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THE London Free Press still wildly asks "Where are the Millions?"

WHILE the Tory organs in town are silent about the recent conclave in a law office here, to take steps to protest the election of Mr. Cameron in West Huron,

WE have good authority for saying that no such decision was arrived at, at the Goderich meeting. What was decided was that if sufficient grounds upon which to base a protest were discovered a protest might be entered, but the grounds are yet to be found.

THE Wingham Advance, naturally feels incensed against that wing of the Tory press which has not had the good taste to abstain from imputing bad motives to returning officer Willson.

WE are not a little surprised at any Conservative journal condemning the action of Mr. Willson for the upright manner in which he acted.

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were brought on at the same time as the Dominion elections, in order to strengthen the Federal Government. The consequence is that the Local Administration was beaten, and resigned on Wednesday.

THE Tory papers of Perth quarrel among themselves about as badly as their Huron brethren do. The Stratford Times has long had an unenviable reputation for its vile treatment of opponents, and the indecency of its utterances. The Stratford Herald, on the same side of politics, last week opened out upon its scurrilous contemporary, the editor of which it alluded to as "a contractor for immoral literature," and after showing up his crookedness, dubs him "a moving dunghill." Verily the Tory birds do not in their little nests agree.

WHILE the Tory organs in town are silent about the recent conclave in a law office here, to take steps to protest the election of Mr. Cameron in West Huron, the outside organs opposed to the Liberal candidate are making a great noise over the affair. The truth is, the meeting was a great fizzle. Nothing was found that could invalidate the election, and the conspirators determined to wait, Micawber like, for something to turn up. The Clinton New Era, referring to the matter, says: "Our town contemporary stated last week that it was decided to protest the election of Mr. Cameron. We have good authority for saying that no such decision was arrived at, at the Goderich meeting. What was decided was that if sufficient grounds upon which to base a protest were discovered a protest might be entered, but the grounds are yet to be found. They appear to think that because Clinton did so well for Cameron, money must have been used here, but if they get no better foundation for a protest than what they will get here, there is not a ghost of a chance of unseating him. We don't wonder that the Conservatives feel sore over their defeat in this riding, but they might as well accept the situation and admit that they were fairly beaten—for they were, and investigation in the courts will confirm this."

MR. "TUG" WILSON and Mr. John Sullivan had a "soft glove fight" in New York on Monday night. "Tug" Wilson is an English buisier, who, having heard that Sullivan had stated that no man in the world could come to time with him after the 4th round, crossed the Atlantic to take a chance for the challenge money. Sullivan is the big blacksmith who vanquished Paddy Ryan so easily last year. The sporting columns of the daily newspapers give graphic descriptions of the black guardly exhibition, from beginning to the close, when "Tug" came up smiling, the winner of \$1,000 after the fourth round. The "soft glove fight" is a way they have of getting over the legal restrictions against prize fighting, but after glancing at the record of the Wilson-Sullivan "mill," we are much of opinion that the same principle is involved in it as in an ordinary prize fight. Wilson won the fight merely by allowing his bulky antagonist to expend his strength by knocking him down, and thus demonstrated what many have previously contended that "it is harder to give than to receive." The receipts at the door to witness the pummeling netted some \$25,000.

THE TOWN CLERKSHIP. The haste with which the new Clerk-Treasurer was appointed on Friday evening is not at all creditable to the judgment of the Council Board. The position is an important one, and the occupant of it should be carefully selected. The resignation of Mr. Moore had no sooner been accepted, than the new official was appointed. The council made no call for applications, not a day's notice was given, but with that unseemly haste which gave the affair the look of a political job, the appointment was hurried on a straight party vote. We regret that our councillors, Reform or Conservative, should bring political feeling into so important a matter as the appointment of a town Clerk and Treasurer. We regret also that the matter was rushed through with electric speed, instead of applications having been openly invited, and other citizens having had an opportunity of trying for the position. We do not cast any reflection on the ability of the few candidates for the office, but it may have been that as good, or even better, men would have offered for the place had it been publicly declared vacant, and had applications for the situation been asked for.

OF course it will be said that the time was short, and the appointment had to be made. If so why were not applications called for in prospective, after Mr. Moore had first formally requested to be allowed to resign? When the individual members of the Council Board wish to secure employees they do it independent of political feeling, and like to have as many applicants as possible for the position. When the public desire a servant, they want to get a wide choice and the best man for the position independent of party feeling.

THE public school examination section No. 5 came off on the 6th of this month. When the scholars were examined by their able teacher, Mr. R. E. Brown, assisted by the teacher of the Nile school. The scholars acquitted themselves well, showing marked progress during the past year. After the examination was over, Mr. John Linklater was called to the chair, when very practical speeches were made by Messrs. J. Hetherington, Natel, Bram and our friend from the Nile. A fair sprinkling of ladies gave an interest to the day's proceedings, and we hope in future to see more of them attend.

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THE PEOPLE OF CANADA SO STRONGLY

pronounced in favor of the Conservative government and good times, things have been booming (in your mind) in Goderich. The commercial pulse of the town has now a healthy beat, our harbor is thronged with shipping, stockeepers cannot get enough clerks to wait upon customers; a number of British capitalists are going to invest capital to the extent of something under \$200,000.99 in cotton factories and rolling mills, and hundreds of our expatriated countrymen in Dakota and other points in the United States are writing us that they are going to sell out at any price and return to us—but we can't lie like the average Conservative writer, and give it up.

Over 30 sheep were sold for the big drove on Monday last by farmers living here. The prices received averaged \$8 to \$9 each. The heaviest live weight 185, and was raised by Mr. W. Strachan.

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Dunlop.

SHEEP.—A large number of sheep were gathered in this township for shipment by drivers recently. One was sold by Mr. E. Carrall weighed 180 lbs., and another sold by Mr. Strachan weighed 125.

IMPROVEMENTS.—The road between the Exchange Hotel and Garbraid has been gravelled, Mr. Joseph Morris being the contractor. Ditching has also been done by G. H. McKee and J. Barker. The bridge at Dunlop should have a new railing. Our township fathers should make a note of this.

Mr. Wm. Boer raised a frame barn on his premises Maitland con. on Monday, 3 July, size 30x50 ft. with underground stables, etc.

Quarterly meeting was held in Bethel U. C. on Sunday July 6th. Business meeting Monday 10th.

Mr. J. Clarke, of Claremont, says his hay this year will yield two and a half tons to the acre.

Bright's Resignation. LONDON, July 17.—In the House of Commons, John Bright, referring to his resignation, stated he had nothing to explain or defend. The sole reason of his retirement was that he could not concur in the Government's Egyptian policy. He had for forty years held and taught a doctrine that he still believed, and he could not consistently approve of the proceedings at Alexandria. He believed that the moral law applied to nations as well as to individuals, and that the proceedings he disapproved were a violation thereof and of international law. If he had not sooner retired it was because of his high regard for Gladstone and his other colleagues. In a disagreement with Gladstone he would have either had to submit to measures he entirely condemned or have been in constant conflict with his colleagues. Gladstone highly eulogized Bright, saying he agreed with his principles, but not with the application of them.

He Captured the Stakes. The late sporting editor of the Mail paper was made the stakeholder in the Ross-Hanlan race which would have been rowed at Winnipeg the first of this month had it not been for the champion's illness. Ross made a \$500 cash deposit with the Mail man a year ago last May. As is now well known, the sporting editor has left the limits and Ross wants to know what he should have done with the money. Yesterday a gentleman in the city received a letter from the New Brunswick asking him to go and see after his money. Hanlan's check for \$500 was deposited in the same hands, and it has accompanied Ross' deposit.—[World]

Strife the Others' P. "Excellent sermon this morning," said Deacon Goodwill to his neighbor, as they lingered in the vestibule to shake hands with the brother. "Well, pretty good; pretty good. Ain't you going to old Parn Slocum. He used to give it to 'em straight. He preached against wickedness in the land." "To be sure, but this man preaches right to us personally."

That's just the trouble. I go to church to hear other folks pitched into. I don't want to be rankled up myself. I don't want to be rankled up myself. I don't want to be rankled up myself. I don't want to be rankled up myself.

The Late James Simons. In our last issue we made a brief reference to the decease of the late James Simons, who died in Goderich on July 15th, at the residence of his son, Mr. S. Simons, of his native county, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and settled in West Flamboro, where he followed the business of carpenter. He came to Goderich township in 1849, and took up a farm near Fort Bayfield. About eight years ago he removed to Goderich, where he resided until his death. About two and a half years ago he experienced an attack of paralysis, which rendered one side of his body useless. Two months before his demise he was visited with a second and lighter stroke, the effects of which soon wore off, and he was feeling much better when on Dominion Day he was again suddenly prostrated by an attack which proved fatal. He lost the entire power of his body, became senseless, and expired in about six hours after being prostrated, at the ripe age of 79. Mr. Simons was of a rather retiring disposition, and a consistent Roman Catholic. He had a large circle of friends, by whom he was much esteemed. He left an aged widow and a family of five. They are James, a merchant in Memphis, Tenn.; Charles, a farmer who lives on the old homestead; Mrs. Briegel, of Lunenburg, and Mrs. Shannon, of Goderich, and an unmarried daughter.

Drinking in the Hayfield. Men in health perspire freely when vigorously at work on warm days. Very heavy sweating may sometimes arise from weakness; a dry skin may indicate disorder. Evaporation from the surface carries off heat and keeps the body cool. A large supply of drinking water is required for the warm hay and harvest days, but much less than is commonly supposed. Hay a pint of water sipped slowly will assuage thirst much more effectively than a quart gulped down. As fully explained in the chapter on "Catching Cold," (in the December number), a different temperature in two adjacent portions of the body produces congestion. A pint of cold fluid may be thrown into the stomach, may result in more or less congestion; serious illness and not infrequently deaths, arise from this cause. If ice water is taken at any time, it should always be swallowed so slowly that the stomach can warm each gill before another is received.

As to the kind of drink, the positive teachings of medical science and experience indicate that pure water is by far the best fluid for assuaging thirst and supplying the wants of the system. Beers, ales, or any sweetened drinks or any fluid that contains material that

THE CULTURE OF WHEAT.

Somebody has condensed a whole volume of wisdom concerning wheat culture into a very few maxims, which are put on the first page of the Rural Cultivator that they may attract the eye of every reader:—"1. The best soil for wheat is rich clay loam. 2. Wheat likes a good, deep, soft bed. Clover turned under makes just such a bed. 3. The best seed is only heavy, plump, and clean. 4. About two inches is the best depth for sowing the seed. 5. The drill puts in the seed better and cheaper than broadcasting. 6. From the middle of September to the last of October is the best time for sowing. 8. Drilled, on the best soil, the average yield of broadcast wheat is two bushels per acre. 9. One heavy rolling after sowing does much good. 10. For flour, cut when the grain begins to harden; for seed, not until it has hardened.

We hear and see a great deal about protecting the insect destroying birds; we even see occasionally a piece in the agricultural journals headed "A Plea for the Mole," followed by an argument to prove that the villainous little blind creature does not injure vegetation; but we seldom hear or read of the services rendered the farmer and horticulturist by the despised little toad, while we will venture the assertion that in any given area in this country the toads destroy more insects injurious to vegetation than do the birds in the same area, and that, too, without doing any mischief. As the toads live entirely upon insects, while the birds, with few exceptions, do not; and as to the mole, we will guarantee that if this case should come before a jury of intelligent farmers or gardeners, he would be found guilty of criminal destruction of vegetation, and especially of seeds. Not so with the toad, which subsists entirely upon insects. Not only do they destroy those which the birds cannot reach—those which deprade at night, when we and the birds are asleep. So highly are they appreciated in Europe, that they are there an article of merchandise.

The market gardeners near London, England, purchase toads from the Continent at fourpence each. A load put into a hot bed will effectually protect the plants from the ravages of insects, and a number of them in an ordinary garden will materially reduce the number of insects, and thus protect the plants from their ravages.

So far from participating in the common feeling of contempt for the humble little toad, we have a profound respect for him on account of his friendly services in aid of our perpetual warfare upon insects injurious to vegetation. Instead of being kicked and trod upon, he should