LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1878.

VICTORY!

National Policy Triumphant.

THE MACKENZIE GOVERNMENT ROUTED.

BLAKE, CARTWRIGHT, AND JONES, AMONG THE SLAUGHTERED.

Over Fifty Seats Redeemed.

All the Provinces, save one, go Conservative by Great Majorities.

FREE TRADE DOOMED.

The returns which we publish to-day show that a mighty victory has been gained by the Conservative party, that the bottom has been completely knocked out of the Mackenzie Government, and that the new House of Commons will be composed of a majority of about 70 Conservatives. Victory crowned the National cause everywhere. Ontario has been carried by nearly three to one, Quebec by over two to one, Nova Scotia, two to one, and Prince Edward five to one. New Brunswick is the only Province in which the Government retain a majority. Many of the most prominent members of the Ministerial party have fallen in the perfect holocaust that has swept over the country. Blake, Cartwright, Jones, Coffin, Dymond, Young, McDonald (Centre Toronto,) Wood, Irving, Blain, Devlin, Church, Bertram, Barthe, Cook, and a host of others are among the slaughtered. London, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, St. John and Halifax have all returned Conservatives, while Quebec and Kingston are the only cities in which Grits have been given any quarter. Sir John A. Macdonald's defeat is a matter of general regret, but there is no doubt another constituency will be offered him immediately. P. B. Plumb of Niagara, and the Messrs. Gibbs, have also to be chronicled among the losses; but the host of redeemed constituencies in Ontario alone sink these into comparative insignificance. Among the latter are the Waterloos, North Wellington, S. Bruce, North Grey, North Simcoe, Peel, Essex, East Durham, Hamilton, Toronto Centre, and many others which were considered Grit strongholds. We are as yet unable to give correct majorities to any extent, but of those reported, Premier Mackenzie's was reduced to 150; Blake was defeated by 82; Drew's majority in North Wellington was 92; Orton's in the Centre, 6; and Guthrie's in the South, 311. In North Huron Farrow was returned by about 100; the same figures are given for Cameron in the South; Horton's majority in the Centre not reported. South Perth, we regret to say, still clings to its idol, but Dr. Hornibrook has the satisfaction of having fought a gallant battle, and reduced Mr. Trow's strength to a comparatively low figure. Edgar the Grit poetaster can now leisurely tune his lyre, and take what consolation he can in singing "There's no place like home;" while "come along John" Walker, Glass, Scatchard *et hoc genus omnes*, may now calmly reflect on the uncertainty of the ballot. There is such a mere corporal's guard left that it would be [illegible] to indulge in any loud [illegible] over the sanguine victory achieved by the Conservative party. The voice of the people has been heard; "free trade" and incapable government have received their doom; and out of the brilliant galaxy of members that have been returned to uphold the National Policy we confidently trust that an administration will be formed that will prove a blessing to Canada.

The following are the members returned so far as heard from:

ONTARIO.

Constituency.	Member.	M.	O
Addington	McRory	0	1
Algoma			
Bothwell	Mills	1	0
Brant N	Fleming	1	0
Brant S	Patterson	1	0
Brockville	Fitzsimmons	0	1
Bruce N	Gillies	1	0
Bruce S	Shaw	0	1
Cardwell	White	0	1
Carleton	Rochester	0	1
Cornwall	Bergin	0	1
Dundas	Ross	0	1
Durham E	Williams	0	1
Durham W	Burk	1	0
Elgin W	Casey	1	0
Elgin E	Arkell	0	1
Essex	Patterson	0	1
Frontenac	Kirkpatrick	0	1
Glengarry	Maclennan	0	1
Grenville S	Wiser	1	0
Grey E	Sproule	0	1
Grey N	Lane	0	1
Grey S	Jackson	0	1
Haldimand	Thompson	1	0
Halton	Macdougall	0	1
Hamilton	Kilvert	0	1
	Robertson	0	1
Hastings E	Aylesworth	1	0
Hastings N	Bowell	0	1
Hastings W	Brown	1	0
Huron N	Farrow	0	1
Huron S	Cameron	1	0
Huron C	Horton	1	0
Kent	Stephenson	0	1
Kingston	Gunn	1	0
Lambton	A Mackenzie	1	0
Lanark N	Galbraith	1	0
Lanark S	Haggart	0	1
Leeds and Grenville N	Ferguson	0	1
Leeds S	Jones	0	1
Lennox	Hooper	0	1
Lincoln	Rykert	0	1
London	Carling	0	1
Middlesex N	Coughlin	0	1
Middlesex E	Macmillan	0	1
Middlesex W	Ross	1	0
Monck	McCallum	0	1
Muskoka		0	0
Niagara	Hughes	1	0
Norfolk N	Charlton	1	0
Norfolk S	Wallace	0	1
Northumb'lnd E	Keeler	0	1
Northumb'lnd W	Cockburn		1
Ontario N	Wheeler	1	0
Ontario S	Glenn	1	0
Ottawa City	Currier	0	1
	Tasse	0	1
Oxford N	Olliver	1	0
Oxford S	Skinner	1	0
Peel	Elliott	0	1
Perth N	Hesson	0	1
Perth S	Trow	1	0
Peterborough E	Burnham	0	1
Peterborough W	Hilliard	0	1
Prescott	Routhier	0	1
Prince Edward	McCuaig	0	1
Renfrew N	White	0	1
Renfrew S	Bannerman	0	1
Russel	O'Connor	0	1
Simcoe N	McCarthy	0	1
Simcoe S	Little	0	1
Stormont	Fulton	0	1
Toronto C	Hay	0	1
Toronto E	Platt	0	1
Toronto W	Robinson	0	1
Victoria N	Cameron	0	1
Victoria S	McQuade	0	1
Waterloo N	Kranz	0	1
Waterloo S	Merner	0	1
Welland	Bunting	0	1
Wellington C	Orton	0	1
Wellington N	Drew	0	1
Wellington S	Guthrie	1	0
Wentworth N	Bain	1	0
Wentworth S	Rymal	1	0
York E	Boultbee	0	1
York N	Strange	0	1
York W	Wallace	0	1

QUEBEC.

Constituency.	Member.	M.	O
Argenteuil	Christie	1	0
Bagot	Mousseau	0	1
Beauce	Boldue	0	1
Beauharnois	Cayley	0	1
Bellechasse	Larue	1	0
Berthier	Cuthbert	0	1
Bonaventure	Robitaille	0	1
Brome	Chandler	1	0
Chambly	Benoit	0	1
Champlain	Montplaisir	0	1
Charlevoix	Tremblay	1	0
Chateauguay	Holton	1	0
Chicoutimi		0	0
Compton	Pope	0	1
Dorchester	Roleau	0	1
Drummond and Arthabaska	Bourbeau	0	1
Gaspe			
Hochelaga	Desjardins	0	1
Iberville	Rechard	1	0
Jacques Cartier	Laflamme	1	0
Joliette	Baby	0	1
Kamouraska	Dumont	0	1
Laprairie	Pinsonneault	0	1
L'Assomption	Hurteau	0	1
Levis	Blanchet	0	1
L'Islet	Casgrain	1	0
Lotbiniere	Rinfret	1	0
Maskinonge	Houde	0	1
Megantic	Oliver	1	0
Missisquoi	Baker	0	1
Montcalm		0	0
Montmagny			
Montmorenci	Valin	0	1
Montreal C	Ryan	0	1
Montreal, E	Coursol	0	1
Montreal W	Gault	0	1
Napierville	Coupal	1	0
Nicolet	Method	0	1
Ottawa Co	Wright	0	1
Pontiac	Poupore	0	1
Portneuf	De St Georges	1	0
Quebec C	Malouin	1	0
Quebec E	Laurier	1	0
Quebec County	Caron	0	1
Richelieu	Massue	0	1
Richmond & Wolfe	Ives	0	1
Rimouski	Fiset	1	0
Rouville	Gigault	0	1
St Hyacinthe	Tellier	0	1
St John Q	Bourassa	1	0
St Maurice	De Saulniers	0	1
Shefford	Huntington	1	0
Soulanges	Lanthier	0	1
Stanstead	Colby	0	1
Temiscouata	Grandbois	0	1
Terrebonne	Masson	0	1
Three Rivers	McDougall	0	1
Two Mountains	Daoust	0	1
Vaudreuil	Mongenais	0	1
Verchères	Geoffrion	1	0
Yamaska	Gill	0	1

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Constituency.	Member.	M.	O
Albert	Wallace	1	0
Carlton	Connell	0	1
Charlotte	Gilmour	1	0
Kent	Girouard	1	0
King's	Domville	0	1
Northumberland	Snowball	1	0
Queen's	King	1	0
St John City	Tilley	0	1
St John City and County	Burpee	1	0
	Weldon	1	0
Sunbury	Burpee	1	0
Victoria	Costigan	0	1
Westmoreland	Smith Sir A G	1	0
York	Pickard	1	0

NOVA SCOTIA.

Constituency.	Member.	M.	O
Annapolis	Langley	0	1
Antigonish	McIsaac	1	0
Cape Breton	McLeod	0	1
	McDonald	0	1
Colchester	McKay	0	1
Cumberland	Tupper	0	1
Digby	Wade	0	1
Guysboro'	Ogden	0	1
Halifax	Richey	0	1
	Daly	0	1
Hants	Allison	0	1
Inverness	McDonnell	1	0
King's	Borden	1	0
Lunenburg	Kaulback	0	1
Pictou	McDonald	0	1
	Dowell	0	1
Queen's	Bill	0	1
Richmond	Flynn	1	0
Shelburne	Robertson	1	0
Victoria	McDonald	1	0
Yarmouth	Killam	1	0

P. E. ISLAND.

Constituency.	Member.	M.	O
King's	McDonald	0	1
	Muttart	0	1
Queen's	Pope	0	1
	Brecken	0	1
Prince	Yeo	1	0
	Hackett	0	1

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

Constituency.	Member.	M.	O
Gloucester N B	Anglin	1	0
Quebec W	McGreevy	0	1
Laval	Ouimet	0	1
Sherbrooke	Brooks	0	1
Restigouche	Haddow (Ind)	1	0
Huntingdon	Scriver	1	0

HURRAH FOR HESSON!

NORTH PERTH STANDS FAST.

A Glorious Victory for the National Party.

GRIT CANDIDATE DEFEATED BY 84.

Glorious North Perth, like the great host of constituencies throughout the Dominion [illegible] done her duty and done it [illegible] too. Systematic [illegible] ersion and the most extraordinary vigilance ever attempted in this riding failed to shake the electors of North Perth from their faith in the national principles of the Conservative party. Nobly have they stood to their predilections, and victory has been their reward. We rejoice at the result, as every trueman should, for we see in it a determination to uphold the right and battle bravely for the country's good.

The following is the return for this Riding, showing the total majorities for the candidates in each Municipality, also in Polling Districts so far as heard from. A more complete statement will be given in a subsequent issue:

Listowel.	Fisher.	Hesson.
East Ward	26	—
Centre Ward	28	—
West Ward	—	11

Majority for Fisher, 43.

Wallace.	Fisher.	Hesson.
Gowanstown	—	23
Greer's	—	12
Little's	—	29
Craig's	—	43
Doan's	43	—

Majority for Hesson, 64.

Elma.	Fisher.	Hesson.
Trowbridge	14	—
Britton	—	5
Moncton	—	38
Donegal	—	42

Majority for Hesson, 71.

TOTAL MAJORITIES.

	Fisher.	Hesson.
Listowel	43	—
Palmerston	—	20
Wallace	—	64
Elma	—	71
Mornington	—	33
Logan	—	109
Ellice	—	14
North Easthope	289	—
Stratford	—	105
	332	416

Grand total majority for Hesson, 84.

THE LATEST RETURNS.

A CONSERVATIVE MAJORITY OF 61 IN THE DOMINION.

Complete returns are not to hand as we go to press, but the following will exhibit the state of affairs in the major Provinces:—

ONTARIO.

Liberal-Conservatives	60
Grits	26
Conservative majority	34

QUEBEC.

Liberal-Canservatives	42
Rouge-Grits	19
Conservative majority	23

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Maritime Grits	11
Liberal-Conservatives	4
Grit majority	7

NOVA SCOTIA.

Liberal-Conservatives	14
Maritime Grits	7
Conservative majority	7

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Liberal Conservaties	5
Maritime Grits	1
Conservative majority	4

TOTAL MAJORITIES.

Liberal-Conservatives	68
Grits	7
Total Conservative majority	61

In Ontario the constituencies to be heard from are *Muskoka, Algoma.*

In Quebec the returns are not yet received from *Chicoutimi, Montcalm, Montmagny, Gaspe.*

In Manitoba there are four seats to be heard from, and in British Columbia six. At least eight of these will be carried by the Conservatives. If this expectation be realized, the total Conservative majority will be over 70.

Collapse of the Government.

PREMIER MACKENZIE TO RESIGN FORTHWITH.

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—The Ministers who are left held a Cabinet Council to-day at which Mr. Mackenzie intimated his intention of resigning forthwith.

The Premier is absolutely paralysed by the result. He anticipated being elected by at least 500 from Lambton, and counted on a majority of 12 in Ont., and majorities everywhere except in Quebec, conceding the Province by 8 to the Opposition. He announced his intention of going to Quebec to-night and resigning at once, refusing to make any more appointments or superannuations, though he is hard pressed by a large number, and may possibly change his policy in that direction.

Ministerialists are terribly crest-fallen, and offer no reasons for the terrible defeat sustained.

Sir John Macdonald will be immediately called on to form an administration.

THE VERDICT.

The impeachment was regularly drawn up, taken, and put upon the country, charging the Reform Government with incapacity and incompetence. The battle was "loud and long," and the victory to the Conservative party is now correspondingly lustrous. The hip-hurrahing for Protection indicates the *bona fide* love of the country for the Conservative party. The cock-o-loum opinions heretofore held by the Grits have been discounted in the eyes of the world, and Cartwright, the "Mixer," no longer *muddles* our financial affairs. We despise not all those who have vices; yet we despise all those who have no virtues; and of this latter class the Mackenzie administration seems to have belonged. The pledges made by them to the country were most unblushingly violated, and their walking-ticket in consequence has been signed by an immense majority of the "free and independent." And such a defeat! Why, never in the annals of any nation has such an unequivocal condemnation of any government been expressed. Let the country at large rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for lo! the seats of the "incompetents" will now be warmed by fitter men.

ELECTION MORALS.

Never bet on the outspoken delusions of Grit minds—you will never make a cent if you do.

Never gaw among Wallace electors paying twenty-five cents a cake and kissing the children, and neglect Logan cakes and children.

Until you have heard never bet on Stratford going tie—you're "waxed" if you do.

"Our own distrust justifies the deceit of others in election matters." (Extract from harrangue of Mr. D. D. Hay.)

GREAT RAIN STORM.

Fearful destruction of Property--Several Lives Lost.

Embankments, Railroad tracks, Bridges, Dams, Crops, Fences, &c., Swept [illegible] Cattle flooded a[illegible] and dollars worth of goods destroyed.

Western Ontario was deluged with a flood during the latter part last week such as has never been known at this season of the year. The extent of the rain fall was so great that streams were swollen to large large rivers and rivers to mighty torrents, which carried devestation in their train. From east of Toronto to Lake Huron the country was flooded and in many places completely submerged, entailing immense loss of property of all descriptions. In this neighborhood the amount of damage done was, although considerable, extremely light in comparison with some other parts of Ontario. On Friday the Maitland rose to a height seldom if ever witnessed, and for a time matters wore a very serious aspect, especially for the parties in town whose buildings covered the stream. Lumber, logs, timber fences, etc., were carried off by it, and there was imminent danger of the bridges and buildings sharing the same fate. Scarcely a cellar in town escaped a submerging, some of them containing as much as three and four feet of water. Several of our town merchants lost heavily by getting their goods water soaked, and much inconvenience was experienced until the freshet had again subsided, which it did on the following day. The following despatches from Toronto and elsewhere will give some idea of the ravages of the storm generally throughout the province.

Toronto, Sept. 13.—A rumor telegraphed in the early part of the day as to the washing away of a number of bridges over the Don River has proved too true. Early this morning the water in the river commenced to rise, and by nine o'clock it had increased in volume to such an extent that the residents along its banks made all haste to move their household effects. The water continued rising until one o'clock, when it appears to have reached its highest. About this time the Don and Danforth bridge gave way with a crash, and was carried down the river towards the bay. The floating timbers and the waters charged on the Gerrard street bridge, and succeeded in carrying off two-thirds of it. The next bridge south was that of King street. For some time it withstood the seething water, but about 4 o'clock collapsed. The iron bridge of the Grand Trunk was the next south, but the madly-rushing torrent spent its force on this sturdy structure in vain. McCall Bros. oil refinery contains ten feet of water, and the boiler and engine were carried down stream. This firm lost fully 150 empty coal oil barrels, and about 50 containing oil. Mr. Thomas Davies' brewery came in for rough usage. The loss to this firm will not be less than $7,000, and great sympathy is expressed for them, as in the ice-jam in the spring they met with a similar misfortune. The loss to property is incalculable at present, but the most unfortunate part of the disaster is that several lives have been lost. Henry Smith, a bricklayer living at Donmount, very foolishly attempted to wade across from the city side to the King street bridge before it had collapsed. He had only got a few yards from the shore, when his feet were knocked from under him by the running waters, and he was carried down towards the bay. Every effort was made to save him by those standing on the bank, but they proved futile. A little girl, whose name could not be learned, was also washed away from King street bridge, but was on the country side of the river. Other drowning accidents are reported. The current was running at the rate of twelve miles an hour. Thousands visited the scene this afternoon and evening, and the excitement in the city is intense.

THE RAILWAYS.

The Grand Trunk Railway has suffered considerably by the storm. One-half mile west of Carlton the Black Creek bridge—a splendid brick structure supported by iron girders—has been entirely washed away. The abutments have fallen into the river and the girders lie on the *debris*. At the Humber grade west of Weston there were two feet of water over the rails for three-quarters of a mile. Between Malton and Brampton there is a wash out of fifty yards three or four feet deep. A culvert west of Brampton is damaged. East of Toronto the principal damage is at the Don bridge, an embankment at the east end of which has been partially washed out. The Great Western Railway trains, between Toronto and Hamilton, did not run on Friday, owing to the fact that the track had been washed up during the night in several places along the line. At Oakville there was a general block and one engine ran off the track. Several of the bridges are damaged. The Northern Railway ran a train as far as what is known as Hogg's Bank on Friday, but it had to return, as the track had been washed away. The chief damage on this line is at Thornhill. The Toronto, Grey and Bruce railway trains were unable to pass Weston, as bridges north of that place were washed away.

Hollin, September, 13.—During last night and to-day's rain storm the river here has risen to a height not known for six years. Part of Mr. Potter's mill-dam has been entirely demolished. The bridge is seriously damaged and is not safe for travel. The water is still rising.

Elora, Sept. 13.—One of the greatest freshets ever known in this vicinity has been to-day, after a steady rain of four days. The damage will be very large. The bridges and dams are gone in all directions, and a great many cellars are completely flooded. The greatest loss so far was at Mr. Potter's saw mill. Owing to much float wood, the other booms breaking above, causing his to give way, thereby losing over a thousand logs. Further damage would have been done, only the citizens turned out *en masse* with teams, digging trenches in various places. The loss will be very large, but cannot be as yet estimated.

Brampton, Sept. 13.—A terrible flood. It commenced raining here moderately on Tuesday night and continued till last night, when it increased in volume to a heavy rain fall, which kept up most of the time till noon to-day, causing the worst flood ever known here. Nearly the whole business part of the town is completely inundated. Families living in the lower parts of the town had to be reacued with boats. The cries of women and children in some of the tenements were pitiful to hear while waiting for help. It is impossible to estimate the damage done.

Port Credit, Sept. 13.—The greatest freshet ever known here. Both bridges crossing the river, in fact all the bridges in this vicinity, were carried away. Four vessels drifted from their moorings into the lake, and three of them—the Enterprise, Sunshine and Bismarck—were totally wrecked.

Lindsay, Sept. 13.—The engine and some of the cars on the down train on the Midland Railway run off the track this evening, about four miles north of Orillia. Owing to the recent rains a portion of the track was washed out. The engineer Richards, was instantly killed, and the Express messenger slightly injured. The passengers escaped without injury.

Brantford, Sept. 14.—The late heavy rains have caused a destructive flood here. The fire bell rang early this a. m. calling for assistance for parties living on the flats who had to be taken off in boats, their houses being flooded. About 40 feet of track at the west of the Brantford, Norfolk and Port Burwell Railway bridge have been washed away. The rails and ties hang on the bridge about four feet above the water. West Brantford is nearly all afloat, the water is running through the streets. The show grounds and over the railroad track the sidewalks are all floating and boats have to be used. At 3 p. m. the iron bridge went with the flood. Three men were on it at the time. One named J. F. Tyrrell, and another, unknown, were drowned. The third man was rescued.

Galt, Sept, 14.—During the recent storm rain fell to the depth of 6 inches. The Grand River, a few miles above here, is a quarter of a mile wide, and has risen almost as high as in the big flood of '69. Several dwelling houses in town along the river bank have been badly flooded. A son of Mr. Edmonds, 8 years of age, [illegible] ned. The body is not yet recovered.

Newmarket, Sept. 14.—Three days' incessant rain has caused great damage in this section. Marsden's and Gorham's mill dams were washed out. Thirteen bridges in the corporation have been destroyed, and the iron bridge on the Northern Railway is badly damaged. Arnett & Fox's cooperage was flooded and the building floated some distance down the steam. Three dams between Newmarket and Holland River were also carried away, and serious damage done to McCraken's woolen factory. Penrose's pump factory was washed away. Bridges and mill-dams in the townships of King, Whitchurch, and East Gwillimbury are reported gone.

THE SOUTHERN PLAGUE.

Specials report at New Orleans that the climax of fever, it was believed, was reached Wednesday, the 58th day of the epidemic, thus upholding the theory of periodicity. In 1867 the climax was reached on the 55th day, and in 1858 on the 56th day. Great excitement was caused yesterday by the bursting of an hermetically sealed coffin during services at the grave. The body had been kept twenty-eight hours. On Thursday night a woman gave birth to an infant, which within seven hours died of black vomit, although the mother was apparently healthy. There is much dissatisfaction amongst the negroes concerning the rations. They threatened a riot yesterday. Dr. Woolfolk, the heroic physician of Paducah who volunteered to help the fever sufferers, died at Grenada yesterday.

Dr. Ramsay, who went to Memphis with Washington nurses, has returned, and says when five miles from Memphis the air was laden with fever poison. "As we approached the stench was sickening. Dr. Pease and myself went to Peabody Hotel, the only one open, and were shown into a room from which a dead body had just been removed. A vessel with black vomit was standing about, and the bed clothes were unchanged. The hotel is a perfect pest house. Hundreds of poor people are going about the streets, especially colored women, with hardly anything on. The city is in the hands of the colored police altogether, and while they behave very well, there is still a lurking fear on the part of the whites of some additional evil."

Terrific Storm in Spain.

London, Sept. 13.—A despatch from Madrid gives a graphic account of a frightful storm of rain, hail and wind on Wednesday, which spread havoc through the several provinces. The gale blew on the coast of Portugal with special violence hear Lisbon and the Bay of Biscay. Several shipwrecks are already reported. The hail was particularly destructive in the vineyards. There is much suffering among the population. Another despatch states that an unprecedentedly prolonged thunderstorm broke over Lisbon and the neighboring Portuguese provinces, and while it continued the damage was excessive. Three persons were killed and a large number injured.

Fire in Palmeston.—On Wednesday night a fire broke out in the block occupied by *Mr. McEwing*, general merchant, and *Messrs* J. A. Perry & Co., druggists, and in spite of strenuous exertions, the entire block was consumed. Part of the stocks in the stores were saved. Mr. *McEwing* was insured for $4,500, which will partially cover his loss. The Oddfellows whose room was over the store, have lost their all. *Messrs.* Perry had no insurance on their stock; and the store itself which belonged to *Mr. McClellan*, was not insured.

Centre Wellington. — A despatch received at Guelph from Dr. Orton leaves no doubt that he is elected by a majority of six.

NORTH WALLACE.

Weather and Crops.—During the early part of this week the farmers have been busy in trying to secure the remains of this season's crop, much of which has been badly damaged by the late unfavorable weather. The spring wheat is a general failure, and in some places some of it is left uncut. Late sowing and the extreme heat of the past summer appears to be the cause of failure in this section. Considerable fall wheat has been sown and looks well, but up to the present many have been prevented from sowing owing to the late heavy rainfall, which caused the greatest floods ever known.

Lightning.—During the late rain storm the electric fluid struck the residence of Mr. J. Armstrong, 11th concession, broke a rafter, slivered some scantling and otherwise damaged the building, to the great terror of the inmates.

Orange Soiree—The soiree which came off at Trecastle on Monday evening last, was quite a successful and pleasing entertainment. A California swing gave much amusement to the young folks. In the evening a series of dancing was engaged for some time. After a well got up tea, to which all did ample justice, was disposed off, the assembly dispersed to their respective homes, well pleased with the entertainment. The proceeds goes to pay off the debt of a new Orange hall which has just been completed at this place.

Sold.—Mr. R. Plunkert has sold his farm of 48 acres, being north half of lot 6, 11th con., to a German, for the sum of $2,250.

Returned.—Quite a number of parties who have been in Manitoba are returning to the vicinity of Palmerston. Want of employment and inability to commence farming on their own account appears to be the cause.

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Council.—Council met Aug. 21. Drainage by-law read, provisonally adopted and ordered to be published. A motion was carried setting the rate in the dollar for the current year to be as follows:—County rate, 2 5-10 mills; Railroad rate, 6-10 mills; Township rate, 9-10 mills. Application of the Trustees of Union S. S. No. 14, Howick and Wroxeter read, asking for authority to raise by way of loan for building purposes the sum of $200.00 for four years. Mr. Weir moved, seconded by Mr. Phair, that a by-law be passed to authorise the same.—Carried. By-law No. 7 read and passed. Edward Harriston indigent, was granted $6. Accounts passed—H. Daum, $3.25 for culvert on Howick and Wallace boundary; Wm. McLaughlin, $12 for repairs on bridge on sideline 10 and 11, Con. 9; John Wiggins, $8 for repairs on bridge on sideline 5 and 6, Con. 3; B. McGuire, $6 for culvert on sideline 5 and 6, Con. 6; Wm. Andison, $1 for plank for culvert on Con. 9, lot 8; Joseph Astleford, $1 for plank for bridge on sideline 10 and 11, Con. 9; Edwards Bros., $1.65 for clevises, &c., for scraper; Joseph Woods, $15 for repairs on bridge Con. 6, lot 18; Robert Hainstock, $11 for approach to bridge on sideline 15 and 16, Con. 6. C. W. Peters, $6 for printing. Council adjourned till third Wednesday in September. Wm. Dane, Clerk.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Toronto Regatta takes place on October 10th, 11th, and 12th.

Mrs. Russel Stephenson, sister of Lady Dufferin, was confined of a son at Quebec Citadel, Sep. 11.

Mr. A. Allan, of Exeter, is the happy possessor of a cabbage, the heart of which measures four feet in circumference.

1,000 Houses Destroyed by Flood.—The floods have destroyed upwards of a thousand houses in Jullinder, India, district of the Punjaub.

The Georgian Bay and Wellington railway by-law for $20,000, was carried in the township of Bentinck on Saturday by a majority of 143.

The G. W. R. took possession of the Detroit and Milwaukee railway on Monday and all trains are under the control of the Great Western railway.

Forest fires have been raging on the north side of the Columbia river. The losses are estimated at about half a million. A public meeting has been held at Vancouver to raise the means to relieve the settlers.

Arrived Safe.—Rev. K. F. Junor, the latest appointed missionary of the Presbyterian Church to Formosa, has arrived at that island safely, with his wife and family. Mr. Junor is a native of London, and his people live in St. Mary's.

A Toronto man was to have been married in Hamilton on Friday last. When he found the trains were not running he became frantic and wanted to buy a locomotive, but, yielding to the persuasion of his friends, he hired a buggy instead.

Base ball has been a dangerous game since the introduction of "dead," or hard balls, and the practice of extremely swift pitching. A few days ago James Barry, the catcher of a club in Boonville, N. Y., was hit in the stomach and instantly killed.

His Excellency the Governor-General expects to sail from Quebec on either the 12th or 19th October, most probably the latter date. A short interregnum will thus occur between the date of His Excellency's departure from Canada and that of the arrival of his successor, Lord Lorne.

A fearful explosion occurred on the 11th inst. in a coal mine at Abercorne, near Fewport, in Monmouthshire, England. Of 471 men working at the time of the accident only 80 were rescued, and it is believed they are the only survivors. No particulars are given of the causes or the circumstances of the disaster.

A Conference of Christians is to be held in Toronto, from the 21st to 25th of October for the discussions of various topics bearing on Christian work and practice. Among those to take part are Rev. Dr. Brooks, of St. Louis, Rev. W. S. Rainsford, Rev. Canon Baldwin, of Montreal, and other prominent clergyman.

Export of Cattle.—Messrs. Gooverlock & Davies, of Seaforth, shipped last week for the English market ten car loads of cattle and sheep. This is the first venture of the above firm in the export line, and should it prove satisfactory a large amount of capital will be invested by them in the industry.

Trade with Cyprus.—Regular steam communication has been established between Liverpool and Cyprus, the vessels sailing fortnightly. Two ships have already sailed for Larnaca, carrying miscellaneous cargoes, such as hardware, building materials, and manufactured goods. The very first shipment, it may be mentioned, was one of fifty barrels of beer.

Testimonial.—The testimonial to Lord Dufferin from the Caledonia Curling Club, will take the shape of a toddy catto, made in the form of a curling stone. It is made from native silver obtained from Silver Islet, and bears an appropriate inscription. It will be presented on Tuesday next at the Adelaide Street Curling Rink, Toronto.

How Disease is Spread.—At a meeting of the Foleshill Board of Guardians the medical officer of health reported that two girls had died at Bedworth from typhoid fever, and upon his visiting the house of the mother of one of them, he actually found seven persons taking tea in the presence of the corpse, and amongst the party was a woman with a newly-born babe.

Prints! Prints!—Over 300 pieces to select from at Climie, Hay & Co's.

If you want a good cup of tea buy your tea from D. D. Campbell, Wallace street.

The celebrated Jouvin 2 button kid gloves for $1.00 per pair, at Bean & Gee's.

Dr. Michener is offering wall paper very cheap, at his Book and Drug establishment.

At Climie, Hay & Co., you will find their stock of gents' furnishings complete.

Sentenced.—At the County Judge's Criminal Court held recently in Woodstock, Jno. Brown was sentenced to three years in the provincial penitentiary for stealing. It will be remembered that Brown stole a horse from George Patterson, North Oxford, early in August, and at the same time took a buggy from Beatty Patterson. He was followed to Toronto and arrested a short time afterwards.

Bloomsbury Anniversary.—On Sunday, 8th inst., Anniversary sermons were preached in the Bloomsbury Methodist Church in the morning by Rev. Father Fear, of Elmira, and in the afternoon by the Rev. J. Hough, of Glenallan. The anniversary tea-meeting was held on the following evening. The Rev. J. E. Dyer, of Drayton, occupied the chair. Addresses were given by the Rev'ds. Isaac, Mills, Hough, and McKim, Esq. There was a large number out, considering the busy season; and the meeting passed off very pleasantly. Proceeds about $54.

Terrible Death by Petroleum.—A young lady, daughter of Mr. Samuel Barber, of Guelph, met with a terrible and ultimately fatal accident on Wednesday of last week. It appears she accidentally upset a ten gallon can of coal oil, some of which spread over an old mat, which she undertook to throw into the stove, and got a quantity of the liquid on her clothes. The whole caught fire suddenly from the blaze of the stove, which enveloped her in the flames and burned her lower limbs in a frightful manner. She suffered till death relieved her at midnight. The young lady was very highly respected.

Furious riot in Belfast.—At a meeting in Belfast, Ireland, last week, where O'Donnell, Home Rule member for Dungarvon, was to lecture on "Home Rule and Tenant Right," Biggar, Home Ruler, member for Cavan, was to preside. When they appeared on the platform, a scene of wild confusion ensued. The furniture was smashed, and there was fierce fighting in all parts of the hall, and even on the platform, resulting in many broken heads. Finally the audience all went out, and Biggar delivered an address. The cause of the riot was the displeasure of the Home Rulers at O'Donnell's supporting the Government, on the Eastern question.

The annual games of the Lucknow Caledonian Society, held at Lucknow, Sept. 11, were an immense success, between six and seven thousand people being present. Over $600 had been spent in prizes. The champion arrow for archery was won by Miss Ritchie, of Lucknow, and presented on the grounds by the donor, Adam Brown, of Hamilton. He also presented the prizes given by the commercial travelers for archery, namely, first prize, Miss Wallace; second, Miss Ritchie; third, Miss Copeland; fourth, Mrs. L. McIntyre; fifth, Mrs. A. McIntyre. The prize for tilting at the ring was won by Mr. L. McIntyre, of Lucknow. The "tug of war" between Huron and Bruce was fiercely contested and won by the latter. The Goderich band gained the prize for the best band.

A Frog in a Man's Stomach.—The other day a man employed in the water works near Byron drank out of a stream near by after dark, and thought he swallowed a blade of grass, a piece of moss or something else whilst drinking. He took no further notice of it at the time. After a day or two, however, he commenced to feel unwell and sick at the stomach, and concluded he would take a glass of brandy in the village and see if it would not settle it, thinking probably it was a fit of indigestion. The brandy was no sooner down than the man experienced the most violent contortions, and thought he was poisoned. The frog (as such it was) appeared as quick as the liquor touched him, to have commenced a series of jumps and somersaults in his stomach. The man, after the most excrutiating retchings, vomited a decent-sized frog, which is now perfectly healthy, and doing well, and may be seen at Mr. Jonas Frotner's hotel, Byron.

Advice to Farmers—Bring your butter and eggs to James Armstrong's, and secure your Tea for the harvest. He is selling 3 lbs. of good tea for $1.00.

Agency.—Mr. John Page has been appointed as agent for the Galt Nursery for Listowel and vicinity, and all orders sent in, and all moneys paid to him for trees, shrubs, &c., will be acknowledged by us. D. Caldwell & Son, Galt. 29c

Children's carriages at a sacrifice, in order to run off stock—from $2.50 up—at Dr. Michener's Book and Drug store.

If you want a perfect fitting shirt leave your measure at Bean & Gee's; also large stock of white Oxford and flannel shirts constantly on hand.

Glass, Glass.—I have just received spring stock of window glass, all sizes, which will be offered at very low pr