

THE STANDARD.

Owing to the great increase in the circulation of the STANDARD, and in consequence the demand upon its advertising space, we have felt it necessary to enlarge. We this week present our readers with a larger paper, and although we notice many defects we trust that it will not entirely fail to come up to the expectations of our readers.

With this growth we have felt the need of increased facilities and have added a new improved Campbell press to the plant, and from which comes this issue. The Campbell, a cut of which appears on this page, is one of the best presses manufactured on the continent, and is giving splendid satisfaction.

New, in conclusion, as the novelist says, gentle reader, if you are not a subscriber we will be pleased to place your name upon the list, and if you are already a subscriber and are in arrears we will be pleased to give you a receipt for the amount due.

The East Middlesex farmers' Institute intend holding a "gala" day some time in June at Wilton Grove, when the Hon. John Carling, Minister of Agriculture, and Prof. Fletcher, of the experimental farm, are expected to be present.

The Essex Centre license trouble is likely to be brought to an issue in the courts, the would be licensees combining to sue out a writ commanding the Board to show cause why licenses should not be granted.

Geo. Badder, of Widman, was engaged to marry a daughter of D. J. Roberts, and made arrangements to have the ceremony performed at St. Clair.

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Montreal, May 21.—A letter was received here to-day stating that Dame Hortense Ledue, who is divorced from her husband F. Julian Prume, the well-known violinist, has been left a fortune of 22,000,000 francs, or about \$440,000 through the death of a Mr. Hedell, a millionaire in France.

WHAT ABOUT IT?

A Big Celebration for Ridgetown.

Tomorrow is the Queen's Birthday, and while there will be celebrations at Blenheim, Leamington, Essex Centre, Aylmer, Dresden, Dutton, Tilbury Centre, and even Moraviantown, Ridgetown will observe the day quietly. For years we always had a celebration here on the 24th, but of late we have sadly fallen behind in this respect.

There will be no dance in town this year, the petition being one of a majority against issuing any license. A Methodist conference is being held here to-day and to-morrow. John Beattie talks of moving to Bathwell. We could spare some others better than John.

KILLED BY A Colt.

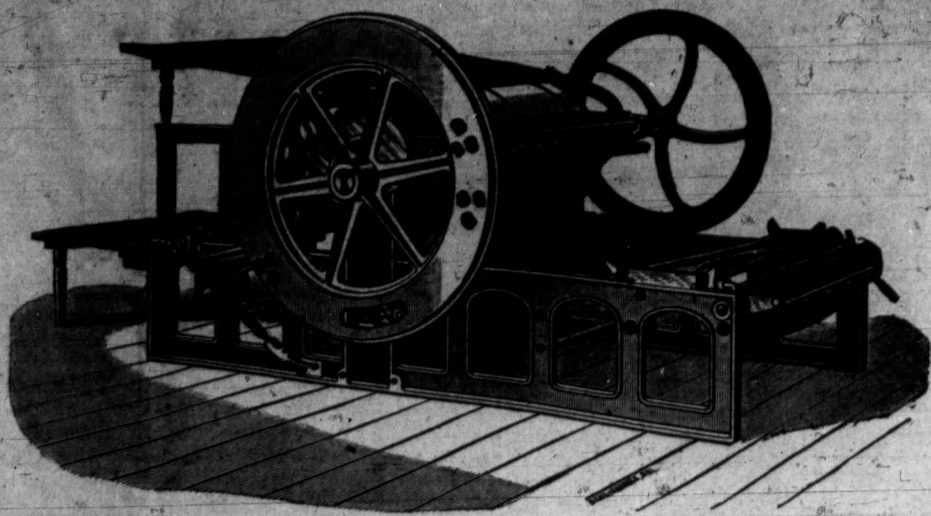
Brussels, Ont., May 22.—This morning the eldest son of Mr. John McKinnon, a farmer, living near town, while leading a yearling colt about half a mile from home got entangled in the halter rein and the colt dragged him about 40 rods, when he got clear, but not before the colt had trampled him to death.

Cochrane & Willson's is the place to buy field and garden seeds cheap. 453

Secondary Fire at Palmyra.

Our Palmyra correspondent writes: About 11 o'clock Tuesday night fire broke out in James Goeden's house, on the corner of Main and Talbot streets. It spread rapidly, but soon a large crowd was on the spot, and with pails of water the fire was confined to the one house.

Cummings gives a school boys companion with every boys suit. 460



THE "STANDARD'S" NEW PRESS.

WEST LORNE.

West Lorne, May 22.—Mrs. Ryckman who has been suffering from a carbuncle for some two months, is now convalescing rapidly.

Mrs. Loughheed is somewhat seriously indisposed this week.

J. Spencer is sufficiently recruited to be able to walk with the aid of a cane. His foot was severely crushed, but fortunately no bones were broken.

Detective Schmeltz, of the Kansas Detective Bureau, is in town this week, and from all appearances he is not idle.

John Bale has removed his portable saw mill to his brother's place on Hog street.

W. J. Ward was down to spend Sunday with his parents in Clifton.

Attend Cummings big sale of dry goods boots and shoes, clothing etc. Save 30 per cent. 460

HIGHGATE.

Highgate, May 22.—The Third Party has organized here, but has a small following owing to lack of a leader. Those who do follow are the class you mentioned in your editorial of last week.

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Andrew Atridge was buried here last week. He was 73 years old. The funeral was large, he being an old resident and much respected.

DARING ROBBERY.

How a Depositor in the Bank of Montreal Lost \$2300.

Montreal, May 21.—An impudent robbery of \$3300—\$2000 in checks and \$1300 in cash—occurred this afternoon at the Bank of Montreal. A clerk from the wholesale dry goods firm of Messrs. Thomas May & Co., named Denault, was sent as usual to the bank to make a deposit and placed the bank book with a roll of notes and checks upon the counter until the teller was disengaged.

The alarm was at once given and the assistance of the police and detectives instantly procured. The culprit, whoever he was, had obtained three or four minutes' stay and no clue has yet been obtained of his whereabouts.

The officers behind the counter or the two parties always on duty at the door had not noticed any suspicious character about the building, nor did they observe anyone leave the bank in haste or under any kind of suspicious circumstances.

Contribution to Eureka Fire Company

The following letter was received by Captain Forsythe on Tuesday from Sutherland, Innis & Co., Chatham:

D. FORSYTH, Esq., Captain of the Ridgetown Fire Brigade.

DEAR SIR,—We have much pleasure in enclosing you our cheque for the sum of \$30, as a contribution to your brigade, and we beg to express our hearty thanks for the assistance you gave us on the 7th of this month at Harwich Station. We deeply regret the fact that the M. C. R. was unable to furnish you the means of coming down earlier, as if they had done so we are satisfied you would have been able to have saved thousands of dollars worth of property for our firm.

TOWN COUNCIL.

Council met Tuesday evening, all present except T. Brown. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted. Following accounts passed and ordered paid: R. Moore, 90cts; E. McKay, \$9; F. Stett, \$3; David Barclay, \$4.72; Thos Bessel, \$4.50; W. Moore, \$6.22; S. Knight, \$4.72; B. Millor, \$4.72; H. Perter, \$4; A. Wrightman, \$33.66; W. Moore, \$5.20; E. Lumley, \$14.00; M. Bright, \$24.75; S. Everitt, \$3; W. J. Watson, \$34.20.

Mr. Shaw, for B. of W. said that streets had been leveled up with gravel and the sidewalks fixed up.

The F. & W. committee it seemed could not work together and some trouble had been caused by two of the members ordering electric light raised higher, and when the poles were put up they were ordered to be taken down and changed by the other member, and in doing so one of the poles was broken.

Watson also reported in regard to building tank; total cost \$48.50. Dart objected to this kind of report; he wanted written report same as other committees brought in, and if the men on this committee could not work for the interests of the town the council had better appoint one that would.

On motion of Drake—Lowthian rebate of taxes on English church amounting to \$4.10, also \$26.95 on Watt's foundry was granted.

Moved and carried that collector strike off \$4.10 on taxes of M. D. Blair an account of double assessment.

Moved by Drake—Jas. Brown that \$2 be granted for taking engine to station at time of Mull fire.

Dart thought as firemen had received \$30 from Mull for going they should bear expense. Laid over.

Motion in regard to sidewalk by-law read; Shaw speaking in favor of the new system, while Lowthian and Dart thought it would entail too much expense. Motion lost.

Dart wanted to know why roll was not returned to council before acceptance by treasurer; there was too much taxes remaining uncollected which he thought the collector by a little trouble could have collected. Motion in regard to same withdrawn.

Moved by Drake—Lowthian that solicitor be instructed not to appeal against decision re injunction but let the case go until fall as the expense would be too great.

In amendment by Grant—Watson that council adhere to former resolution in regard to purchase of Albert street property.

Amendment carried. Yes, Dart, Grant, Watson, Shaw, Kinney, Jas. Brown and Mayer.

Nays, Drake, Cochrane and Lowthian. Letter read from plaintiff's lawyer agreeing to pay all expenses, if the by-law was voted on by the ratepayers for purchase of above property.

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