

Grant's music hall, Ottawa, was destroyed by fire Sunday night. Loss, \$20,000, partly covered by insurance.

Told by the Editor

DURING A HOLIDAY RAMBLE HE VISITS THE OLD HOMESTEAD.

He Found Changes that Astonished Him, One of Which Deserves the Widest Publication for the Benefit It May Prove to Others.

From the Leader and Recorder, Toronto Junction.

The editor of the Leader and Recorder, during a recent holiday trip through the counties of York, Peel, Dufferin and Huron, spent a few days at the old parental homestead where he was born and spent many happy years. The old homestead is in the township of Euphrasia, Grey county, about one and a half miles south of the village of Heathcote, and about ten miles from the town of Meaford. It is occupied by the writer's youngest brother, George J. Fawcett. The latter was the picture of health, and remembering that when he came from Detroit, where he had been living for several years, and took possession of the homestead, he was in such feeble health that his life was despaired of, the writer suggested that the bracing climate of the northern regions must be the best medicine in the world for a shattered constitution. The reply made contained statements so remarkable that we consider it a pleasure as well as a duty to give them as wide publicity as possible through the columns of the Leader and Recorder. A severe attack of malaria, contracted whilst in Detroit, brought the writer's brother to death's door, from which he recovered only to find himself the victim of a complication of troubles which unfitted him for work. He was attended by some of the most eminent physicians in Detroit, but he received little or no benefit from their treatment. Change of air was finally recommended and he removed with his family to the county of Grey. A slight change for the better was noticeable at first, but he soon relapsed into the old condition and again sought help from the leading doctors of the district in turn. Sleeplessness took possession of him and soon he was wasted away to a mere skeleton. Then the doctors declared they could do nothing more for him, and advised him to go to California. During all these weary months, he read in the papers from time to time, and laughed at what he termed the "miracles" wrought by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He had no faith in such remedies, and it was only when the physicians told him that they could do no more for him that, like the drowning man who catches at a straw, he thought he would try a box of the pills. To his great astonishment his sleeplessness had vanished before he had been using the pills a week, and he slept like an infant. Gradually his strength returned and his appetite improved, and soon he felt like a new man. A few months after taking the first dose he was as well as ever. For more than two years past he has not taken any medicine whatever, and to-day you will not find a sturdier specimen of manhood in Grey than Geo. J. Fawcett. "What do I think of Pink Pills?" he queried with a smile; "why I think there is nothing like them on earth for building up the system; but for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I do not think I would be alive to-day."

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News Summary.

The Imperial Parliament will reassemble on February 1st.

Dipoy is being visited by an epidemic of diphtheria and measles. There are some fifty cases reported, but none of a serious character.

The failures in the Dominion last week numbered nineteen against twenty-eight in the corresponding week last year.

The late Senator Potter and Julac were drowned at Pelee, N. S., Friday, while sailing on the ice on the pond.

The steamer San Francisco has arrived at Valencia, Spain, from Cuba with 1,800 repatriated troops on board.

John J. Brown, who pooled the first crop of wheat in the first factory known to the world in America, Lowell, Mass., is dead, aged 80.

Additional precaution has been taken by the government against the Carlists in the Spanish provinces, notably in Saragossa and Pampelona.

The Woodstock jury that investigated the death of Thomas Lynch returned a verdict of death from exposure, declaring he fell into the furnace of Fred Moore & Son's mill and was unable to get out.

A gold nugget valued at \$50,000, was shipped to Europe Saturday. It was found at Klondike and is to be placed on exhibition in the Union Bank, London.

The magazines of the month, and a host of Christmas delights, are displayed in attractive form at the old Colonial Bookstore, Cor. Germain and Kings Sts., St. John.

A family in Yarmouth procured a Thanksgiving turkey from the market. It cost 90 cents, but when they began to prepare it they found in the gizzard four ten cent-pieces and a five cent-piece.

From April 1863, when gold was first discovered in the Sherbrooke district, to the present time there has been over two and a half million dollars worth taken out of its mines.

The French Senate Thursday adopted the motion of M. Coustant placing commercial under the operation of the law of 1897, which abolished secret examination of accused persons prior to trial.

Wm. Rawley, N. S., Thomas Smith was found dead on Windsor Road Friday, his head fractured. Poul play was suggested and an examination demanded. The deceased was a man of some means and a well-to-do citizen.

Charles W. Stuyler, a respectable citizen, was knocked down on Cogswell street, Halifax, Monday by a frightened horse and trampled by the iron hoofs. He had his skull fractured and may die.

The wife of Capt. J. A. Scott, of Chebogue, Yarmouth county, died lately in Shanghai from hydrophobia. She was terribly bitten by a mad dog while trying to defend her children. She went to the Pasteur Institute, but grew worse, and finally died frothing at the mouth.

It is stated that the Manhattan Steamship Co. has entered into a contract with Dipoy to build an hotel there to accommodate at least 100 guests, and to be ready for business on the 15th of July next. The town grants exemption from taxation for five years and also gives them free water privileges.

During the presence of a French warship at Nanjing, a British warship has been ordered there to protect the interests of Great Britain. The position of the extension of the British and British settlements in the city is likely to be favorably decided in an hour's date.

A Vancouver despatch recently stated that Alfred E. Laird, of Calgary, son of Hon. D. Laird, had fallen dead of heart disease. Mr. E. Laird, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Campbellton, says that his brother at Calgary, and that the papers have been misinformed.

The fishing season opened at Richmond Bay, N. S., but as there is not a particle of ice, not even in the creeks and small streams, all the fishermen can get out to work. Only those who have prepared themselves with snows and rafts are able to make any catches. The fish seem to be quite plentiful and of a fine size. The weather is mild, but shippers are sending fish in ice. They are worth two cents per pound when caught.

A North Sydney despatch states: The terminus is now practically completed and will be handed over to the government by the contractor in about a week. The regular train will then meet the Bruce at the station and will be much more convenient for passengers and save loss of time driving to the station and wharf. There is a strong probability that the station house (which is a quite imposing looking edifice with brick facing) will be moved to a central part of town in the early spring.

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that out of eight from Montreal, pared with 1897 special reasons, notable. Thus corn from Mont oats nearly two thousand pack flour more than barrels, and f hundred thous apples, pork, were shown. I horses and che compared with wheat the decr than 900 000 for partly by th 1897 during the fact that the ut far the present their wheat wi in the cattle ex not real, since have been mad Boston because ports as comp nectio it may Canadian catt sent past Can order to secur noteworthy fa the subject of many persons ful competitor British market is accountabl Canadian shee competition m be profitably however, the country appea and may be products of growing favor President McKinley's Me has been of co discussion du message is oc to the late w the events wh forcible inter of Spain as in the right to p States citizen States commu the devastat burdens upon constant men ties and perils response of the purpose of ca officers and n the President without sing achievement nor modern b pleteness of f of casualties, on the part o policy to be territory ac President do after the trea