LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1880

PARRICIDE IN ELLICE.

Thomas Keelan Brutally Murdered by his son.

The Murderer lodged in Stratford Jail —Particulars of the Dreadful Crime— Coroner's Inquest.

Kinkora, a quiet hamlet in the township of Ellice between eleven and twelve miles northwest of Stratford, was on Monday night last the scene of a tragedy such as is fortunately of rare occurrence in the county of Perth. Kinkora and the adjoining concessions were settled over a quarter of a century ago by a sturdy class of people mostly Irish Catholics, who perpetuated the memories of the land they had left in the name which they bestowed upon the settlement. On enquiry at the police headquarters it was evident the report that was spread about had some foundation, as it was learned that a young man named John Keelan was in the lock up on a charge of murder, having been brought from Ellice by High Constable Thos. B. McCarthy at about daylight. The police very properly refused to allow any person to interview the prisoner, and consequently the only way of procuring reliable information was by a personal visit to the scene of the tragedy, and a couple of hours' drive brought a reporter to lot 32 con. 6, of Ellice, the residence of Thos Keelan, one of the early settlers of the township. A small group of neighbors were collected near a large stack of peas, and lying about twenty feet from where they were sitting were the

REMAINS OF THE UNFORTUNATE MAN,

lying stark and stiff on the damp ground, covered with an old quilt, thrown over by the constable who was placed in charge until the arrival of the coroner. On uncovering the body it was evident that death resulted from violence, there was marks of a blow across the face, which abrazed the skin on the nose, and at the back of the head there were marks of blows, but no blood was visible, and, as the body had been subjected to medical examination it was impossible to tell what the extent of the injuries were. The features were somewhat distorted, the forehead being quite black, and as deceased was partly bald the head presented the same appearance. Deceased's hat was lying a few feet from where he lay, and also a shirt, which, we were told, belonged to his son John, who is supposed to have committed the dreadful deed, and close by was an ordinary double

NECK-YOKE, WITH IRON RINGS

on the ends, and this, there is strong reason to believe, was the dread instrument of death. Particulars could not be gathered with any minuteness, but the following will give an idea of the circumstances connected with the tragedy: It appears that deceased, who was a man of about 73 years of age, went to Stratford on Monday to transact some business, being accompanied by one of his sons, John, a young man of about 26 years of age. They were in Stratford all day and were noticed by several people who knew them, and there did not appear to be anything unusual in their general conversation and manner. Towards six o'clock they started for home, and it was noticed that the old man was

SOMEWHAT UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF LIQUOR.

However, they proceeded on their journey, and a couple of hours afterwards the young man drove up to Michael Kastner's Hotel, at Seeback's Hill. They went into the bar and had some liquor, Mrs. Kastner supplying them in the absence of her husband. The old man was very much under the influence of drink, and in walking across the bar he staggered and fell, striking his head with considerable force against a bench. His son picked him up, and advised him to rest for a while on the settee. He did so and in a few minutes intimated that he was ready to go home, and he was carried to the wagon by his son, who, after seating him in the box, drove off towards home. About nine o'clock a younger son, of about 17 years, heard angry voices in the barnyard, and hurrying out to see what was the matter, discovered his father and brother scuffling, and approaching them, he saw

HIS BROTHER KNOCK HIS FATHER DOWN.

He went to render the old man assistance, when John saw him, and with an oath, warned him to get out of the road or he would kill him, and immediately gave chase. The young lad knowing what a bad temper his brother had, made good use of his legs, and got out of the way and hid until he saw his brother go into the house. When the coast was clear he went to the scene of the scuffling, and was horrified to find the old man lying on his face, unable to move. He knelt down and spoke to him, but receiving no answer, he turned him over on his back, when the poor

OLD MAN GAVE ONE OR TWO GROANS AND DIED.

Terrified at the sight, the lad immediately hastened away to alarm some of the neighbors, not going to the house in which there was no person but his brother and sister who were in bed. When the neighbors arrived they found that the boy's story was correct, and saddling a horse, one of them rode at full speed to Stratford, and acquainted High Constable McCarthy with the particulars of the occurrence. He proceeded at once to the scene of the tragedy, taking with him Constable Schweitzer, of Sebringville. The perpetrator of the crime was

DISCOVERED IN BED FAST ASLEEP,

having eaten a hearty supper when he entered the house, and gone to bed without saying anything to his sister of what had happened. When arrested, he offered no resistance, and expressed his willingness to submit to any fate in store for him. He remarked, carelessly, when passing by his father's corpse, that he supposed that was what they were taking him for, but said,

"I DID NOT KILL HIM.

I don't want to be blamed for it." The constables warned him against making any statement, and he was hurried off to the lock-up, whence he was remanded to the county jail to await the result of the coroner's inquest. The prisoner's antecedents are not very good, as he is described by the neighbors as being a bad boy, and frequently engaged in quarrels, both when sober and under the influence of liquor. It is also said that about a year ago he attacked and severely hurt his father with a scoop shovel when they were cleaning up grain in the barn together. Deceased was a widower. Residing in the house with him was a grown-up daughter and the two sons above mentioned. He was in comfortable circumstances, and is represented by the neighbors as a harmless and inoffensive old man, his only failing being a weakness for liquor when away from home.

Coroner Shaver, with Drs. Hyde and Lehmich, held a *post mortem* examination on the body of the murdered man in the log house, and then adjourned to the schoolhouse for the purpose of holding an inquest.

THE INQUEST.

The following jury was empannelled: P. Collins, foreman; Francis Flannigan, D. Horrigan, Henry Miller, Chas. Dill, P. Kelley, John Stock, Patrick O'Hara, P. Devers, Chas. Wallace, John Ranline, James Healey, Joseph Stock, Jas. Mulholland, James Gordon, Barney Finnegan. Several witnesses were examined in the presence of the prisoner, principal among them being Thomas Keelan, the prisoner's younger brother, who gave his evidence in a most straightforward manner.

The first witness called was Mrs. Kastner, of Ellice, who, upon being sworn, said—My husband keeps a hotel; I know deceased was at our place; I saw him after four when they arrived; the old gentleman drank whiskey; it was after 7 when they left; John begged of the father to come home; his son and Wilson put him in the wagon; no words of any kind passed.

Cross-examined by Mr. Idington—The old man was standing at the bar; he fell down; they put him on the lounge, and a little while after they put him in the wagon; there was no one in the bar at the time Mr. Keelan fell; when he fell, Mr. Mulholland stepped in the door; it did not seem as if he was hurt; the seat is close by the bar; his hat fell off when he fell.

Richard Mulholland, sworn—Live in Ellice; was at Kastner's hotel yesterday; saw the deceased there, and his son John; cannot tell what they were doing; did not see anything occur; John was intoxicated.

Cross examined—The old man was apparently the worse of liquor; did not see him after he fell; know Keelan; thought he was the worse of liquor; he was standing about the centre of the counter.

Thomas Keelan, son of deceased, sworn, said—Am a son of deceased; father's age was seventy-three next Christmas; he enjoyed good health, and was well yesterday morning when he went to Stratford; left after eight o'clock and arrived about half past nine; saw him first upon his return in the wagon box; spoke to my father and wanted him to come to the house, but could not understand what he said; he spoke as if he was intoxicated, but knew I asked him a question; first when they came home we put away the horses (me and John); John wanted him to come into the house; my father was talking to him about Jesus Christ; suppose he was praying; John said, do not care for Jesus Christ or anything else in this country; father got straightened up a little in the wagon; John called me a —— sucker, he came round the wagon and I stepped back apiece; he stepped up to the wagon and struck father and knocked father's hat off; it was on the back of the head he was struck; father did not fall down; all this took place in the wagon; then he ran after me; I ran away; then I stopped, and he started after me again; then I reached for a stick; did not take hold of it; told him I was not going to run much farther for him; well, then he stood before me and I started to run again, and he run me up the lane and told me not to come back any more; he went back to the wagon; I took a cross cut and saw him go back to the wagon; I turned round to see where he was and was afraid he would hurt me; about 15 minutes after I saw John go back to the wagon and then go away; I went up and found father laying upon the ground, with his face downward, still breathing; heard a gurgling in the throat; I caught him by the shoulders and turned him face up, and thought he was dying; I could not see John; I left him then and went into the stable and got a bridle; went back to the field, caught a horse and went up through James Stock's bush; I crossed over at the bush and got out in the lane so I would not meet my brother; I then went to tell Nicholas O'Hara that my father was dead; I rapped at the door and told Nicholas it was a pretty hard time out there at father's; I said John had cuffed my father; Nicholas said that was a terror; then we came out to Kinkora again; I went to the wagon where my father was and saw him laying there, but not in the same position I had left him in; the body had been moved by somebody; it was an opposite way the way it was when I left it; could not say where John was; John was intoxicated; saw him this morning when the constable brought him down stairs; never spoke to my brother until this evening; father and brother had been quarrelling before this; had frequent quarrels; can't remember how long since the last; they were good friends yesterday when they went away.

Cross examined.—The father said, John we don't care for you; I noticed how he was in the wagon; had his shoulder as if resting on it on the right side of the wagon; I saw the bag of timothy seed; it was near his feet; my brother was on the right side of the wagon when he struck father with his left hand; the old man never moved after John gave him the slap; did not seem to be a severe blow; the moon was shining brightly; John did not say anything when he struck father; he had his shirt off; I was about four feet away; he had his coat off before he took in the horses; he then put on father's overcoat, and then he threw that off; he just had his shirt and pants on before he threw his shirt off; perhaps it was when he found out that he had father's coat on that he took it off; did not see the shirt until next morning; father did not try to get out of the wagon; the position we found him in was different from that in which he was when I went away; he could not have fallen out of the wagon where he was; the neck yoke belonged to the old wagon; as far as I know, John had not a stick; there was another small bag in the wagon, and a whip with a wooden stock; it was in the wagon this morning; there was a jar in the wagon also; it was taken out by John; he set it down by the front wheel; John took it away, as I know it was a half-gallon jar; was afraid to go back to the house; it was about half an hour after all this took place.

Catharine Keelan, of Ellice, sworn, said—I am a daughter of deceased; there was me and Thomas and another little girl, and sisters Sarah and a baby, my father and John; did not see father coming home; heard the wagon, and Thomas went out; I did not see or hear any more until I saw John coming over to the house from the barn more than half way up; he had on his pants and boots, shirt in one hand and a jar of vinegar in the other; this shirt (produced) was another than the torn shirt; the two shirts were of the one kind; he had been in the habit of wearing two shirts; he came in and told me to get him some tea; I got it for him; he went over to the table to eat part of his supper, and then he asked where was his shirt; I went to the chair and handed him a shirt; he went into the room adjacent, put it on and came back to the table and finished eating; he did not have a coat on; he got up from the table, then took off his boots and went outside for about fifteen minutes; he did not go far; he only went to the side of the house; he came in and asked me if the old lad had got in yet, and told Jennie to go to the wagon and get a pair of overalls; Jennie got them, and he asked Jennie if the old lad was in the wagon; Jennie said no; he was lying on the grass; he told me to try and get him in; I went over to the wagon; he was lying on his face; I left John in the house going to bed; father was not breathing when I went over to him; I felt his hand and it was cold, and he was dead; I met little Jennie on the way; John told her to go and help me get the old lad in the house; I told Jennie he was dead, when we went back to the house I took the little baby out of the bed and we went over to Mrs. Stock's to tell them about it; we rapped at the door and told them father was dead; Mr. Long came across to where he was, stooped down and felt him, and said he was dead; and buttoned up his coat, which had been open to that time; did not tell my brother, because I was afraid; did not ask John what had become of father; John did not say anything of any trouble; did not ask where my father was when John come in; stood in the door when I saw John coming from the barn; I saw Thomas running through the field; saw John after him, just as Thomas has described, about twenty minutes before John came up to the house; the jar he had in his hand when he came up was a half gallon jar; did not say anything when he got the overalls; Jennie told John that father was lying upon the ground; I was lying on the side of the bed; John walked up stairs to bed all right.

At this stage the inquest was adjourned until Monday, 27th, at two o'clock p. m., at the school house, Kinkora.

THE PRISONER'S STATEMENT.

Wishing to get the accused man's version of the affair, a reporter approached John Keelan and asked him if he had any objections to giving his statement. He answered, "None whatever," and proceeded to make the following statement: "My father was drunk when we left Stratford, but we had no angry words, either going or coming. Father paid a fine of $20 for me at Stratford. Coming home we stopped at Switzer's hotel and had two drinks, and when we reached Scarth's, at Sebringville, father bought some tea and tobacco. We then came to Kastner's Hotel, and had four or five more drinks there. I was not drunk. At Kastner's father fell back and struck his head on a bench. Richard Wilson and I were sitting in front of the hotel, and Mrs. Kastner came out and told me to come in, that my father had fallen. When I went in father was lying upon the floor, his head having struck upon the bench. When Wilson and I picked him up he was insensible. We carried him into the sitting room and placed him upon the lounge, and he remained there for three-quarters of an hour. After this we carried him out and put him in the wagon, and placed a bag of hay seed under his head. After this we had two more drinks and we started for home. Stopped at Patsy Hishon's; had two drinks and started for home again, arriving there between eight and nine o'clock. Father was in the wagon when I unhitched the horses. I took them into the barn, unharnessed them and turned them out to pasture, went in, had my supper and went to bed. I knew nothing about my father being dead until coming downstairs with Constable T. B. McCarthy, when my sister said, "Jack, your father is dead."

OLD WORLD NEWS.

The Events of the Week in Europe and the East.

TURKISH AFFAIRS.

Turkey and her affairs are once more the leading subjects of European interest. Public attention is centered on the naval demonstration at Dulcigno, from which the slightest spark might light up the flames of war throughout the Eastern world. If anything is proved by the pressure which has been brought to bear on Turkey it is the duplicity and mendacity of the Porte. It is difficult to call the crew of conspirators at Constantinople a Government, but it is probably the truth. The Sultan is timid and incapable, and though he is one of the most despotic of rulers his conduct is as vacillating and timorous as that of the Stuarts, or still later, of the Bourbons. Like them, while never gaining a step towards the objects in view, he contrives, nevertheless, by selecting unscrupulous Ministers to have his own unsteady way, but the result must end in the destruction of the Empire. Turkey has now no friends in Europe. Every nation is busily making preparation for her approaching downfall. Even England, at one time pledged with the lips for the integrity and independence of the Ottoman Empire, receives with satisfaction Mr. Gladstone's declaration that unless Turkey governs in accordance with European principles that it ceases to exist. Turkish integrity and independence must shift for themselves.

AFGHAN AFFAIRS.

A Court of Enquiry has been appointed to enquire in regard to General Burrows' defeat. This is deemed a satisfactory step. The Government is undecided what to do in regard to Candahar. Its strategical value consists in its blocking the only way to India. It is contended, however, that its permanent occupation would entail too heavy a burden on India and the city itself.

COURT OF CHANCERY.

At the recent sittings of the Court of Chancery at Stratford, which commenced on the 15th inst., before the Honorable Vice-Chancellor Blake, the following cases of local interest came up.

Zurbrigg vs. Jackson.—The parties to this suit reside in Elma, and the suit just ended arose out of the Defendant's refusing to give the widow of the late Peter Zurbrigg a deed of certain park lots in Trowbridge, in accordance with a bond dated in 1867. The Defendant claimed that until the widow paid him in full the amount he was due on a mortgage made by the deceased Peter Zubrigg to him on another property, he was not bound to give a deed of the park lots. The Court held otherwise. Decree for the Plaintiff with costs. Messrs. Fennell & Dingman for Plaintiff; Messrs. Smith & Gearing for Defendant.

Thomlinson vs. Spring.—The Plaintiff is Jonathan Thomlinson of Listowel. Bill filed to charge Defendant with the payment of certain moneys owing by the estate of the late Lacy Spring. Decree for Plaintiff. Messrs. Fennell & Dingman for Plaintiff; Messrs. Bowlby, Colquhoun & Clement for Defendant.

AN INDIAN MURDERED.

Onondaga, Ont., Sept. 20.—This morning, about two o'clock, while a Pagan dance at the Onondaga Long House was in progress, some parties discovered an Indian named Silversmith with his throat cut and hands badly cut, in the woods about two hundred yards from the Long House. The ground about for several feet was very much torn up, and there was every appearance of a terrible struggle having taken place. This morning Constable Williams succeeded in arresting, after a long chase through cornfields, an Indian who had been in company with Silversmith during the night. His pants about the bottom had signs of blood upon them, although they had lately been washed. An inquest is being held by Coroner Kerr of Brantford.

THE FASTEST TIME ON RECORD.

Maud S. Trots a Mile in 2.10 3-4.

The closing day of the Chicago Jockey Club fall trotting meeting was marked by fine exhibitions of speed and endurance. The performance of Maud S., in the face of numerous disadvantages, is set down as the most remarkable in the history of the turf. Chicago track has now shown the best trotting mile, Maud S. 2.10¾; best pacing mile, Sleepy Tom, 2.12¼; and best wagon record, Hopeful, 2.16½ for a 3.23 race. It was nearly 6 o'clock and growing dark when Maud S. was brought upon the track. The sky was cloudy and a strong south wind blowing. At the first send off Maud soon left her feet, and her driver (Bain) turned her back for a fresh start. She then trotted to the starting point square and level, and as her driver nodded for the word, quickly lengthened out her stride and got to the quarter in 34 seconds. It was then believed impossible for her to do better than 2.16 or 2.18, but when she got down the second quarter at a 2.03 gait (the fastest quarter on record) there was breathless interest and expectancy. It was feared, however, that the strong head wind when she turned would slacken her speed materially, and render it still impossible to win. She kept straight forward, however, without break or skip, and marked the three-quarter mile pole in 1.36. Bain urged her gently with voice and whip. She responded gamely, and the multitude was breathless as she went the final quarter, and thundered down the home stretch in 2.10¾. The time by quarters was: 1st, 34; 2nd, 30¾; 3rd, 31¼; 4th, 34¾. Loud cheers greeted the mare, her driver and manager as they went to her stable.

The Nihilists are said to be contemplating a change in their programme, and in the future will work by secret political agitation. They are trying to enlist the sympathies of Russian Poland in case of war between Russia and Austria.

THE Provincial Exhibition was opened in Hamilton on Monday. The formal opening, however will not take place until to-day, when His Excellency the Governor-General is expected to be present. The attendance thus far has been comparatively small; the display of products, manufactures, etc., however, is said to be very good. Hamiltonians look for a large influx of people during the second week of the Exhibition.

ORDER OF THE RED CROSS.—Pioneer Commandery No. 1, of London, Ont., was duly organized and officers installed on Saturday evening by Supreme Deputy, Jas. McKim, of Chicago, Ill. The following are the list of officers that were duly installed:—Thos. McKim, Past Commander; Peter McVean, Commander; John Dingwell, Lieut.-Commander; H. Scroggs, Prelate; Joseph Lancaster, Scribe; David Rayner, Financier; A. Wheaton, Treasurer; Alfred H. Shaw, Sergeant, Wm. Whittaker, Guard; Jos. Hardy, Sentinel; Wm. H. Street, Examining Physician; W. H. Street, Peter McVean, Thomas McKim, Trustees.—*Free Press.*

THE BIDDULPH MURDER CASES.—The opinion of leading barristers in regard to the trial of the persons charged with the Donnelly murders, in the township of Biddulph, in February last, is, that shortly after the assembling of the Court of Assize an application will be made to His Lordship Justice Armour for an extra panel of jurors; that the Court will issue an order empowering the drawing of one hundred and twenty jurors; that immediately steps will be taken to obey the order, and that the trial will commence on the following Monday or Tuesday, the 4th or 5th of October.

Toronto *Telegram*:—The *Globe's* proper course was to wait until the terms of the agreement between Sir John and the syndicate has been made known, and to criticise them with a will. Instead of this, it showed by the anxiety to condemn without the requisite information at hand, that no matter how satisfactory a bargain might be made, no credit would be given; and now, no matter what it may say, nobody will pay any heed to its hysterical animadversions. By its display of ill-temper and its disposition to denounce the terms of the agreement, no matter what they might be, the *Globe* has put itself out of court; in other words, it has fired off all its ammunition before it has caught sight of the enemy, and all it will be able to do now will be to explode a few blank cartridges and make a bad smell.

WALLACE.

The following is the rate of equalized assessment for Union School Sections Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10: No. 1, Elma and Wallace—Elma 64½c. in the dollar; Wallace 35½c. in the dollar. No. 2, do.—Elma 64c. in the dollar; Wallace 36c. in the dollar. No. 3, Wallace and Grey—Grey 55½c. in the dollar; Wallace 44½c in the dollar. No. 4, do.—Grey 58c. in the dollar; Wallace 42c. in the dollar. No. 5, Wallace and Howick—Howick 83½c. in the dollar; Wallace 16½c. in the dollar. No. 10, Wallace and Howick—at $30 per acre.

R. G. ROBERTS, Clerk.

NEWRY STATION.

ANNIVERSARY.—The anniversary services of the opening of Elma Centre Presbyterian Church were held on Sunday last. The Rev. Wallace Watts, of Stratford, occupied the pulpit. The annual soiree took place on Monday evening. After partaking of a sumptuous repast in the basement, the very large assembly present adjourned to the church. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Renwick, occupied the chair. Addresses were delivered by Revds. Watts, Deacon, Johnson and Kay, while an efficient choir, under the able leadership of Mr. Wilson, supplied excellent music. Mr. W. is to be congratulated on the success with which he has met in cultivating the sweet voices of the Newryites. On the whole the management should be well satisfied with the result of the anniversary, about $225 being realized.—COM.

WOODSTOCK.

Mr. J. Short, of the Ontario Metallic Co. of Woodstock, has gone to the North-West to look after the building of the barb-wire fencing on the Canada Pacific railway, for which the firm has a contract.

The talked of glue-factory will soon be in operation. The dimensions of the building to be employed are given as eighty by forty feet, with the requisite number of outbuildings for storage and shipment. There are other industries that a community would prefer; but in the direction of manufacturing progress this new one is not to be despised. Long since the Americans monopolised the glue trade of Canada, selling as English their own productions. The present tariff of 20 per cent. in connection with an increasing home demand warrants the establishment of such an industry, the effect of which would be to give employment to many, and a price to stuff that with great difficulty can be kept from waste. The position of the proposed factory is just north of the G. W. R., as it crosses Mill street, and west of the Waterworks, at the extreme south-west of the town's limits.

TROWBRIDGE.

Mr. Chas. Wilcott, in addition to losing his dwelling house by fire, has also lost a valuable mare from sunstroke.

Mr. Chas. Cosens is building an elegant dwelling house on his farm in Grey. Whether "Charley" is contemplating matrimony or not is a mystery to most of his neighbors, however, time will tell.—COR

The farmers of this section have finished sowing their fall wheat. The fall has been unusually favorable for seeding operations, consequently a large area of ground has been sown in good condition. Fall wheat is now considered to be the staple crop of our country, and the soil of this section seems to be peculiarly adapted to the growth of this valuable cereal.

FIRE.—On Saturday morning last the residence of Mr. Chas. Wilcott, 2nd con. of Elma, caught fire from a defective flue, and was burned to the ground. Through the efforts of the family and the neighbors who turned out in large numbers, the furniture was saved. His fine bank barns, which were in close proximity to the house, narrowly escaped being consumed also. The house was a comfortable frame building, and Mr. Wilcott's loss is considerable. Insured in the Waterloo Mutual.

EDITOR STANDARD.—*Dear Sir*:—Permit me a brief space in your paper to warn my brother farmers from the sharp practices of some of the buyers on the Listowel market. On Tuesday last I went with a load of wheat to Listowel, my son accompaying me, Mr. Zilliax's buyer—they called him "Tom"—bid 85c., at least myself and my son understood him to make that bid. None of the other buyers made a bid upon the load, consequently I accepted this offer. "Tom" did not furnish me with a ticket, but accompanied me to the warehouse and received the wheat; and after doing so made out a ticket for 85c. Upon noticing the difference between the amount which I am convinced was bid and the sum stated on the ticket, I demanded my wheat back; but "Tom" insisted that he had only bid eighty-five cents, and I could get no satisfaction from him; nor from Mr. Zilliax who paid me the amount mentioned on the ticket. After learning that I could get no satisfaction except throught the Division Court, I left in disgust, resolved to warn my brother farmers to keep their eyes open when dealing with some of the Listowel grain buyers, and be sure that they get a ticket before delivering their grain, as this is the second time that I have been imposed upon in this manner. JAMES MCGORMAN.

Lot 5, 8th con. Mornington.

[Upon making enquiries as to the correctness of the charge which Mr. McGorman makes against one of our grain buyers, Mr. Thomas Leslie, (Mr. Zilliax's buyer,)also Mr. Andrew Climie and the other buyers who were present at the time, informed us that *eighty-five cents* was the price offered for Mr. McGorman's wheat. Mr. Climie further informs us that he did not make an offer as he did not consider that the wheat was worth eighty-five cents, it being very dirty with chess. Mr. McGorman must therefore have been mistaken in the amount which was bid upon his grain. We should be very sorry to believe that any of our grain buyers would attempt sharp practices with any farmer, and were such the case we would not hesitate for a moment to denounce the perpetrator, whoever he might be, and endeavor to have him brought to justice. The success of the Listowel grain market is wholly due to the enterprising competition of our grain buyers, and we feel that we owe it to these gentlemen to state that we are thoroughly convinced that none of them would be so foolish as to resort to sharp practices, which would be suicidal to their own interests, as they could not fail of being speedily detected.—ED.

The Reeve of Palmerston is about building three fine brick stores on the main street.

Burdock Blood Bitters cures all diseases of the blood liver and kidneys, female complaints, nervous and general debility, and builds up the entire system when broken down by disease.

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.—For the largest stock, best material and lowest prices, go to HACKING'S Drug Store.—2l.

Crops in the vicinity of Birtle, N. W. T. are reported good. Oats sown on the sod will yield forty bushels to the acre.

Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry cures summer complaints, diarrhœa, dysentry, cholera morbus, cholera infantum, sour stomach, colic, nausea, vomiting, canker, piles, leucorrhœa, and all manner of fluxes.

GLASS, GLASS.—I have just received spring stock of window glass, all sizes, which will be offered at very low prices. Call and see J. A. HACKING.—2l.

Dr. Fowler's Extact of Wild Strawberry cures all forms of bowel complaints, in infants or adults. The most safe pleasant and perfect remedy known. Purely vegetable and free from opiates or poisonous drugs.

It is understood that the Rev. James Howie has resigned the pastorate of Zion Congregational church, Guelph. He will preach in the church until further notice.

Thorley's food increases the flow of milk in cows. Try it; at J. A. Hacking's.

The law requires the use of the Imperial Measure. Every size onhand at J. H. SMITH'S

Burdock Blood Bitters cures scrofula, erysipelas, salt rheum, piles and all humors of the blood. Cures dyspepsia, liver complaint, billiousness, constipation, dropsy, kidney complaints, headache, nervousness, female weakness, and general debility.

Henry Allen, of Maryborough, Wellington, arrested for cattle stealing, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to three years in the Penitentiary.

Danger! Beware! As you value your life, beware of opiates in diarrhœa mixtures. They quell pain, but checking too suddenly, the results is inflammation. **Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry,** made from the Wild Strawberry plant and other healing vegetables, is nature's own cure for all forms of bowel complaints.

The Great Western Railway has made a combination traffic arrangement with the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railway for the term of twenty years.

On the Verge of the Grave.

Such was the Condition of Moses A. Walker, of Derry N. H., with congestion of the Lungs and Chronic Catarrh. Two bottles of the Constitutional Catarrh Remedy entirely restored him to health, and, to use his own words, "built up my whole system." The Remedy is for sale by all druggists.

Rev. R. W. Wallace, D. D., pastor of the Congregational Church, London, has intimated his intention of resigning at an early date in order to accept a call from Detroit.

Bocklen's Arnica Slave.

The BEST SAVE in the world for cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all kinds of Skin Eruptions. The Save is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction in every case or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. H. Michener.

At Owen Sound the Assize Court for the County of Grey opened on Monday before Judge Cameron. The docket contains eight criminal cases, including one for murder and one for manslaughter.

A Long Time to Suffer.

"Twenty-five years of endurance with Catarrh is a long period of annoyance and misery." Mrs. E. J. Flanders, of Manchester, N. H. after going through with it all, writes: "The Constitutional Catarrh Remedy has rescued me from intense suffering, and almost the grave." This medicine is for sale by all druggists.

The Spanish Government is commemorating the birth of an heiress to the throne by granting amnesties and reducing sentences, besides directing the authorities of Puerto Rico to apply $200,000 to public works.

Doctors Gave Him Up.

"Is it possible that Mr. Godfrey is up and at work, and cured by so simple a remedy?" "I assure you it is true that he is entirely cured, and with nothing but Hop Bitters, and only ten days ago his doctors gave him up and said he must die!"

"Well-a-day! If that is so, I will go this minute and get some for my poor George. I know hops are good.

The Legislature of the Argentine Republic was, on the 21st of last month, forcibly closed by troops acting under command of the National Government. The people did not seem to sympathize much with the members.

How to Get Rich.

The great secret of obtaining riches, is first to practice economy, and as good old "Deacon Snyder" says, "It used to worry the life out of me to pay enormous doctors bills but now I have struck it rich. Health and happiness reign supreme in our little household, and all because we use no other medicine but Electric Bitters and only costs forty cents a bottle. Sold by J. H. Michener.

Farmers should be careful as to allowing their horses to drink impure water, as they, like human beings, may contract typhoid fever though this means. A case has occurred in which a Victoria farmer lost a number of animals in this way.

A Positive Fact.—It is now established beyond controversy that **Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry** is the most perfect cure for all forms of bowel complaints, including cholera morbus, diarrhœa, colic, cholera infantum, nausea, canker of the stomach and bowels, piles, etc. Beware of opiates and poisoning drugs, which may relieve for a time and produce inflammation. **Wild Strawberry** is safe and certain in its effects.

A Havana despatch announces that the last body of insurgents in Cuba have surrendered, and that there is not now one single armed insurgent in the whole of the island. This story has been told so often that people will begin to believe it by-and-bye.

The Greatest Blessing.

A simple, pure, harmless remedy, that cures every time and prevents disease by keeping the blood pure, stomach regular, kidneys and liver active, is the greatest blessing ever conferred upon man. Hop Bitters is that remedy, and its proprietors are being blessed by thousands who have been saved and cured by it. Will you try it. See other column.

Mr. A. McAllister, of Manitoba, has purchased two Shorthorn bulls and a Cotswold ram from Mr. F. W. Stone, three heifers from Mr. John Hobson, a bull and heifer from Mr. John Laidlaw, M. P. P., and two ewe lambs, two shearlings and a heifer from Mr. McDonald, all pure bred stock.

Astonishing the World.

For a perfect renovation of enfeebled constitution, chronic weakness and general decline, nothing so surely and speedily produces a permanent cure as does Electric Bitters. Their wonderful curative powers astonish the world. For Kidney and Urinary Complaints they are a perfect specific. Do not give up in dispair, for Electric Bitters will positively cure, and that where everything else fails. Sold by J. H. Michener, at forty cents a bottle.

The Grand Trunk management announces that the Co.'s accounts show a surplus of £122,670 after the payments of all pre-preference securities. Of this sum £80,374 was absorbed by the payment of the September dividend on first preference stock now due, leaving £72,296 to be carried forward to the credit of the current half-year. The increased traffic and the improved rates are telling on the fortunes of this company also.

Facts that We Know.

If you are suffering with a severe Cough, Cold, Asthma, Bronchitis, Consumption, loss of voice, tickling in the throat, or any affection of the throat or lungs, we know of no Kind's NEW DISCOVERY will give you immediate relief. We know of hundreds of cases it has completely cured, and that where all other medicines had failed. No other medicine can show one half as many *permanent cures*. Now to give you satisfactory proof that DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY *will cure* you of Asthma, Bronchitis, Hay Fever, Consumption, severe Coughs and Colds, Hoarseness, or any Throat or Lung Disease, if you will call at Dr. Michener's Drug store you can get a trial bottle *free of cost*, or a regular size bottle for $1.00.

FALL SHOWS.

East Huron, at Wroxeter, Oct. 5 and 6.
East Wawanosh branch, at Belgrave, Oct. 6.
Morris branch, at Blyth, Oct. 12 and 13.
Provincial, at Hamilton, Sept. 20 to Oct. 2.
Western, at London, Oct. 4 to 8.
Grey branch, at Brussels, Oct. 7 and 8.
Elma and Wallace, at Listowel, Sept. 29 and 30, and Oct. 1st.
Mitchell at Mitchell Sept 27 and 28.
Elma at Newry Sept 29.
West Wellington at Clifford Sept 28 and 29.
Minto at Harriston Sept 29 to Oct 1.
South Perth at St. Marys Oct. 12 and 13.
Blanshard at Kirkton Oct 14 and 15.
Woolwich at Elmira Oct 19.
North Waterloo, Berlin, first week in Oct.
Northern, Walkerton, Oct. 5, 6 and 7.
Howick, at Fordwich, Sept, 27th.

BIRTHS.

HOLMAN—In Listowel, on the 19th inst., the wife of Mr. E. Holman, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

WRIGHT—At Tyrone, on 21st inst., George Wright, aged 2 months and 24 days.

BAKER—In Howick, on Sept. 15th, 1880, quick consumption, Samuel Baker, aged 39 years, 9 months and 15 days.

MARRIAGES.

HOTSON—VEITCH—At the parsonage, Listowel, on the 18th August, by the Rev. H. Bartlett, Incumbent of Christ Church, Mr. John Hotson, to Miss Emma Veitch, all of Harriston.

NEUERT—MERRICK—At the residence of Mr. John McGorman, Wallace, on the 22nd inst., by the Rev. H. Berry, Mr. Frederick Neuert, of Elma, to Miss Mary Ann Merrick, of Mornington.

MITCHELL—ALLENBY—By the Rev. H. Berry, on the 21st inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Simon Mitchell, contractor, Listowel, to Miss Clara, daughter of Mr. John Allenby, of Mornington.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

DAIRY MARKETS.

London, Sept. 20.—The cheese market held here on Saturday was well attended, and 10,000 boxes boarded by the following factories: —Watson's 1,200; Sifton's, 800; Proof Line, 600; Napier, 900; Union Hill, 800; Pond Mills, 1,000; Union Silver Creek, 600; Richardson's, 3,500; North Branch, 600. Total, 10,000. The Liverpool cable report stood at 65c., at which figure it has continued for upwards of two weeks. Buyers felt that they had enough already on their hands, in anticipation of an advance, which is tardy in making its appearance, and sellers held their make at firm figures, refusing 13 cents for the balance of the season. No sales were made.

Little Falls, N. Y., September 20.—The market is brisk, and prices advanced ¼c. Sales—11,600 boxes of factory cheese at 12c to 13¼c; one lot at 13¼c.; bulk at 12½c.; 1770 boxes of farm dairy cheese at 11½c to 12c; 100 packages of butter at 20c to 31c.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 20.—Ten thousand eight hundred boxes of cheese sold to-day at 12c to 12½c; 4,000 boxes at 12¾c; 1,800 boxes commissioned.

Ingersoll, Sept. 21.—Twelve factories offered 13,250 boxes of cheese; 5,050 were sold as follows:—1,200 at 13c, 2,500 at 13¼c. 1,350 at 13½c, being make of September and balance of season. This being agricultural show day many buyers and sellers were not in attendance at the market. Salesmen appear to hold for 13½c for the balance of the season. The cable is still at 63s.

LISTOWEL MARKETS.
September 23, 1880.

Wheat, fall, per bush.,	0 93 to	0 96
Spring Wheat, "	0 90	0 95
Barley, "	0 50	0 58
Peas, "	0 50	0 55
Oats, "	0 28	0 30
Flour, per brrl.,	5 50	
Oatmeal, "	2 75	3 00
Cornmeal, "	1 75	2 00
Butter, per lb.,	0 20	0 20
Eggs, per dozen,	0 0	0 13
Potatoes, per bag,	0 40	0 50
Hay, per ton,	6 00	7 00
Wood, long,	1 50	1 75
Wood, short,	1 00	1 00
Hides, per cwt.,	8 00	9 00
Wool, per lb,	0 00	0 00

TORONTO.
PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGONS
September 23, 1880.

Wheat, fall, per bush.,	0 95 to	1 00
Wheat, spring, "	1 00	1 10
Barley, "	0 54	0 70
Peas, "	0 60	0 65
Oats, "	0 33	0 33
Rye, "	0 68	0 70
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs.,	6 50	7 25
Beef, hind "	0 00	0 00
Mutton, by carcase "	0 00	00 00
Butter, per lb.,	0 20	0 23
Butter, large rolls,	0 00	0 00
Butter, tub, dairy,	0 19	0 21
Eggs, fresh, per dozen,	0 13	0 15
Potatoes, per bbl,	0 40	0 50
Hay, per ton,	8 00	12 00
Wool, "	0 00	0 00

STRATFORD.
September 23, 1880.

Wheat, fall, per bush.,	$0 93 to	0 95
Wheat, spring, "	1 00	1 05
Barley, "	0 40	0 55
Oats, "	0 28	0 30
Peas,