

Morris.

Peter Hill, of Morris has sold his farm of 100 acres to H. Robb for the sum of \$4,200. It is Mr. Hill's intention to remove to the Northwest.

Rev. A. G. Harris will preach the annual missionary sermon in Johnston's church, on Sunday, Dec. 4th. Annual meeting on the following Monday evening.

R. Lees, a former resident of Morris, has been re-engaged as assistant master at the Norwood High School, at a salary of \$600. Mr. Lees is a first-class teacher and is doing good work.

John H. McCassey, formerly of Sunshine, has been engaged as teacher in S. S. No. 4, Derby, for the ensuing year at a salary of \$375. Mr. McCassey is proving himself a successful teacher. The six pupils that he trained for the entrance, passed with highly creditable marks.

Auburn.

PRESENTATION.—A few of the members of the Canada Methodist Church here called on the Rev. Mr. Hillyard, Baptist Minister, a resident of this place, and tendered to him a presentation accompanied by the following address:

Rev. and Dear Sir—A few of the members of the Manchester Methodist Church desire your acceptance of the small sum of money accompanying this address. They sincerely hope that you will not regard it as a remuneration for the very excellent service you have rendered in the absence of their pastor; but having sat again and again under your ministry with very great pleasure and profit, they do not feel satisfied that no acknowledgment should be made. They have also felt themselves most happy in having among them such worthy persons as your estimable lady and yourself, and as they now see you pressing on to the end of your journey their hearts' desire and prayer to God is, that in life and decline you may both ever feel near you the God whom you have so often recommended to others; and that when your earthly pilgrimage shall close, you may pass away into the beautitudes of heaven.

Clinton.

Mr. W. Mackie, Exeter, will soon open a stock of goods in the store lately occupied by Messrs. Palliser & Co.

PURCHASE.—Mr. Henry Young has purchased Mr. Laurence Pearson's lot and house on Rattenbury street, for \$500.

One day recently Rev. Mr. Thomas married a couple, baptised an infant, and buried an adult, all inside of a few hours—a thing he never before did in one day.

Mr. Jas. Sheppard, who has been in Dakota for the past summer, has returned home. It is said that his investments in land have been very profitable. Mr. D. McLaughlin has also returned.

CLINTON DRIVING PARK.—The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Clinton Driving Park Association was held at the Rattenbury House, on Friday evening. Mr. N. Robson was appointed secretary pro tem. The secretary submitted a financial statement for the past year, showing a balance on hand of \$192.23. Directors were then balloted for, for the ensuing year, the following being elected:—I. Rattenbury, J. Copp, D. Dickson, W. Jackson, D. A. Forrester, D. B. Kennedy, P. McLaren, John Mason, and O. S. Doan. After votes of thanks to the retiring officers, the meeting adjourned, and a meeting of the Directors was held, Mr. D. A. Forrester was then appointed President of the Association for the ensuing year; Mr. W. Sheppard, Secy-Treasurer. Working Committee:—D. Dickinson, I. Rattenbury and D. B. Kennedy. [New Era.]

Brussels.

DAI. Scott, who has been away in Denver, Colorado, for about a year and a half, returned home last Saturday afternoon.

John E. Smith has sold his "Clear Grit" colts, one to Strachan Bros. for \$100, one to A. McKay for \$70, and one to A. R. Smith for \$100.

PRESENTATION.—Last Monday evening the members of Melville Church choir presented Mrs. Hood, a member of the choir, with a handsome autograph album and ink stand, on the eve of his departure for Michigan, where he will reside this winter. He started on Wednesday.

PROFITABLE.—All the good bargains in land are not made in Manitoba for these. Kelly, of this village, sold his \$100 acre farm in Morris last week to Messrs. McDonald, mill owners at Walton, for the sum of \$2,500. Mr. Kelly brought this lot 10 years ago from the Government for \$100. He cleared over \$3,000 on the lot including the sale of timber, cordwood etc.

The Post speaks right out in meeting and says:—John D. Ronald would fain have the people of Brussels believe that they had struck a bonanza when the foundry was built in our village. He comes before the Council after the time given him for fulfilling the terms of the by-law has expired, and the foundry closed, and tells them the foundry has been kept open, because he has worked there himself. He makes an offer to the corporation that for the sum of \$3,000 he will give over his claim on the foundry and premises, if he is allowed to retain his house, yet in the same breath, almost, he tells them that he will fight to the last. We can see some reason for Mr. Ronald wishing to realize something out of the foundry before giving up possession, but his argument brought forward trying to convince the people of Brussels that the foundry had provided blessing and benefit to the place is too "gauzy." The Council have very properly refused his offer and unanimously agreed to allow E. E. Wade, solicitor, to proceed with the case. The ratemakers need no stronger proof of the foundry proving itself to be a "white elephant," than the handing over of a large amount of taxes to Jas. Knox, the collector, at this season of the year. Mr. Ronald states that it has been a losing speculation to him and, say for the village it has been ditto.

Bulletin.

FARM PURCHASE.—Mr. Alex. Callender has purchased the farm near Londonborough, formerly occupied by Mr. Geo. Rose, and known as the W. T. Holmes property, for the sum of \$1,825. The farm contains only twenty-five acres.

ACCIDENT.—We regret to learn that Mr. Joseph Lyons, Sr., of Hullett, met with a somewhat serious accident on Friday last. He was engaged in loading wheat, when by some means he fell, breaking ribs, and sustaining internal injuries which have since confined him to bed.

Goderich Township.

ANOTHER IMPORTED HORSE.—On Friday evening Mr. John Beacom, of Goderich township, returned from Kentucky with the Hambletonian stallion, Tontine, he had purchased there. It stands over 16 hands high, is a beautiful bay, rising three years old, and is well proportioned in all points. It is said to be able to make capital trotting time, and those competent to pass an opinion, proclaim it to be ahead of anything yet brought into this county. It was got by Belmont, dam Guave, by Woodford Manbrino. Belmont has sired five trotters in the 2.30 list, and is the only horse that has sired two stallions in the 2.30 list. Woodford Manbrino's record is 2.21 1/2 and he has sired seven in the 2.30 list; he is also the sire of Princeup, which is the sire of the dam of Trinker, which has trotted in 2.14. Mr. Alexander, of whom Tontine was purchased, has the reputation of breeding some of the finest horses in America. We believe that Mr. Beacom's endeavor to improve the trotting stock of this county will be appreciated as it should. [New Era.]

["Foxall" the fastest running horse living, and "Maud S." the fastest trotter were raised by Mr. Alexander on the Kentucky "blue grass".—[Ed.]

Bayfield.

Mr. Cullen has been awarded the contract of building the iron doors for the new lock up. Make them strong Davy.

Mr. Hugh McLeod and wife while returning home from Gravelton, on Friday evening, met with an accident which might have proved fatal. Owing to the intense darkness of the night the driver mistook the road and drove over the river bank near the River Hotel, throwing Mr. McLeod out on his head. He was taken to Mr. Morgan's Hotel in a state of unconsciousness where proper restoratives were administered when he soon recovered and was able to proceed home. Fortunately Mrs. McLeod escaped unhurt.

The Rev. Mr. McCosh, Episcopal minister of our village, received a card from Varna, wishing him to be at home on Friday evening. Supposing there was a wedding to take place, he arranged everything in accordance—registered certificate, etc. But judge his surprise when about 7 o'clock about 25 of his Varna friends took the place by storm, and after an able address, read by Mr. James Armstrong, he was presented with a very valuable lion skin robe and a fur overcoat valued at about \$75. After Mr. McCosh came to himself he replied, thanking his friends for their great esteem of him, when the party went to a supper provided by the guests. The party broke up about 10 o'clock after spending a very pleasant evening.

Seaford.

Mr. James Weir, well known as a popular landlord, has purchased the Mansion Hotel in this town for \$7,000. He took possession on Monday last.

The Runciman foundry property in this town has been sold to Mr. Henry, from Newmarket for the sum of \$4,000. The new purchaser intends putting it in efficient working order, and if he is a suitable man for the business he will do well.

RAILWAY DELIBERATION.—The Epistolar says a delegation from this town visited Mitchell on Friday last for the purpose of consulting with the people of that town concerning the proposed extension of the St. Marys and Credit Valley Railway from St. Marys via Mitchell, Dublin and Seaford. The delegation were very cordially received by the Mayor and a large number of the business men of the town, who met them in the Council chamber. The people of that town have labored under the same disadvantages that Seaford and other towns have for lack of railway competition, and are equally desirous to have those disadvantages removed by securing additional railway facilities, and the prospects are that they will work harmoniously and energetically in connection with Seaford and other municipalities interested will be held in a few days, when definite arrangements will be made to place the scheme fairly on foot.

Meteorological Report.

Report of the weather for the week ending Nov. 22nd, 1881.
Nov. 16th—Wind at 10 p. m. S. E., fresh, cloudy. No. of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 345.
17th—Wind at 10 p. m. S., brisk gale, showery. No. of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 655.
18th—Wind at 10 p. m. N. E., light snow flurries. No. of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 600.
19th—Wind at 10 p. m. S. W., heavy gale, cloudy. 3 inches of snow fell during the night. No. of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 376.
20th—Wind at 10 p. m. S., brisk gale, cloudy. No. of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 932.
21st—Wind at 10 p. m. N. E., fresh, snowing, began to snow at 7 p. m., 1 inch of snow fell during the night. No. of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 882.
22nd—Wind at 10 p. m. S. E., fresh, clear. No. of miles wind travelled in 24 hours 439.

G. N. MACDONALD, Observer, Goderich, Nov. 23rd, 1881.

Roadkills.

Unless arrested, will terminate in consumption. An almost never failing cure for the complaint is found in Allen's Lung Balm, which can be had of any Druggist, price \$1 per bottle.

The Proposed Railway from Goderich to Woodstock.

From the Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

The proposition to construct a railway from Goderich to Woodstock is evidently exciting the interest of our neighbors. They see clearly the vantage ground that Woodstock has gained by its liberal but judicious encouragement to feasible railway enterprises, and they are now bestirring themselves to get on equal footing with her. This is commendable, and we have no desire to discourage them in the slightest. Stratford for example finds herself, in spite of a large expenditure to secure railway traffic competition, still at the mercy of a single line of railway. The disadvantage of this position is being felt severely and will increase from year to year. Under these circumstances it is only natural that she should look about for connection with the Credit Valley or some other trunk line. Such connection cannot affect perceptibly the railway interests of Woodstock, which can well afford to wish its Northern neighbor the fullest success in its present effort.

But we observe that the city of London is becoming alarmed lest its railway interests will suffer if the proposed connection between Goderich and Woodstock is made. The ratepayers of the Forest City, judging from the tone of its press, are quick to recognize the feasibility of the Goderich and Woodstock connection, and its many advantages to the intervening district are readily acknowledged. But then, London will suffer in consequence, and therefore London steps promptly to the front and generously proffers the suggestion that Goderich could find a shorter and easier way out of its present isolated railway position by a line to connect with the Great Western at Clinton, and thus keep off London's rich territorial preserve, and at the same time make a new and important connection for the Great Western. In the interests of London this proposition is undoubtedly a shrewd one, altho' it comes late and at a suspicious moment. But how would it affect the large and rich agricultural districts of which Exeter, St. Marys and Embro are the centres? They would be left as at present entirely without railway facilities, or struggling against the disadvantages of a want of traffic competition. Exeter and the fine townships of which it is the centre would continue tributary to the Great Western and the City of London; while St. Marys would continue to pay tickets to the Grand Trunk, Embro and adjacent territory being entirely left out in the cold. This is London's proposition, and such would be the results if it were carried out.

Nor would Goderich be half so well served by the Clinton connection. As the county town of Huron, it is the natural centre to which the local interests and business of the other municipalities turn. There they go for the transaction of municipal, judicial, registration, and other business. It is consequently of the utmost importance to Goderich that it should have direct railway communication with all the other municipalities of the county of Huron. Otherwise it must inevitably fall behind in the march of progress, as indeed it has already done. Now the line to Clinton would give Goderich no new local connections whatever; the only possible advantage by it being a new connection, quite roundabout too, with Toronto. This can be obtained more advantageously by connection with the Credit Valley at Woodstock, and at the same time a direct communication secured with all the wealthy municipalities to the east, which now turn to London for railway facilities.

It seems highly improbable, that Goderich will be caught by this rather suspicious suggestion coming from London, whose interests in this matter are by no means identical with its own. It is intended only as a stumbling block, but the fact that such a suggestion has been made, should prompt Goderich, Exeter, St. Marys, and the townships and municipalities interested, to lose no time in pushing forward the proposed Goderich and Credit Valley connection at Woodstock to an immediate completion, if that is found to be possible.

The Conservative Leaver.

The Conservative leaders did not forget to give the Ontario Opposition a lift in passing the resolutions. The Ontario Opposition does not strike terror to anybody's soul on account of its formidableness, as it is not as formidable as it might be. Contrasting it with what it once was is like looking through the different ends of a telescope, so much has it shrivelled up. But it is still hopeful. It used to be considered a very grave offence on the part of the politicians to show any connection between Dominion and Provincial parties. But that idea has been dissipated by later events. The Conservatives not only favor interjecting politics into the Local Legislatures, but into the municipal councils also. Their leaders and their organs seem to think it necessary to drag politics into all the affairs of life, from the discussion of the country's future down to church meetings and social gatherings.—[Telegram.]

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Hon. Adam Crooks Thinks Ovid Immoral and Suppresses Him.

It will be seen from the following circular that Hon Adam Crooks will not allow Mr. Patton to be sole censor of the public morals.

TORONTO, Nov. 23, 1881.

SIR: I am directed by the minister to call your attention to an edition of the *Heroides of Ovid*, published by Willing & Williamson, which, on examination by one of the high school inspectors, is found in several portions specially objectionable and unfit to be used in the high schools, especially considering the number of female pupils who are likely to be instructed in it. The book, moreover, is unauthorized, and should be withdrawn from use, and this will probably result in an unobjectionable edition being issued. Your obedient servant,
ALEX. MARLING, Secretary.

A Word to Teachers.

Many of the school sections are now advertising for teachers. In this connection it may not be out of place to remind trustees and parents of school children that the cheapest teachers are not always the best. While the salaries of teachers have very much increased of late years, it must be confessed that many of our teachers are still shamefully underpaid. The standard of qualification now required of them necessitates not only good natural ability, but close and long continued study. In addition to this, the duties of any teacher who hopes to achieve successful results in their character, and can only be performed with continued success by one who has both thorough training and special aptitude for the work. Such a person should be well paid, and should not be subjected to degrading competition with those who are unqualified and who are willing to accept whatever salary trustees may offer. Trustees should in every case endeavor to secure the very best talent available, and should not hesitate to pay for it. Parents in every school section should see that school boards do not degrade the character of the schools by hiring inferior teachers simply because they are cheap, and thus sacrifice the interests of their children.

Behind the Age.

Mr. Alpheus Todd is an able librarian but he is a fossil Tory, and the doctrines that he preaches in the *Canadian Monthly* suggest the idea that like Rip Van Winkle he has been asleep for twenty years. Mr. Todd is the son of the man who wrote the following: "Nonconformist's should have religious liberty but not one atom of political power."

Little Maude Murdoch.

Judge Osler made the order on Thursday in this matter. "It is ordered that the child Maude Murdoch, do remain for the present in the custody of the mother, Eleanor Murdoch, and it is further directed that the father, W. G. Murdoch, be at liberty to see the said child between the hours of 2 and 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoons, and between the hours of 9 and 11 o'clock on Sunday forenoons.

The annual meeting of Reformers of North Grey was held at Owen Sound on Friday. There was a large representation from different municipalities in attendance. Officers for the ensuing year were elected. A discussion took place on organization and other preliminaries preparatory to a general election. It was decided to hold a convention on 13th January for selection of candidates for both Houses.

Henry Johnson (mulatto) was executed on Friday, at Sumter, for the murder of John Davis, a well-to-do negro. Johnson professed religion during his incarceration, and prayed on the gallows; but did not profess his innocence, as he continued to do until a few days ago. The criminal's neck was broken. After his arrest he stated that he was in love with Davis' wife, and, being unable to secure her affection, he consulted a voodoo doctor, Orange Isaacs, who gave him a charm, which operated to the extent of making the woman love him. She refused to live with him unless separated from her husband, and the magician gave Johnson a charmed bullet, which, he said, would fix Davis. He promised to give him another charm, which would save him from harm. Johnson maintained that he protested against the crime, but was impelled to the murder by Isaacs. Johnson shot and instantly killed Davis, and went to live with the woman. Isaacs was arrested, but there being no evidence against him except the prisoner's statement he was discharged. During the trial two of the jurors were taken sick, and the negroes supposed the charm was working. The negroes were greatly surprised when the jury found a verdict of guilty.

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