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AT

Moorhouse's.

Goderich, Oct. 3rd, 1877.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, DEC. 5, 1877.

Quebec Election.

Flushed with the inglorious success at Arthabaska and Drummond, the Conservative party felt confident of defeating Hon. Mr. Laurier, Minister of Inland Revenue, in the election in Quebec Centre, where Mr. Thibadeau had retired in favor of the above gentleman. When Mr. Laurier had decided to accept the nomination in that constituency, rather than wait the result of the appeal against the result in his former constituency, every effort was made by the Opposition to secure his defeat. It was their object to wound the Government, completely ignoring the claims of ability and worth which Mr. Laurier had on public confidence. The English press received him cordially, as did the Liberal party, because of his qualifications, and in order to counteract this sentiment, the influence of the church and the leading members of the Quebec Ministry was brought to bear upon the voters. The efforts have proved futile, however, a majority of 316 in favor of Mr. Laurier being the result of the contest. Having built their hopes so high, the Conservative press has a lugubrious task in explaining the cause of their defeat. Naturally they turn to their time-worn complaint about bribery and corruption, and declare that immense sums of money were expended and the result will be quickly reversed by the courts. Mr. Laurier, however, is too honorable to obtain success through such means, as his conduct in the Drummond and Arthabaska election proves, when he refused money offered him, declaring that if the purchase of one vote was to secure him success he would scorn to use the money.

The opposition journals also declare that the action of the Government in extending the amnesty in the case of Riel and Lepine to W. B. O'Donoghue, was with the object of securing the Irish vote for Mr. Laurier. No reasonable objection can be made to the act by these papers, inasmuch as they have already contended that it should be done. Under the present circumstances they choose to forget, with characteristic inconsistency, the position they occupied so recently in relation to this matter, and endeavor to turn the act to answer a political purpose. And they further declare that the publication of the terms of amnesty was hastened so that it might be of use in Mr. Laurier's election. This statement is utterly false. The matter was discussed by the Government during the summer, a conclusion being arrived at in accordance with the recent proclamation; and this before there was any idea of Mr. Laurier being compelled to return to his constituency for re election. Formally, however, the action was not legalized until September, and the proclamation was only delayed that it might be made on Thanksgiving Day, after the manner of a good old English custom in publishing the exercise of the clemency of the Crown. Thus another Tory "mare's nest" is pulled to pieces.

A Central Show.

Our cotemporaries in Seaforth and Clinton have of late been discussing the possibility of establishing a central exhibition for the county of Huron. Both have decided the question in the affirmative, and the *Expositor* having proven to its own satisfaction that Seaforth is the place at which it should be held, the *New Era* gets indignant at the idea of its cotemporary adopting its scheme and thus locating the proposed show, setting forth that it (the *New Era*) in discussing the scheme did not mention any place, desiring that that question should be settled when the scheme was being properly discussed. Nevertheless the *New Era* unmistakably expresses its conviction that Clinton is the place of all places for such a purpose. This is a question of little importance, however, as we may never expect to see a central show in Huron, unless a so-called one is started by the enterprise of one of the towns on the principle of "throwing a sprat to catch a herring." As a local speculation it may be attempted, but it is very unlikely to be otherwise.

Already over a dozen agricultural exhibitions are held in the county each fall, and all are more or less successful, while several are held close to the boundaries of the county and in which a goodly number of the inhabitants of Huron are interested. This being the case all will readily admit that an additional show is hardly needed, particularly one of the character proposed by our cotemporaries. The majority of farmers want a show within an easy drive of their homes; if they have to travel fifteen or twenty miles, the attraction has to be considerable to induce even their attendance. The small shows are necessary, as they tried to maintain more generally the interest in such competitions, and encourage the more enterprising to try for higher honors at more extensive exhibitions, the result being that useful lessons are learned which will stimulate the ambitious to improve in modes of cultivation and raising stock. Our Riding shows being together the leading breeders of stock and owners of horses in the county, and the farmer sees all that he cares to see and can expect outside of the Provincial exhibition or one of the other large ones. If we consider what proportion of a Riding is represented by the exhibitors at one of its shows, we can judge how limited a representation would be had at a central fair. Besides the stock breeders and implement manufacturers, the exhibitors generally would be from the near vicinity of the place of holding the fair, and it could not be expected that it would be made of such proportions as would induce a general attendance of visitors from the county. The Riding Societies could not be united for this purpose, and if they could the exhibition would be fed from too limited a field to make it of such proportions as to draw from distant parts of the county visitors in such numbers as would be commensurate with the pretensions of the scheme. We think that the county now has all it requires in the way of agricultural shows, and if anything further is wanted than them our ambitious exhibitors would as soon go to London or Guelph as they would bring their stock fifteen or twenty miles to Goderich, Clinton or Seaforth. If the citizens of the two latter places have any money to spare to make a big spread and draw a crowd, they may get up a central fair, but they will have to go farther than a mere county one in order to make it a success.

THE result of the voting on the Dunkin Act in Wellington is a surprise to both parties, as all seemed inclined to the opinion that the contest would be very close. The result proves quite the contrary, the measure being defeated by a majority of 2,158 against the bill.

Literary Notes.

RURAL HOME.—This excellent journal of agriculture and horticulture is enlarged and generally much improved for 1878. Published at Rochester, N. Y., the centre of one of the finest agricultural districts in the Northern States and the acknowledged headquarters of horticultural experience, and edited by an experienced staff we do not wonder that the paper circulates so largely.—The price is only $1.50 a year post paid.

THE CANADIAN METHODIST MAGAZINE for December is, as usual, a literary treat. This number completes the sixth volume, and, as might be expected, is replete with Christmas stories—one by Mrs. H. B. Stowe descriptive of the first New England Christmas is specially readable. No Methodist family should be without this magazine, the price is only $2 a year, published by S. Rose, Toronto.

NEW DOMINION MONTHLY.—The December number is to hand with more than the average amount of matter, being the first specimen of what this excellent monthly will be during the coming year. The illustrations also show signs of improvement and doubtless will keep pace with the times. This king of our Canadian monthlies is published by John Dougall & Son of Montreal, at the low price of $2 a year.

HINTS AND HELPS TO HORSEMEN is a book of 117 pages, by "Sperry," being a manual for horsekeepers, with the racing and betting rules of the American Jockey Club. The work is specially valuable to dealers in horse flesh from the fact that "points of horse buying" are fully discussed, as well as breeding. It also contains a list of diseases and their remedies, with rules for feeding and stabling horses. The cost of the book is only 50 cents to be had of the publisher, Albert Cogswell, 139 Eighth street, New York.

VEGETABLE PLANTS.—This is the title of a treatise on the growing of garden and field vegetables by J. F. Tollinghast, an extensive and experienced grower at Factoryville, Wyoming Co., Pa. Every amateur knows how difficult it is to grow good healthy plants, and even if successful in producing them how numerous the enemies are that have to be warded off in order to obtain a crop. The past season has well proved this in the cabbage garden especially and no doubt a satisfactory explanation of the matter with a tried and successful remedy would be a boon to the grower, no matter on how small a scale he may work. All these matters are sensibly treated of in this work. Mr. Tillinghast does not agree with some learned professors on the cause of the disease known as *club root*, and the result of the ravages of the *flea beetle*, and from national experience we quite agree with him in his locality, and, to us, satisfactory proof of the position he takes. The remedies alone, which have been tested successfully, are well worth ten times the price of the work to any grower of plants.—The first edition is out containing 100 pages bound neatly at $1 per copy.

Legal Notes.

STEALING.—James F. Boyle charged with having stolen an overcoat on Oct. 8th, the property of John A. Sullivan, was up yesterday before Judge Squier and elected to be tried before the Judge.

BAYFIELD.

RECOVERED.—We are glad to be able to state that Mrs. Broley has entirely recovered from her late severe illness.

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

TEA MEETING.—On Monday, 17th inst., a tea meeting will be held in the Union church, when addresses will be delivered by Revs. J. C. Smith, Guelph, J. B. Mullan, Fergus, D. Mann, Granton, and the town clergymen. Excellent music will also be supplied. The proceeds will be applied towards the liquidation of the church debt.

COLBORNE.

LARGE CARROT.—Mr. John Fisher grew a carrot of the white Belgian variety measuring 3 feet 4½ inches in length, by measurement of Mr. Wm. Jenkins. Who can beat this?

—George Evans, of Goderich, has just completed a well for Mr. Thomas Ashton, Colborne, getting water after digging through 10 feet of clay, 30 feet of sand and 61 feet of gravel, making 104 feet in all.

CLINTON.

From a patch about ten rods long and four wide, Mr. J. Allison raised nearly two thousand heads of cellery, this fall.

Mr. Geo. Stanley has sold his farm of 80 acres, on the 11th con. of Goderich township, to a Mr. John Crooks, for the sum of $3,200.

The United Temperance Association, of this town, commemorated thanksgiving eve by an oyster supper, at which the whole strength of the Association assembled to participate in the festivities of the occasion. A good time was enjoyed.

On Wednesday evening the pupils of Miss Bond, teacher in the Model School, waited upon that lady, and presented her with a writing desk, morocco pocket-book, and copies of two literary works. On Friday evening the pupils of Miss Crotey, of the same school, presented her with a handsome copy of the Prayer Book. On Tuesday evening the scholars of Miss Ferguson and Miss Twohy presented the former with a writing case and pocket book, and the latter with a writing desk.

Some time since Mr. Jas. Twitchell, of this place, started a branch shop at Blyth, putting a man named A. C. Woodrow in charge. Up to Saturday last this person proved the fullest confidence of his employer, but on that morning he disappeared, and an investigation revealed the fact that he was an adroit swindler. He had procured suits of clothing from Messrs. Anderson & Elder, Towsley, and McKinnon, of Blyth, and Thos. Jackson of Clinton, all of whom are so much out. He borrowed sums of money wherever he could obtain a loan, and the evening previous to his departure his employer had sent him a number of notes for collection; these he shaved, and with the proceeds of his dishonest transactions he suddenly departed, no one knows where. How much he obtained is not definitely known, but the amount must be several hundred dollars.—*New Era.*

The following judicial appointments are announced from Ottawa:—Judge Moss to be Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal, in the room of the late Chief Justice Draper; Judge Morrison to be transferred to the Court of Appeal; Mr. J. D. Armour, Q. C., of Cobourg, to be a Puisne Judge of the Queen's Bench and Mr. E. J. Senkler, Q. C., to be Judge of the County Court of Lincoln.

"FROST BITES" are ugly things; a nose or ear swollen to twice its usual size is no more beautiful than it is comfortable. After trying many "cures" we come back and award the palm to Perry Davis' PAIN KILLER, "the indispensable," which affords relief quicker than any other thing we know of.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

OATS WANTED for cash at Hilliard & Co's, East Street.

PANCAKES!—Hilliard & Co. have on hand a fresh supply of Buckwheat flour. See adv.

GRAIN SHIPPED.—W. Seymour & Co., last week shipped 1200 bushels of fall wheat and 800 bushels of peas by rail.

SHIPMENTS.—Among the general shipments last week were the following: Wm. Campbell, 140 bbls salt; W. Stitt, 1 car of coal, and 48 packages of fish.

GARDENERS.—We have three orders on the leading seedsman and florist this continent still, which we will sell at a liberal discount for cash.

HIGH SCHOOL.—Intending candidates should bear in mind that the entrance examination to the High School takes place at the Central School, Goderich, on Tuesday and Wednesday next.

HARBOR MILLS.—Since our last report the shipments from the mill were 4890 bars and 100 bbls of flour. The barge Muskoka and Waubashene last week brought 42,000 bushels of wheat to the mill

LUMBER.—The receipts last week were 240,000 ft by schr Niagara and 280,000 ft by barge Mary Robertson for Secord, Cozens & Co. The latter firm shipped 26 cars, and Williams & Murray 2 cars.

CORDWOOD.—Those having cordwood for sale will find a ready market by calling on Messrs. J. A. McIntosh & Co., who want to purchase 7,000 cords. See adv. in another column, and give them a call.

Y. M. C. A.—The association will hold their anniversary entertainment on 27th inst. As preparations are being made on a large scale the public may look for a treat. Further particulars will be given next week.

KNOX CHURCH.—On Sabbath, 16th inst., Rev. J. B. Mullan, of Fergus, will preach in the morning, and the Rev. D. Mann, of Granton, in the evening, at the usual hours; and in the afternoon, at half-past two, the Rev. J. B. Mullan will address the children. Collection in aid of the Sabbath School.

MISS SOPHIE MILES supported by Spackman's Royal Star Dramatic Co. will perform in the Oddfellows' Hall, on the evenings of 6th, 7th and 8th Dec. inst. It is only necessary to mention the name of Miss Sophie Miles to ensure a large audience.

WANTED.—$15,000 wanted in sums of about $500 on first class security for a long or short term of years as desired, at eight per cent, the first year and ten per cent. after. Applications from those having cash to invest must be made on or before 14th inst. Further particulars by calling at SIGNAL office.

TO STUDENTS.—We have college scrip on the leading college of the Dominion for sale, and if applied for at once will sell at a liberal discount. This is an excellent opportunity for any young man desiring to take a course of studies this winter in the best practical college in the country.

HARDWARE.—Those requiring anything in the hardware line, can get it at prices to defy competition, at the store of Mr. G. H. Parsons, who advertises in another column. Having made special arrangements for goods, Mr. Parsons can fill orders of any size, at prices more liberal than we have ever before seen.

SUMMER HOTEL.—As very important business comes up at the meeting of this company this evening we expect to see a large attendance of the stockholders. Matters affecting the stock will come up for decision, and to avoid further unpleasantness every stockholder should be present. The meeting will be in the Council Chamber, at eight o'clock and is intended for stockholders specially.

CLOTHING AT AUCTION.—Don't forget the great sale of clothing of every description, tweeds, &c., to be sold to-morrow at 10 o'clock, P. Whately & Co's rooms corner of Square and Kingston St., by J. C. Currie. The sale begins at 1 o'clock p. m., and will be continued in the evening at 7 o'clock. All goods to be sold to the highest bidder without regard to price.

MARKET PRICES.—Farmers are coming long distances to the Goderich market this season, and the old time business is gradually returning. This is because of the prices offered here, which range as high as ten cents in some cases over the prices paid in adjacent markets. This we learn from the farmers themselves, and in one instance on Monday a farmer got $1.03 for red chaff wheat, for which he was offered only $1 in Clinton.

TEMPERANCE.—An entertainment consisting of addresses and choice music and singing will be given, to-morrow evening, in the Temperance Hall, North St., under the auspices of the Women's Temperance Union. Being the first of a series of entertainments the managers have decided to make no entrance charge and we bespeak for them a crowded house. The chair will be taken at 7.30 o'clock.

TEA MEETING.—On Tuesday, 18th inst., a tea meeting will be held in Knox Church, when addresses will be delivered by Rev. J. C. Smith, of Guelph; Rev. J. B. Mullan, of Fergus; Rev. D. Mann, of Granton, and the local clergymen and others. The choir is preparing a very choice programme, also, and a rare treat can be depended on. The proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of papers and a new library for the Sabbath School.

SPECIAL SALE.—On Saturday next commencing at one o'clock, Mr. J. C Currie, Auctioneer will hold an auction sale at his Auction Mart of overcoats, horse blankets, sleigh bells, wolf skin and buffalo robes, feather beds, pillows, quilts, &c., also, the unsold portion of Mrs. Rumball's books, consisting of Shakespeare, Byron, Cowper, Miller, Burns and other works. As Mr. Currie is determined to clear out the whole of the stock, to make room for a stock more suitable for the holiday season, bargains may be expected.

IN WINTER QUARTERS.—Navigation has virtually closed, so far as this port is concerned, all the vessels that are expected having arrived and gone into winter quarters. The lake, however, is yet open and quite navigable. The vessels at present laid up here are Schooners Tecumseh, Jane McLeod, Jenny Rumball, Tolman, Ontario, Regina, Niagara and Kolfage, scow Ploughboy, steam barge Mary Robertson, barges Lizzy, Gibraltar, Muskoka and Waubashene and tug Mayham. Official notice has been given that the Welland Canal will be closed to-day.

ENGLISH SPARROWS.—About thirty of these birds visited this town last Thursday. They remained around the court house and market house during the following day, but not finding any comfortable winter quarters they took off for some town where the "sparrows" have been liberal enough to provide comfortable lodging for the little strangers. Why could not that abominable old market house be put to some sort of use? If openings had been made in convenient places and comfortable boxes placed inside, these sparrows would no doubt have remained. It would cost something be done to make us all birds to remain with us.

[illegible] The regular meeting of the Council took place on Monday evening, all the members being present except Mr. [illegible]. The Principals report for [illegible] showed the average attendance to be [illegible]; number on roll [illegible]. Some [illegible] was transacted [illegible] Model School [illegible] Mr. Simpson [illegible] Mr. Dyett [illegible] Mr. Arthur Ross and Mr. [illegible] Mr. Sproat [illegible] Mr. Sproat [illegible] Mr. Sproat