mrs. W. G. Fraser, of Petrolea, is visiting her mother, Mrs. James Elliott.

You just ought to see the large stock of trunks and valises at Rodgers Bros.

X cut saws, largest stock in Watford to choose from and cheap, at P. Dodds'

Mr. William Coakley, a wealthy Burford farmer, is visiting his niece, Mrs. J. Lowary.

The Hallelujah Band have been holding services in the Methodist Church this week.

Linn Topp has opened a barber shop in the building adjoining Cook's meat market.

Ladies, do not sell your butter, eggs and fowl until you see the prices Rodgers Bros. are paying.

The Government mint is the only business place which can make money without advertising.

Mr. Harry Lane, of Montana, well known to many of our citizens, is now visiting friends in Dutton.

Mr. D. Thom, of Thom & Doherty, and Mr. Murdo McLeay, left on a business trip to Manitoba last week.

An old man named Holbrock gave a check for $20 on Fawcett's bank in payment for a pair of $5 boots on Thursday.

Owing to the banks pressing for money, I request all those indebted to call and settle immediately.—A. McDonnell.

The best makes of axes, x cut saws and cow ties, cheaper than any one else can sell them, at P. Dodds'; call and see them.

Mr. Peter Dodds is erecting a small frame building opposite the Checkered Stores which he intends using as a store house for salt.

The stove in the Music Hall was dosed with cayenne pepper on Monday night. This was a sneezy trick to do, but not very smart.

"Husking bees are in order," says an exchange. Yes, we tried to husk a bee once—a regular bumbler—but we'll never do it again.

The Rev. H. J. Colwell offers his fine premises on Simcoe street for sale on easy terms. This offer is open for a short time only. Address St. Thomas, Ont.

Notwithstanding the resolution passed in the Council some time ago, the unsightly pile of bricks still retain their prominent position on Main street. Who is to blame?

Notice.—Person's having accounts standing for some time past, are requested to call and settle, as all accounts must be paid before the end of the year.—W. P. McLaren.

Business men, don't be afraid to see your name in print, especially when appended to a wide-awake advertisement. We never knew a man who advertised judiciously to say it didn't pay.

The Rev. Hugh Cameron, of the Presbyterian church, is delivering a series of interesting Sunday evening sermons on subjects connected with the sojourn of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

We notice by the Denver *News* that James M. Atkin, formerly of this place, died in that city on October 26th. The deceased was a son-in-law of Wm. Gordon, tailor, who is also residing in Denver.

A collection of $4.75 taken at the union thanksgiving service held in the Methodist Church on the morning of the 6th inst., has been forwarded to the treasurer of the "Protestant Orphan's Home," London, Ont.

Our liberal offer of two dollars worth of reading matter, the Toronto *News* and the Advocate both for one dollar, will shortly be withdrawn, subscribers should avail themselves of the opportunity while it lasts.

Messrs. Leadyd, Stepler, Smith, Carruthers, Murray, Dickinson, Johnson and Poole, of Strathroy, drove up to Watford on Sunday and spent the afternoon viewing the picturesque scenery of our enterprising burg.

A meeting of the creditors of John Glover, merchant, Alvinston, was held at the Baker House on Tuesday afternoon. After Mr. Glover's statement was submitted the creditors accepted his offer of forty cents on the dollar.

Postmaster Ross has ordered one of Taylor's burglar proof safes. This safe is warranted to resist the effects of the most expert safe crackers for twenty four hours, and it is claimed to be the finest office safe manufactured in Canada.

Two notorious old bums made an exhibition of themselves in the Salvation Army parade on Wednesday night, by following up the procession and waving a whiskey bottle in the air. Their exploits later in the night are noised elsewhere, and it is probable they will have to pay dearly for their little fun.

Mr. J. S. Dewar, city editor of the *Free Press*, and a representative of the *Advertiser*, reported the Fawcett meeting for their respective papers.

Mr. James Harvey, formerly of Watford, is now engaged in publishing the Fort William *Sun*. The *Sun* is a spicy and readable little paper and under Mr. Harvey's experienced management will no doubt meet with deserved succes.

The mortgages, insurance policy, and and other private stolen from the post office, were found at the gravel pit, near the tank house, on Thursday. Nothing but a few charred scraps remained, the burglars having set them on fire.

It is generally admitted that rents are too high in Watford when compared with other things. Times are quiet, prices low, and tenants are justiy entitled to a reduction that would place rents on the same basis with everything else.

Some coarse matting or other heavy material should be placed on the stairs leading to the Music Hall. The noise caused by people passing up and down the stairway is a constant source of annoyance to those inside the hall.

It is expected that Cadet Torrance of the S. A., will be promoted to the command of a station at some other point next week. The Cadet has made a number of friends in Watford, who will miss her very much, particularly in the singing.

The following are the latest market quotations:—Wheat, red, $0.68 to $0.68; do., white, 68c. to $0.68; oats, 25c. to 00c.; peas, $0.50 to $0.60; barley, 40c. to 48c.; potatoes, 20c. to 00; flour, $2.25 per cwt., butter, 20c. to 20c.; eggs, 18c. to 18c.

The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of T. F. Harrison, furniture manufacturer, Strathroy, in another colum. The prices quoted are remarkably cheap, but the material and workmanship are strictly first-class. Call and examine the stock.

Mr. Arthur Kingstone, brother of C. J. Kingstone, Esq., Elarton, died in Florida last week. Mr. Charles Kingstone left for the South this week, and is expected home with the remains to-day or to-morrow. The funeral will be at the English Church cemetery, Warwick village.

The increased traffic of the G. T. R. at this point renders additional yard room a necessity that cannot long be dispensed with. The switch could easily be extended to the western semaphore and ample track room would then be secured for the large number of trains that cross at this station.

There seems to be an impression among the farmers that it will pay them to keep their potatoes over to spring rather than sell at the present low prices. This may be true, but the price quoted in Boston at at present (fifty cents a bushel) would hardly pay for the cost of transportation and duty.

Some provision should be made for heating the lock-up during the cold nights it may be occupied. The unfortunate men who are obliged to lodge there for the night should at least be sufficiently protected from the weather to prevent freezing to death. A stove is cheaper than a corporation funeral, and much more charitable.

On Friday evening a man engaged a rig at Bambridge's livery stable to drive out near Arkona. He reported the next day that he had been waylaid by robbers and his money and the horse and rig taken away from him. It was subsequently ascertained that he was drunk and fell out of the buggy. The horse went on to Forest and was recovered the next day.

The usual large crop of weddings that mature about the holiday season promises to be very light this year. At present we have reliable information concerning two couples only. We are not violating any confidence when we state that Miss —— and Mr. —— will be married on Christmas and Mrs. —— and Mr. —— will follow suit on New Year.

Dan MacFie, the well known horse trainer, who attained considerable notoriety during his stay in Watford, is now in Vienna, Austria, in charge of a string of Canadian trotters. Among the horses he is driving is "Russian Spy," the old reliable trotter formerly owned by Mr. James Donley, of Parkhill. It is reported that the Canadian stable is making considerable money for its owners in that distant country.

While returning home from Warwick on Friday evening last, the vehicle occupied by the Rev. P. E. Hyland and wife collided with a rig in which were seated three young ladies. The ladies were spilled out and their horse ran away. Mr. Hyland's carriage was considerably damaged and he was driven home by a team that overtook them. The ladies were gallantly rescued by Councillor Roche. Fortunately no more serious injury than a rough shaking up was received by either party.

The barn belonging to Mr. Wm. Saunders, sixth line corner, was burnt down and the contents consumed on Wednesday night. It appears that two men who had imbibed rather freely of Watford fire water entered the building on their way home and kindled a fire to keep themselves warm. The flames soon spread and the building was in ashes in a few minutes. Loss estimated at about $200, no insurance. One of the men was found the next morning lying up against the side of an adjacent building bareheaded, having lost his hat in his efforts to put out the fire. The house is located near the barn and had a very narrow escape.

Take some yourself, Dick.—"Slippery Dick" of one of the papers hailing from the oil regions, last week made a contemptible slap at Mr. W. W. Buchanan, by calling him a tramp journalist and many other of his pet names and wound up by stating that Mr. B. is now in Dakota, which is not true. Mr. Buchanan is now occupying the position of managing editor of the Winnipeg *Sun*, a position Dick would not be capable of occupying if he were to live to be as old as Mathusalum. It is seldom a man rises to any position of importance in the world but there is some one ready and willing to throw mud at him because they have been more successful than the majority. Mr. Buchanan is a gentleman and an able writer, which is more than can be said for Dick.—*Bridgen Beadle.*

Cow chains and ties of all kinds, light and heavy, cheapest in town, at P. Dodds.

FAWCETT'S FINANCES

His Statement Submitted to the Creditors.

NO PROPOSITION MADE TO DEPOSITORS

Nominal Assets, $267,228.08

Liabilities, $216,279.92.

In response to circulars issued, the creditors of the Fawcett estate met at the Music Hall on Thursday afternoon, to hear the assignee's statement of the financial standing of the estate. The depositors were in attendance in full force, the Alvinston, Arkona, Wyoming and home offices being largely represented. It is estimated that about four hundred people were present at the hour designated for the meeting. The faces of the majority present wore an air of anxious expectancy, it being generally understood that a statement of a definite nature would be submitted and the suspense under they have labored so long would be finally disposed of. That they were disappointed in this regard will be better shown by the proceedings of the meeting. Before commencing business Mr. Fawcett requested those who were not interested to leave the room. On motion Peter Graham, M. P. P., was elected chairman.

Mr. Graham, in thanking the meeting for the honor, stated that the position was one he did not covet. He requested that good order should be observed and that they would act considerately while Mr. Fawcett was making his statement. Any questions they might wish to ask would be answered by Mr. Fawcett if put in the proper way. He then called upon Mr. Fawcett.

Mr. Fawcett said it was not for him to say that no one regretted the occasion for this meeting more than himself. Notwithstanding the reports that he would fail to put in an appearance, he was present at all events, and would be even if the entire townships of Brooke, Plympton and Warwick were interested. He then proceeded to read his statement which was listened to with intense interest.

ASSETS.

Bills receivable and mortgages,	$37,002.12
Due on current account,	3,725.96
Real estate, Watford,	20,000.00
Real estate, North West,	20,000.00
Office furniture,	3,500.00
Cash on hand,	3,000.00
Timber limits,	180,000.00
Total,	$267,228.08

LIABILITIES.

Due to depositors,	$196,270.92	
Due other claims,	20,000.00	
Surplus,	50,948.16	$267,228.08

This statement is based on the showing of the books on October 13th, and the cash on hand at the present time is in the neighborhood of $14,000. Mr. Fawcett also read a detailed statement of the losses he had sustained since commencing business, which foot up to the handsome sum of $145,279. Speaking of his losses in connection with George Wright, Mr. F. stated he first loaned Wright $5,500 for which he took a mortgag on his hotel and the insurance on the cattle purchased, for security. The cattle were lost at sea; Wright sued the company for the insurance money, won the first suit, but after nearly three years of litigation the case was decided against him. During this period he drew on Fawcett for expenses. Fawcett sold the hotel and all he realized in cash out of it for himself was $1,100. His total net loss in his dealings with Wright he placed at $11,766.92. (We are unable to give an itemized account of the losses, as Mr. Fawcett did not wish the names of some of the parties mentioned published.) In reply to a question about the timber limit in the North West, Mr. F. said he considered it a cheap asset and would turn out well. The limit embraced an area of 221 square miles, and would show after worked and the money taken out a profit at least in the millions. About its present value he stated that considering the present depression in the timber business it might not be sold without a sacrifice. He expected to sell it last summer for $147,000. Better to take a little time in disposing of the property. In reply to a question he stated that he did not own any real estate in Alvinston. Mr. Moody asked a question about the present value of timber limit, which Mr. F. declined to answer. His statement gave all the other claims except the banks. Mr. Gibbon, solicitor of the Merchant's Bank, stated that their claim was $125,000, for which they held nominal securities for $135,000, leaving a surplus of $10,000. Mr. F. said that the Bank of Montreal claim was in the neighborhood of $135,000, and they held a nominal surplus of thirty or forty thousand.

In reply to a question, Mr. Lucas stated that he had about $14,000 in cash on deposit on present bearing five per cent. interest. A depositor asked when a dividend might be expected. Mr. Lucas replied that it would not be long, that it depended very much on whether the banks ranked on the estate or not. When the dividend was declared the banks would rank for that much less. At this point Mr. Moody charged Mr. Lucas with having promised to pay personal friends in full, and claimed that he could prove it. Mr. Lucas denied the charge.

Mr. T. Meredith, barrister, London, who appeared on behalf of the depositors, said that in the interest of those he represented an investigation of the books was desirable. He suggested that the depositors should nominate two or three competent persons to make an investigation and report to the depositors. They could also have the services of an expert accountant if they wished. It was necessary to have an examination in order to ascertain the existence and amount of deposits.

Moved by Mr. A. Brown, seconded by Mr. McRorie, that such a committee be appointed.

Mr. Meredith asked the assignee and Mr. Fawcett if they had any objections to the appointment of the committee. They replied that they had not.

In reply to a question, Mr. Lucas said the parties who had paid notes twice would rank on the estate the same as depositors.

An Alvinston depositor was anxious to know if the expenses of the investigating committee would come out of the depositors or the estate. A general laugh at the absurd question was the only reply given. Mr. Meredith stated that the depositors had no right as a matter of law to appoint such a committee, but they could act by the consent of the assignee and consult with him as to the most advisable course to pursue. Mr. Smith, of Wyoming thought the expense would be a mere trifle and considered it very important that the books should be audited. Mr. Lucas stated that he purposed sending a printed statement in detail to each creditor when the dividend was declarred. Mr. Fawcett said that no such committee had been appointed at any of the other branches, however he had no objections to the committee. Mr. Leitch, of Alvinston, said that depositors expected a proposition of settlement and thought it too early to appoint a committee; It was time enough later on, when some definite action was taken. Mr. Shields said no reference had been made towards a proposition of settlement, andt though nothing would be done unless a committee was appointed; the expense was a mere nothing, and the depositors would then have a fair statement to work upon. Mr. Fawcett spoke of the trouble and time spent in obtaining information; depositors were losing nothing by waiting for the dividend; everything possible was being done to wind up the estate rapidly, and the appointment of fifty committees would not advance matters in the least. Mr. Meredith thought if a committe was not appointed the depositors would go home as they came; a committee composed of representatives from each branch could ascertain the condition of affairs and report. The question of accepting or rejecting any proposition could then be acted upon with propriety. The expense was nominal, and the members of the committe would be taking chances for their pay. The resolution appointing a committee was then put to the meeting and carried.

The following gentleman were then elected members of the said committee: Alex. Davidson, P. L. S. for Arkona; W. G. Willoughby, clerk of Brooke, for Alvinston; J. W. Smith for Wyming, and P. Graham, M. P. P. for Watford.

Mr. Meredith said that now would be a good time to make the depositors a proposition and the committee could then investigate and report as to the advisability of accepting it. Mr. Fawcett said it might be in order for the committe to accept or reject an offer. In reply to questions from various parts of the room, he said that he would not make an offer to-day, and would not be in a position to do so until the banks were disposed of. Several speakers at this point charged Mr. Fawcett with having promised to make an offer at this meeting, and some very animated criticisms were passed on his refusal to do so. Mr. Fawcett claimed that he only promised a statement and not an offer. Mr. Armstrong, Euphemia, pitched into Mr. Fawcett in a lively manner, and worked up quite an excitement in the meeting. He said the depositors did not come here to be fooled and lose more time and money. He defied any to tell from the statement given what depositors would receive on the dollar. The forcible remarks of the speaker were vociferously applauded. Mr. Meredith considered the appointment of a committee the best step possible.

A red hot debate then ensued between Mr. Fawcett and Dr. Stanley regarding a transaction arising out of the failure of the Bole Stickle Manufacturing Co. As it was not directly connected with the object of the meeting, a report of the discussion is not necessary.

The meeting then adjourned.

On account of the meeting occurring a short time before we go to press, we are unable in this issue to give more than a mere report of the proceedings. With the exception of appointing a committee, nothing of a really practical nature was accomplished. The depositors fully expected that a definite proposition would be made them and to say they were deeply disappointed is putting it very mild. Several items in the statement of losses are open to criticism, and the North West timber limit valuation is a subject that should be thoroughly investigated by the committee. Property that can jump from $5,000 to $180,000 in a few years is worth looking after, as there is no telling where it will stop. Those of the depositors who are anticipating a respectable dividend will do well to prepare themselves for a disagreeable surprise. If they wish to purchase any more claims they can have all they desire at a very low figure.

The Methodist Church—Watford Circuit.

The Rev. W. Hayhurst reports 200 conversions in connection with special services in the three churches' under his charge. There will be a large accession to the membership of the church.

The trustees of the church in town are engaged in the erection of a comfortable driving shed for the convenience of that part of the congregation driving in from the country.

Anniversary sermons will be preached on Sunday, 30th inst., by Rev. J. H. McCartney, a former pastor. A public tea meeting will be held on the Monday following, 1st Dec. The ladies of the congregation are determined to make this meeting a grand success. The many friends of Rev. Mr. McCartney will be glad of the opportunity of meeting a former highly esteemed pastor at this festive gathering.

The Second Line Church has been renovated, a picket fence erected and other improvements made. Special quarterly meeting services will be held here next Sabbath. Sermon, at 10 a. m., by Rev. W. Hayhurst.

Our Club List.

Appended is a list of periodicals with the price of each added to that of the Advocate-Adviser, which will be sent to any address from now until January, 1886, on receipt of the amount:

The Advocate and Weekly Globe	$1 80
" " " Mail	1 80
" " " Advertiser	1 80
" " " Free Press	1 80
" American Agriculturist	2 25
" " Farmer's Advocate	1 80
" " Country Gentleman	3 00
" " Century Magazine	4 50
" " St. Nicholas	3 50

Nine Physicians Outdone.

Mrs. Helen Pharvis, No. 331 Dayton St. Chicago, Ill., is now in her sixty-eighth year, and states that she has suffered with Consumption for about ten years, was treated by nine physicians, all of them pronouncing her case hopeless. She had given up all hopes of ever recovering. Seven bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption completely cured her. Doubting ones, please drop her a postal card and satisfy yourselves. Call at W. P. McLaren's Drug Store and get a Free Trial Bottle.

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Six leg Cherry Tables,	$5.25
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Fancy Walnut Lounges "	6.50
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These prices are not for poor work, but these goods are manufactured from the best material, thoroughly seasoned and tested, and upon the basis of EXTRA VALUE FOR YOUR MONEY. I am establishing the Largest Furniture Business in the West. Call or address

Thomas F. Harrison, Strathroy.

Strathroy, November, 1884. Mention this paper.

ELEPHANT WAREHOUSE

MAIN STREET, - WATFORD.

Great Clearing Sale for 60 Days.

Anticipating good times this fa, we bought argely. Owing to ow prices of produce, bank faiures, etc., times proving extremely du, and having large bills to meet, consequently we cannot afford to carry the goods over. In order to clear them out for CASH, we have made a Clearing Sale for 60 Days.

Remember, we mean business!

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