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Consistency in High Places.

It is almost an offence to public feeling to repeat the saying, "Consistency, thou art a jewel," but it is so pregnant of truth and so appropriate a comment to express upon the so common failing in humanity that it offers an ever acceptable excuse for its threadbare character. Many good sayings have been awarded a similar fate, dwindling, through contact with the world and bandinage from every day scribblers, from the proportions of real gems of thought to "stale flat and unprofitable" sayings, and the contempt which is engendered through too close familiarity becomes theirs. And this is but a natural result of the progressive nature of the age, which is eager for change and novelty. These same truths are acknowledged, but until couched in new language and presented in a new and attractive form not for the most part as rain drops do on a duck's back. But the object of these remarks is not to pander to the desire for novelty in the way of popular sayings, but rather to justify the use of the one already quoted. It is one which has been used most frequently in allusions to public officers, and in their case it applies, when the occasion occurs, with deep significance. It is hardly necessary to enumerate the actions and conduct which are consistent with their position—the standard of the good official is understood by the great majority, who look to see in their representatives examples of well applied intelligence and above all, honesty and consistency. An office which is the public gift should not be sought after for the mere honor which attaches to it, and if more of our public men would study this principle the effect upon our municipal and provincial institutions would be highly appreciable. If they would but feel that, in their public capacity, it was their duty to constitute themselves examples of consistent gentlemen, how they might aid in improving the character of public bodies!

We have an inconsistency to report this week, much to our regret, on the part of one of our town councillors. It may be considered a trivial matter, but nevertheless an inconsistency. When the question of fire limits was discussed by the Council some months ago the particular gentleman to whom we here refer, thoroughly advocated the prescribing of boundaries and the strict enforcement of the new provision. The other day we passed his residence, which is situated within the fire limits, and the memory of his advocacy and the enactment which he had been instrumental in enforcing having passed from him, he was having erected a frame stable upon his premises. In a councillor thus acting we can see no excuse, but if a ratepayer were to do the same he might reasonably plead ignorance. If this contravention of the town by-laws was done through forgetfulness, it indicates an unfortunate characteristic in a councillor, but if done wittingly the spirit of the action is contemptible in the extreme and a gross violation of the confidence reposed by the electors in their representatives.

The ebb and flow of mechanics, says the *Monetary Times*, during these times of depression begins to arrest attention. The latest return of the British Board of Trade shows that, last year, 81,000 left Great Britain for the United States, and that 80,000 returned home again. Within the past three years 340,757 persons arrived in the States from the United Kingdom, while 250,000 went back. Those who returned numbered more than 73 per cent of all that came out. This backward movement is attributed to the small demand for skilled labour on this side of the Atlantic at the present time. Of those destined for the colonies, less than 20 per cent. appear to have gone back to Britain.—These facts go to prove that the check given to industrial enterprise has been far greater in the States than in this country. And yet those journals of the Opposition which cry for protection persist in stating that our industries alone are suffering, and all because not protected as they deem we should be.—They seem to consider that Canada alone is suffering from depression, in order that they may give more effect to their howlings for protection. Yet our neighbor, protected to the extreme, is suffering more severely than we, and the inference is that protection is not a success.

The Toronto Mail declares that Wm. MacDougall has more brain than a certain nine of the members of the Dominion Cabinet put together. This statement should not be lost sight of by medical men, for it indicates that the most wonderful prodigy known to science exists in the famous Wanderer. It is stated by good authorities that the average weight of the human brain is 49½ ounces, and if we estimate the brain of the nine members of the Cabinet at this figure, on the authority of the *Mail* Wm. Macdougall must have a head of the proportions of a washtub. Cuvier, Dr. Abercrombie, Byron and the other big-brained men, as well as the illiterate English laborer with his 60 ounces, will have to take a back seat.

An interesting case was tried in Toronto a few days ago. The author of "Smile's Self Help" brought action against Belford, of Toronto, publisher, for an infringement of his British copyright. The facts of the case are as follows: The Canadian Copyright Act provides for the registration of copyrights if desired to prevent the free use of an author's work. In this case the copyright was not secured here, the author contending that the British Act protected him in Canada, and the question is whether the Canadian Act affects the works of English authors or not. The result of the case will be either to foster a publishing trade in Canada, or send it to the United States. Judgment has been reserved.

An article from the Montreal *Herald* which appears on the first page of this issue, makes an explanation of the so-called "Anglin Job." Reasonable objection may be taken to the manner in which the post office printing was done, but the fact that the present Government, appreciating the error, altered an arrangement which had been inaugurated by the previous Government, entitles it to commendation. The abuse vented by the Opposition organs after the Government had corrected the error, whilst unseasonable, is unreasonable in the extreme, and evinces more strongly than ever the policy which is pursued by the majority of them never to let slip an opportunity to lash the Government.

An earnest effort is being put forth in Grey to carry the Dunkin Act, and both parties are fighting vigorously. So keen is the feeling that the anti-Dunkin men, at a recent meeting, passed a resolution pledging those present to have no business intercourse with temperance men. This extreme feeling will be toned down, however, after the contest has ended, which will be this week, voting taking place to-day and to-morrow.

The New York *Herald* says: "Disraeli was once a protectionist, and advocated the idea of taking out of one pocket to put into the other." This statement should command the attention of protectionists, for the *Herald* represents the sentiments of a large community in the United States.

Horticultural Show.

The fall show of the Goderich Horticultural Society took place on Friday last, and proved a great success considering the unfavorable character of the season. The intense heat and continued drouth of July and August has had an injurious effect upon fruits, and root crops and vegetables have suffered very much. Between these adverse influences, together with the potato bug in one instance and the curculio in the other, potatoes and plums have had a most trying experience. The visitor at the Drill Shed, considering these circumstances could not but admire the extent and excellence of the exhibit.—In apples, as usual, the display was excellent, and an English gentleman in Canada on a visit, who happened to be present, remarked that it was the finest exhibit he had ever seen and was much surprised to see such fine fruit produced in this country. Mr. Geo. Cox, Goderich T'p, who took first prize for best collection of fruit made a splendid display. Mr. Jas. Torrance, of the same place, also made a splendid display of apples, but owing to no other fruits having been shown with the lot the judges could not do justice to it as a collection of fruit. Messrs. John Hunter, Goderich T'p., John Stewart, Benmiller, and Isaac Salkeld, Goderich T'p, also made fine displays. Some fine appearing and large apples were exhibited which attracted the attention of novices and called forth many expressions of admiration, but we are pleased to see that these varieties are very little grown as growers are appreciating their worth as simply well appearing but really wothless apples. One feature of the show in fruits this year, very gratifying, was the absence of incorrect naming. The hints of last year have been acted upon, and only a very few instances occurred this year.

Plums, though not as large or so numerous as in previous years, were good, and the exhibits of Messrs. A. M. Ross, T. Weatherald, E. Bingham, T. Hood, and John Russell were very creditable.

Mr. John Hunter made an excellent show of pears, and in this class the exhibit was very good, presenting some well grown fruit. In the more popular varieties the specimens were fine.

Peaches were poorly represented, only three entries being made.

Grapes were well represented, the collections grown under glass from the hot-houses of Messrs. Comeron and Ross being heavy and well-grown, whilst the open air grapes exhibited by Messrs. Ross, Wetherald, Williams and Bingham, though not as heavy as last year, were good. Mr. J. H. Williams showed several fine bunches of seedlings.

As was to be expected, vegetables were not so good as usual. Carrots, beets and cabbages had been retarded in their growth by the dry weather, and potatoes were nothing like what were shown last year. Mr. Wm. Hayden, Ashfield, showed a nice collection, and also a lot of good sized tubers grown from the seed. Mr. J. S. Allan, Goderich, showed a fine specimen which attracted much attention. This was an altogether new variety, the "Allan hybrid," produced by crossing a cross between a Fluke and a Peach Blow with the Scotch Kidney, thus producing a potato possessing the good qualities of the latter with the additional advantage of being prolific.

Flowers appeared well, and the specimens of asters, verbenas, phloxes, zinnias, stocks, &c., were perfect in shape and of handsome colors. The green house plants from the collections of Messrs. M. C. Cameron and A. Watson were very attractive. Several specimens of cactus, an India rubber plant, lobelias and Japanese lilies gave a fine appearance to this department. The arrangement of the hanging baskets upon one of Mr. D. K. Strachan's iron flower stands was very pretty.

In the ladies' department, the display was not so extensive as usual, but in quality a decided improvement was manifest. It would be a lengthy task to mention all the articles worthy of special mention, and we therefore leave to the prize list the duty of informing our readers of the worthy exhibits.—Crocheting and tatting were represented in some beautifully executed specimens, and the worsted work was also good. A sofa pillow worked by Miss Ross was very pretty, and three specimens of spatter work, which was new to a good many, were much admired.—Mr. Dedrickson, editor of the *Star*, exhibited two well executed oil paintings—marine views on the coasts of Ireland and Scotland. Although being in a bad position and in a poor light, the beauties of the pieces were quite apparent.

The entries in all amounted to 479. In the evening the attendance of visitors was quite large, the receipts at the door amounting to $60.56. The Silver Cornet Band was in attendance and furnished excellent music. The Judges were as follows:

On Vegetables—T. R. Edwards, Wm. Young and John Harrison. *Fruit*—Alex. McD. Allan, Jas. Wilkinson and A. Sands. *Flowers*—D. H. Ritchie, W. J. Hayden and Peter Robertson. *Ladies' Work*—Mrs. Geo. Evans and Mrs. Wm. Stotts.

The following is the

PRIZE LIST.

Apples—Special prize, A. M. Ross, M.P.P., collection fruit named, 1 Geo. Cox; 20 varieties named, 5 of each, 1 Geo. Cox, 2 John Hunter, 3 John Stewart; 10 varieties named, 5 of each, 1 John Stewart, 2 Geo. Cox, 3 John Hunter; 6 varieties named, 5 of each, 1 John Stewart, 2 John Mitchell, 3 Jas. Torrance; northern spy, 1 Geo. Cox, 2 Robt. Gibbons; snow, 1 Isaac Salkeld, 2 Jas. Thomson; Rhode Island greenings, 1 John Mitchell, 2 Jas. Torrance; Baldwin, 1 Geo. Cox, 2 Isaac Salkeld; St. Lawrence, 1 Geo. Cox, 2 John Stewart; Duchess of Oldenburg, 1 Thos. Hood, 2 John Hunter; Gravenstein, 1 John Stewart, 2 John Hunter; Spitzenburg, 1 Thos. Weatherald, 2 Wm. Hayden; King of Tompkins County, 1 John Hunter, 2 Geo. Cox; Roxbury rossett, 1 John Hunter; 20 oz. pippin, 1 John Hunter, 2 Isaac Salkeld; Ribston pippin, 1 Geo. Cox, 2 John Hunter; Hawthordean, 1 John Stewart, 2 Jas. Thomson; Hubbardson's nonsuch, 1 John Hunter; pomme grise, 1 Wm. hayden, 2 J. F. Dickson; any other kind named, 1 Jas. Torrance, 2 John Stewart, 3 John Mosely; plate crab, 1 Geo. Cox, 2 J. F. Dickson.

Pears—Six varieties named, 1 John Hunter, 2 John Stewart, 3 A. M. Ross; three varieties named, 1 John Hunter, 2 John Stewart, 3 A. M. Ross; beurre diel, 1 John Hunter, 2 A. Watson; Bartlett, 1 John Hunter, 2 John Stewart; Flemish beauty, 1 John Hunter, 2 Geo. Cox; Vicar of Wakefield, 1 John Hunter; Duchess of D'Angouleme, 1 John Hunter, 2 John Stewart; Belle lucrative, 1 John Stewart, 2 A. M. Ross; Louis Bonne de Jersey, 1 John Hunter, 2 Thos. Weatherald; white Boyenne, 1 John Hunter, 2 A. M. Ross; Beurre clargeau, 1 Thos. Weatherald; Howell, 1 A. M. Ross, 2 E. Bingham; Onondago, 1 A. M. Ross, 2 John Hunter; Seckel, 1 John Hunter; Buffam, 1 A. Watson; any other variety, 1 John Stewart, 2 A. M. Ross, 3 John Hunter.

Plums—Eight varieties named, 1 A. M. Ross, 2 Thos. Weatherald, 3 E. Bingham; 4 varieties named, 1 Thos. Weatherald, 2 A. M. Ross, 3 Thos. Hood; Bradshaw, 1 Thos. Hood; Pond's seedling, 1 Thos. Hood, 2 John Russell; Victoria, 1 E. Bingham, 2 Thos. Weatherald; McLaughlin, 1 E. Bingham; Smith's Orleans, 1 Thos. Weatherald, 2 Thos. Hood; yellow magnum bonum, 1 Thos. Weatherald, 2 E. Bingham; Duane's purple, 1 Thos. Weatherald, 2 E. Bingham; Lombard, 1 John Russell, 2 E. Bingham; Reine Claude de Beavy, 1 Thos. Weatherald; Jefferson, 1 E. Bingham, 2 Thos. Weatherald; imperial gage, 1 E. Bingham; Coe's golden drop, 1 E. Bingham; any other variety named, 1 Thos. Hood, 2 Thos. Weatherald.

Other Fruits—Peaches named, 1 John Goodall, 2 Thos. Weatherald; quinces, 1 A. M. Ross.

Grapes—Four varieties named, one cluster of each grown under glass, 1 A. M. Ross, 2 A. Goodall, gardener for M. C. Cameron, Esq.; heaviest 2 clusters white under glass, 1 John Goodall, 2 A. M. Ross; heaviest 2 clusters black under glass, 1 John Goodall, 2 A. M. Ross; largest col. grown in open air, 2 clusters of each, named, 1 A. M. Ross, 2 Thos. Weatherald; 4 varieties named, 2 clusters of each, 1 J. H. Williams, 2 A. M. Ross, 3 T. Weatherald; Delaware, 1 A. M. Ross, 2 T. Weatherald; Concord, 1 A. M. Ross; Hartford, 1 A. M. Ross, 2 E. Bingham; Eumelan, 1 J. H. Williams; Rogers No. 3, 1 A. M Ross, 2 E. Bingham; Iona, 1 E. Bingham, 2 T. Weatherald; Salem, 1 E. Bingham; any variety named, 1 J. H. Williams, 2 T. Weatherald.

Flowers—Special prize, A. M. Ross, M.P.P., collection cut flowers $2, 1 John Goodall; 12 varieties verbenas one bloom of each, 1 John Goodall; 6 varieties verbenas one bloom of each, 1 John Goodall, 2 A. Dickson; col. perennial phloxes not less than 4 varieties one spike of each, 1 John Goodall; coll. phloxes, annual, 1 E. Bingham; coll. gladiolus, 4 varieties, 1 E. Bingham, 2 J. Goodall; coll. asters, 1 J. Goodall, 2 T. Hood; coll. balsams spikes in bloom, 1 E. Bingham; coll. stocks spikes, 1 J. Goodall, 2 A. Dickson; coll. petunias single, 1 A. Dickson, 2 A. Watson; coll. petunias double, 1 J. Goodall, 2 A. Dickson; coll. annuals, 1 E. Bingham; bouquet for table, 1 J. Goodall, 2 E. Bingham; hand bouquet, 1 E. Bingham, 2 J. Goodall; 4 achimenes, 1 J. Goodall; 6 begonias, 1 J. Goodall; 4 fuchsias, 1 J. Goodall; coll. scarlet geraniums single, 1 J. Goodall; coll. scarlet geraniums double, 1 J. Goodall; 12 green house plants, 1 J. Goodall, 2 A. Watson; coll. of foliage plants not less than 6 different colors, 1 J. Goodall, 2 A. Watson; 4 varieties gloxinias, J. Goodall; coll. zinnias double, 1 E. Bingham, 2 J. Goodall; 3 hanging flower baskets, 1 J. Goodall; 1 hanging flower basket, 1 A. C. Simmons, 2 Albert Black; iron flower stand recommended for a prize to D. K. Strachan.

Garden Vagetables.—Collection of potatoes, named 4 varieties one peck of each, 1 Wm. Hayden, 2 A. Dickson, 3 Thos Hood; Peck potatoes any variety named, 1 J. S. Allan, 2 Wm Hayden, 3 Wm Hayden; Summer squash for table, 1 John Stewart, 2 E. Bingham; winter squash for table, 1 Thos Hood, 2 John Stewart; white celery, 1 John Goodall, 2 Thos Hood; red celery, 1 J. Goodall, 2 E. Bingham; winter cabbage, 1 A. Dickson, 2 J. S. Allan; fall cabbage, 1 John Goodall, 2 A. Dickson, Savoy cabbage, 1 A. Dickson, 2 John Stewart; red cabbage, 1 E. Bingham, 2 A. Dickson; blood beets for table, 1 E. Bingham, 2 J. S. Allan; turnip blood beets for table, 1 E. Bingham, 2 J. S. Allan; radishes, 1 John Mitchell, 2 E. Bingham; mangel wurtzels, 1 E. Bingham, 2 Robt Gibbons; Swede turnips, 1 J. S. Allan, 2 E. Bingham; long orange carrots, 1 E. Bingham, 2 J. S. Allan; intermediate carrots, 1 E. Bingham, 2 A. Dickson; early horn carrots, 1 E. Bingham, 2 A. Dickson; white Belgian carrots, 1 E. Bingham, 2 John Mitchell; scarlet carrots, E. Bingham; parsnips for table, E. Bingham; red onions, 1 John Stewart, 2 E. Bingham; yellow onions, E. Bingham; silver skin onions, 1 E. Bingham, 2 A. Dickson; collection corn six ears of each for table, 1 A. Dickson, 2 T. Hood; 9 ears corn for table any variety named, 1 E. Bingham, 2 Thos Hood; water melons, John Stewart; musk melons, 1 E. Bingham, 2 John Stewart; green flesh melons, 1 E. Bingham, 2 John Stewart; 3 heads cauliflowers, 1 John Goodall, 2 A. Dickson; red tomatoes, 1 E. Bingham, 2 J. Stewart; collection of vegetables distinct from other entries, 1 E. Bingham, 2 John Goodall.

Ladies' Work.—Tatting, 1 Miss Mosely, 2 Miss Payne; crochet work, 1 Miss Mosely, 2 Miss Sneyd; embroidery in muslin, Miss Sneyd; worsted work raised, 1 Mrs. A. Watson, 2 Miss Morris; worsted work not raised, 1 Miss Skimmings, 2 Miss Lizzie Campbell; braiding, 1 Miss Mosely, 2 Miss Payne; fancy knitting, 1 Miss Mosely, 2 Miss Payne; paper flowers, J. D. Armstrong; wax flowers, Miss Mosely; fancy quilt, 1 Miss Sneyd, 2 Mrs. Jas. Story; fancy leather work, 1 Miss Mosely, 2 Miss Sneyd; hair work, 1 Mrs. P. McEwen, 2 Miss Morris; home made mat, 1 Miss Stewart, 2 Miss Morris.

Miscellaneous Articles.—Collection of photograph pictures, 1 E. L. Johnston, 2 R. R. Thompson.

Specials.—Farmers' seed wreath, recommended for a first prize to Miss Geo. Cox; second prize to Miss Sneyd Fancy toilet set, darned, first prize recommended to Miss M.A. Andrews. Feather flowers, prize recommended to Miss Morris. Log cabin quilt, Miss Morris, first prize. Sofa pillow, Miss M. Ross, first prize. Oil paintings, Mr. Dedrickson, editor of *Star*, first prize. Fancy spatter work, prize recommended to Mrs. H. McMath; second prize recommended to Mrs. P. McEwen for an ornament for centre table. Miss M. Ross, second prize recommended for fancy birds.

Methodist Sunday School Convention.

The fourth Methodist Sunday School Convention of the Goderich district was held in the beautiful and rising village of Wingham, on Wednesday and Thursday last, and proved to be a very enthusiastic and enjoyable affair. The Rev. C. Lavell, M. A., chairman of the district presided over the meeting, and by his tact and ability did much to sustain the interest of the several sessions. The Rev. W. C. Henderson acted as Secretary. The attendance of ministers and delegates from the several sections of the district numbered about one hundred and thirty.

The Chairman opened the Convention by a stirring address on christian zeal. Brief reports were presented from 36 Schools, in many of which were noted features of encouragement and showed a growing interest in the Sabbath School work of the church throughout the district. Mr. Ira J. Fisher addressed the convention on the "Teacher's work outside the School," and the Rev. T. Brock on "The best means of retaining the Elder Scholars," at the evening session Rev. G. A. Mitchell, M. A., and Mr. John Neeland, both of Wingham, extended to the communion, on behalf of the congregation, a most hearty and cordial welcome. Replies were made on behalf of the convention by the Rev. James Broley on the subject of "The Training of Children," and the Rev. James Caswell on "The Importance of Sabbath School Conventions." The Rev. Manly Benson introduced the topic, "The required preparation essential to success in Sabbath School Teaching," and Mr. Jam- Huston, "The Teachers' meeting, and how to be conducted."

The Thursday morning session was opened by an address on "How to win and hold attention," by Mr. R. Callender. A Bible Class Exercise" followed by Mr. E. F. Moore. The "Management of the Library" was explained by Mr. N. W. Sagden. "Sunday School Music" was discussed by Mr. R. Callender. In the afternoon Mr. E. F. Moore explained "Normal Class Work" by a specimen lesson on the blackboard. The highest point of interest in the Convention was reached in connection with the "Mass Meeting of Children" which was now commenced. The influence was truly delightful. The Reverends G. E. Stafford and L. O. Rice addressed the children, and Mr E. F. Moore followed with two admirable blackboard exercises, one of them being on Intemperance, the lesson of the 3rd September. These exercises seemed to rivet the truths upon the minds of the children. "How shall our Sabbath Schools be supported" was introduced by the Rev. W. C. Henderson.

The closing session was held on Thursday evening. The Rev. R. Davy presented "The claims of the Sabbath School upon the Church." Farewell addresses were given by Mr. R. Callender, Mr. S. Yates, Rev. A. Milliken, Rev. Mr. Foot, Rev. J. Caswell, Mr. Abel Smeltzer, Mr. W. Callender and the Chairman of the meeting.

We have given simply the skeleton of the work done. The filling up consisted of a process of comparing notes by a free and general conversation upon each subject introduced. Many valuable suggestions were made which will no doubt be of much service in the practical work of carrying on our Sabbath School. The laymen took a prominent part in the work of the Convention. The addresses and conversations were interspersed with singing, led by the choir of the church. The music did much to sustain and increase the interest of the meetings.

It was agreed on all hands that this was the best district convention thus far held, and all separated full of enthusiasm, and looking forward with delight to the Convention of 1877, to be held in the town of Kincardine.—Com.

Atholcott Range.

A SPLENDID MEETING.

IMPROVED SHOOTING!

Brussels No. 5 again wins the Battalion Cup.

Pte. Wilson best shot.

On Tuesday of last week the regular annual meeting of the 33rd Battalion took place at Atholcott Range, near Clinton, and we are pleased to say that it proved a decided success as regards the character of the shooting and the attendance. Only six of the ten companies in the county were represented in the battalion match. It would be gratifying to see a fuller representation of the battalion so as to create a more wide-spread interest in this contest, but as it is the interest is deep and so far from being discouraged at the continued success of the Brussels company the rest have resolved more determinedly to alter the order of things. This latter feeling has been at work since last year, evidently, since the scores show considerable improvement. Last year's winning score summed up 123 points, whilst this year it amounts to 159 points. Private John Wilson of the Brussels Co. took the $8 prize as best shot in the battalion, and Private McDonald, Goderich Township, won the $20 prize given by Col. Ross.

The weather was very favorable, cool and pleasant with a good light. The affair passed off pleasantly, and without accident, and Major Cooke and his brother officers, Majors Connor and Murray, in charge of the arrangements, deserve credit for the manner in which they performed their duties. Mr. S. Cole, of Clinton, provided the refreshments on the ground in an excellent manner.

In the match for the battalion cup we give the names of the best shot of each company with their scores, as well as the aggregate scores. The following list gives the result of the matches:

BATTALION MATCH.

200 and 400 yard ranges; 5 rounds at each.

Company.	200	400	Best shot.	Score.
No. 2 Co., Wingham,	64	58	Sergt. Wilson,	30
No. 3 Co., Seaforth,	64	76	" Munro,	31
No. 4 Co., Clinton,	37	36	Maj. Murray,	24
No. 5 Co., Brussels	78	81	Pte. Jno. Wilson	37
No. 7 Co., Goderich t'p	70	73	Pte. McDonald,	33
No. 9 Co. Dungannon,	65	72	Sergt. Dreany	30

Brussels has thus taken the cup three years in succession. The possible aggregate score in the above match was 200, and the possible individual score, 40.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS' AND PRIVATES' MATCH.

300 and 500 yard ranges; 3 rounds at each.

	Prize.	300	500
Pte. McDonald, No. 7,	$20	10	10
Pte, Wilson, No. 5,	11	8	10
Corp. Pennington, Art. Co.	10	5	11
Pte. Trann, No. 3,	9	7	9
Sergt. McDonald, No. 7,	8	4	11
Corp. McCaig, Art. Co.	7	7	8
Sergt. McDougald, No. 7,	6	8	7
Pte. Jno. Wilson, No. 5,	5	9	6
Pte. Pound, No. 5,	4	9	6
Gunner Sanderson, Art. Co.	3	7	7
Corp. Revelle, No. 7,	2	7	7
Pte. Biggart, No. 7,	1	9	5

OFFICERS' MATCH.

200 and 400 yard ranges; 3 rounds at each.

	Prize,	200	400
Capt. Sheppard, No. 7,	$8	10	11
Capt. Wilson, No. 3,	6	9	10
Capt. Howard, No. 6,	4	9	10
Lieut. Crozier, No. 9,	2	8	10

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS' MATCH.

400 and 600 yard ranges; 3 rounds at each.

	Prize.	400	600
Corp. Roberts, No. 5,	$8	7	9
Corp. McCaig, Art. Co.	7	7	8
Corp. Revelle, No. 7,	6	8	6
Sergt. Leary, No. 2,	5	8	6
Sergt. Munro, No. 3,	4	11	2
Sergt. T. Wilson, No. 2,	3	8	3
Corp. Ainley, No. 5,	2	9	2
Sergt. McDonald, No. 7,	1	5	5

PRIVATES' MATCH.

300 and 400 yard ranges; 3 rounds at each.

	Prize.	300	400
Pte. Pound, No. 5,	$11	9	11
Pte. McDonald, No. 7,	10	9	9
Pte. Jno. Wilson, No. 5,	9	7	10
Pte. Henderson, No. 9,	8	6	10
Pte. Murphy, No. 5,	7	7	9
Pte. W. Wilson, No. 5,	6	8	8
Pte. Stewart, No. 9,	5	5	10
Pte. Baird, No. 3,	4	8	7
Pte. Biggart, No. 7,	3	6	7
Gunner Sanderson, Art. Co.	2	7	6
Pte. Ainley, No. 5,	1	7	5

ALL COMERS' MATCH.

400 yard range; 5 rounds.

	Prize.	Score.
Mr. Robson,	$7	19
Mr. Railton,	6	17
Mr. Hawthorn,	5	17
Pte. Pound,	4	17
Mr. Louby,	3	16
Mr. T. Joslin,	2	16
Mr. Campbell,	1	15

THREE YEARS' SERVICE MATCH.

200 and 400 yard ranges; 3 rounds at each.

	Prize.	200	400
Sergt. Dreany,	$9	12	9
Mr. Grassick,	8	11	9
J. Wilson,	7	9	10
T. Joslin,	6	10	9
Lieut. Proctor,	5	11	7
Pte. Ainley,	4	8	9
Lieut. Wilson,	3	9	8
P. Wilson,	2	10	6
Sergt. McDonald,	1	9	7

At the close of the meeting, the question of sending a team to represent the Battalion at the Western Rifle Association match, to be held at London in a few weeks, was discussed Col. Ross, Majors Cooke and Murray and Capts. Wilson and Sheppard were appointed a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

DUNGANNON.

Editor Signal.—I notice in last week's *Star* a communication signed "Spectator," making some complaints of my account of the base ball match, which was played here some time ago. No doubt he is some person who came out to see the utter defeat of the Dungannon Club, but being disappointed vented his spleen by writing an article against my report. If he had stuck to facts, it would have been all right, but I am sorry to say that some of his statements are unfounded. In the first place, he says they played picked players from two or three clubs. This statement is wrong. They had only one player that did not belong to their club, and that one was a substitute in place of one of their players who was unavoidably absent, and who "Spectator" will admit was as good as the substitute. Another statement that he makes is that they played with a backstop from another club. Concerning this, we would say that the backstop that played that day for the Excelsiors does not belong to any club in Canada except the Dungannon club, or has not been a member of any other club in Canada for six months, so that he is an eligible player. This match has taught the Independents that they cannot get over the Excelsiors, and if they doubt the truthfullness of this statement, they will no doubt have an opportunity shortly of testing its truthfullness. I will leave "Spectator" alone for the present, trusting when he writes again about base ball he will stick to facts.—Com.

—Only one or two lots were disposed of at the recent sale in Londesboro.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

Interesting Letter.—Mr. D. Patton, late of Goderich T'p, sends us an interesting letter from Nebraska, which appears this week.

For the Centennial.—Forty-four of our citizens left on Friday to join the cheap excursion to Philadelphia from Stratford. Four only of this number did not avail themselves of the offer to return by way of New York.

Personal.—Dr. Taylor intends starting on a three months' trip to the "old country" on Saturday next. He goes by way of New York.

—Mr. Alex. McD. Allan, of this paper, is absent this week acting as judge on fruit at Provincial Exhibition in Hamilton.

—Mr. J. T. Duncan has been appointed representative of the Ontario Veterinary College at the meeting of veterinary surgeons in Philadelphia, and started for there last week.

Oats Wanted.—Mr. W. M. Hilliard wishes to purchase a quantity of oats. Farmers having any for sale should come on at once, as Mr. Hilliard wishes to ship them by water.

Testimonial.—I hereby certify that I have one of the Rotary Suction Pumps, and am very much pleased with it. I believe it one of the best pumps ever put into a well. Jonathan Miller.

Ben Miller, Sept. 13th, 1876.

Hosker's Baths.—The saline baths will be closed at the end of this month. We are glad to learn that they have proved a great success this year, and Mr. Hosker's enterprise has certainly deserved this.

For the Gentlemen.—Messrs. J. C. Detlor & Co. have engaged the services of Mr. Sinclair, of Toronto, as cutter in the tailoring department of their establishment. Mr. S. has a high reputation, and his ability coupled with the fact that Messrs. Detlor & Co. have a splendid stock of goods on hand, will no doubt draw a good trade to that firm.

Prayers Requested.—The Sunday School Association requests that public prayers be offered up in churches and Sunday Schools, on Sunday, October, 8th, to the Throne of Grace, for a blessing on the Convention of the Association to be held in Belleville on the 10th, 11th and 12th prox.

A Treat in Store.—Rev. Albert Carman, D. D., Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada and late President of the Albert University at Belleville, will visit Goderich on Nov. 12th, and will deliver a lecture in Knox Church on the evening of the 11th Nov. On the evening of the 13th the same gentleman will lecture in Benmiller.

Shipments.—During the past week the following shipments were made from the station, amongst others: Hickson & Robertson, 5700 lbs. butter; Jas. Mitchell, 450 lbs. fish; S. Furse, 331 lbs. wool pickings and sheepskins; W. McClain, 25 head of cattle for Toronto; J. & G. W. Thomson, 3 keystones; Goderich Foundry Co., 1095 lbs. castings.

West Huron License Fund.—The following is a statement of the amounts distributed to the several municipalities of West Huron from the Liquor License Fund by the Commissioners: Goderich Township, $29.08; East Wawanosh, $67.86; West Wawanosh, $58.17; Hullett, $67.86; Turnberry, $29.98; Ashfield, $116.35; Colborne, $232 72; Wingham, $213.32; Goderich town, $1,171 83; Clinton, $727.58.

S. S. Anniversary Services.—The Sabbath School anniversary services in the North Street Methodist Church, on Sunday and Monday last were highly interesting. Rev. J. Philp, M. A., St. Marys and Rev. J. Caswell, Dungannon, preached able sermons on the former day, and on Monday evening addressed a fair audience. At the latter meeting Rev. W. C. Henderson, M. A., presided and excellent singing was furnished by the children of the school under the direction of Major Thomson.

That Race.—At the Caledonian Games in Lucknow, on Wednesday last, the race between A. M. Polley, of Goderich, and Jock Adams, of Lucknow, created much interest. The race was a spurt of 50 yards, for a stake of $50.—Considerable betting was done by the friends of both parties. Jock appeared on the course clad in tights and was loudly cheered, and Mr. Polley's appearance was the signal for a friendly demonstration. Both the contestants got away well together, but Mr. Polley gradually took the lead and won the race by about three yards.

A New Light.—Mr. J. Story last week supplied Knox Church with a new kind of light, which is a vast improvement upon the old fashioned coal oil lamps. It is produced from refined petroleum, and a burner is used something like a gas burner, producing a clear white light equal to gas in brilliancy. The oil used costs 45 cts. per gallon, and is so safe that it may be poured upon a flame without catching fire. This invention dispenses with glasses and wicks, and the only attention necessary is to keep the lamp supplied with oil and as clean as is compatible with good house keeping. Much satisfaction was expressed, by those attending Knox church last Sunday evening, with the new light.

The Centennial Horses.—The New York *Times* speaking of the Canadian horses at Philadelphia, thus refers to some Huron horses:—"Young Simon Pure (J. J. Fisher's) and Lord Dufferin (Wm. Ferguson's), three and two years respectively, are perhaps the best specimens of the English cart horse. They are fine animals, of great power, and their good qualities are evident even at a cursory glance. In the agriculturals, John Glenn, of Carlow, shows a matched pair, weighing together 2,500 pounds." The latter note is certainly a mistake. From the Philadelphia *News* we clip the following:—"Pat Malloy, a beautiful dapple gray attracts considerable attention. He is entered by D. and J. Fisher, of Ontario, is six years old, and weighs 2000 pounds. Among the other monsters of horse flesh are Lord Dufferin, Simon Pure, and Glory of the Dominion."

M. E. Anniversary Services.—The quarterly services in the M. E. Church last Sabbath were of an interesting and profitable nature. At 9.30 a. m. the Rev. O. G. Collamore, of London, conducted the love feast, at the close of which he administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper, extending a cordial invitation to all believers in Christ to participate, for it was not a Methodist but the Lord's table. Then taking the pulpit he preached an effective discourse from Psalms, 1st chap., first to the third verse. He likewise occupied the pulpit in the evening, and delivered a very practical, soul searching sermon from 2 Sam., 14th cap., 30th verse, after which a short prayer meeting was held, conducted by the pastor of the church. The church was crowded at all the services, and the collections aggregated more than at any former services held in connection with the charge. On Monday evening a full house greeted the speakers who had been advertised to speak on behalf of the Missionary Society of the church. The chair was occupied by the pastor. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. O. G. Collamore. The Rev. W. D. Hughson, P. E. of the District, was then introduced who took for his theme "The importance and necessity of religious institutions." The speaker, in a clear logical and practical manner unfolded the various ideas suggested by the theme, and proved himself a masterly logician. Rev. O. G. Collamore was next called upon. He touched upon the financial aspect, and declared that christians, notwithstanding their blessings, paid less to support their religious institutions than the votaries of folly or the believers in the various *isms* of the day. The next speech was the collection, and the taking up of the usual subscriptions. The addresses were interspersed with music furnished by the choir. The meeting closed with the benediction by the Rev. W. D. Hughson, and thus closed one of the most successful missionary meetings ever held in the town.

New Dress.—Our spicy cotemporary, the Dundas *Banner* appeared last week in a handsome new dress. More power to the elbow of the champion egg man!

For the Provincial.—Some twenty of the citizens of Colborne and Goderich started for the Provincial on Tuesday morning. Sheriff Gibbons and Messrs. Gavin Struthers and Alex. Kirkbride left on Monday, the latter taking with him a well made plough for exhibition.

Harbor Mills.—Business at the mill has been very brisk during the past week the shipments amounting to five and six cars per day. The amounts shipped since our last report sum up as follows: 2400 bushels wheat, 639 bags and 1 car of bran, 260 bags criblings and 2,990 bags of flour. Farmers' grain is coming in pretty freely, about 200 bushels per day being received at the mill, and the receipts for the past week amount to about 1500 bushels.

Legal Notes.

Before the Magistrate.—Jas. Mitchell for an assault on Jas. Johnston last week, was brought before C. Crabb. Esq., on Thursday, and fined $1 and costs.

—Louis Torquitte, on the 12th, was charged by Disertau Roseboux with calling his wife names. The parties could speak very little English, and as the case proved to be a slight family quarrel it was dismissed.

Sentenced.—Owen Graham, for obtaining money under false pretences, as reported last week, was on Monday sentenced by Judge Toms to 12 months' imprisonment in the Central Prison.—Mr. B. L. Doyle appeared for the defendant.

Quashed.—An appeal having been made against the decision fining George Graham, of Port Albert, for contravention of the liquor act, Judge Galt has reversed the magistrates' sentence.—Graham, who was committed to jail in default of payment of the fine, was therefore liberated last week.

Defying the Bailiff.—Mr. Hagan, bailiff, on the 11th inst., took charge of the premises of Mr. Jordan, Port Albert, and on that night Jordan and his son, acting on the advice of their lawyer, entered the premises and took a load of hay which they brought to Goderich and sold. Constable Trainer arrested the two men, according to instructions, and on being brought before Judge Toms were ordered to refund the value of the hay. The lawyer who gave the advice undertook to pay costs.

BENMILLER.

Cider Mill.—Mr. John Snyder has again got his cider mill in operation, and is ready to accommodate customers. He has added a new grinder this year to his machinery, and is thus enabled to more readily meet the wants of the public. Mr. Snyder will this year charge 1½ cts. per gallon for making cider.

EXETER.

Mr. J. Carling will offer for sale at auction 150 village lots, on 5th Oct.

Changed Hands.—Mr. W. Drew has sold his hotel to Mr. John Hawkshaw, for the sum of $10,000.

Base Ball.—The Mechanics defeated the merchants at base ball, on the 12th, by a score of 58 to 46.

Rebuilding.—Mr. James McNabb has commenced to build his Hub and Bending factory on the site of the old building (which was recently destroyed by fire). It is their intention to built it much larger than the other.

Improvement.—The Directors of the Stephen & Usborne Agricultural Society have let a contract to Mr. Handford for the erection of a large building, 26x100 feet which will be used exclusively for roots and grain, thus giving more room for the Exhibition of fruit and domestic manufactures in the main building.—*Times.*

WINGHAM.

The visitors from this place to the Centennial were entertained at supper by their friends, on the 12th inst.

Messrs. E. Hodgins, of London, and H. McIntosh, jun., of Wingham, have become proprietors of Royal Hotel of this place.

Our rate of assessment this year has been fixed at 1½ cents on the dollar.

Sixty appeals have been entered against the Wingham Voters' List for the present year.

The Cemetery by-law was, on the 8th inst., carried by a majority of 22, the vote being 36 to 14.

The sum of $1,900 is required for school purposes this year.

On the 11th inst., Mr. John Robinson, of Turnberry, was at Fowler's saw mill getting a load of lath. The blowing of the whistle caused the horses to start, and Mr. Robinson who was standing on the load in stooping to pick up the lines fell headforemost in front of the wagon. The front wheel passed over his breast breaking three ribs, and the hind wheel passed over his head, but fortunately the ground was covered with sawdust which undoubtedly saved Mr. R's life. He is recovering.

CLINTON.

Lambs.—On Monday last Messrs. Hearn & Watson shipped three car loads of lambs from this place.

Base Ball.—Blue Stockings of this place, 15; Beavers, St. Marys, 32. The match was played in St. Marys, on the 11th.

Off for England.—Mr. C. Spooner, of this town started for England last week to make arrangements for the sale of cattle shipped from this country.

Hand Injured.—The other day when a small boy named Humble was at work attending to a large fanning machine, at the flax mill, his hand became entangled in the teeth, and part of his thumb and finger were torn off.

Accident.—One night last week a marble monument, which was standing in W. H. Cooper's yard, by some means fell and broke into several pieces. It had just been finished and was worth about $100.

Broken Leg.—A few evenings ago, a horse owned by Mr. W. Kilty; of Owen Sound, was stabled at Knox's hotel, and during the night, by some unaccountable way, it managed to break one of its legs so badly that it had to be shot.

Cancer Cured.—Mr. Wm. Cantelon, of Goderich Township, called upon us a few days since to show us how completely a cancer was removed from his lower lip, which had caused him great suffering for some time, and for which he at one time feared there was no cure. The cancer was of two years' growth, and medical aid was sought for its removed but no good resulted till he applied a plaster prepared by Mr. W. H. Ryan, of Biddulph, which not only removed it, but the sore was entirely healed in three weeks and three days.—*New Era.*

SEAFORTH.

The Rate.—At the last meeting of the Council a by-law was passed fixing the rate of assessment for the present year at 17 mills on the dollar for school, county and town purposes.

Property Change.—Mr. Duncan has disposed of the lot on the corner opposite the *Expositor* office, and facing on Main Street, to Mrs. Whitney, for the sum of $2,150.

A Bad Cut.—One day last week as Mr. Andrew Curry, of Harpurhey, butcher, was dressing a beef he gave his finger a slight cut with the knife. He paid no attention to the wound for several days and attended to his business as usual. At length it became intensely painful and commenced to swell and inflame. For several days he has been confined to the house with it, the swelling having extended to the hand and arm, and the pain is most excruciating. He must have got poison into the wound in some way.—*Expositor.*

From our correspondent.

Stolen Goods.—A large amount of the goods stolen at the fire has been recovered. Some of it had reached as far as Brussels.

Looking Ahead.—People are still speaking about the mayor-ship. Mr. Beattie seems to be the favorite thus far.

Unfortunate.—The boy Alburn, who got so badly injured in the flax mill a short time ago, it is thought will lose his leg as well as his arm.

Levanted.—One of our colored barbers of the name of Robinson, has left for parts unknown, leaving a number of his friends singing:

Oh! will he no come back again?
Oh! will he no come back again? etc.

False Alarm.—An alarm of fire was sounded on Friday night, and the fire company turned out promptly, as usual. The alarm proved to be a false one, the fire only being in some brush near town.

A Good Idea.—Mr. Bay, the County Surveyor, was engaged on Thursday, surveying the burnt part of the town and widening the street by six feet on each side. This will make Main street a very broad and beautiful thoroughfare.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—Rev J. Philip, Blyth, has gone to the Centennial.

—The Exeter market by-law was defeated on Friday, by a majority of seven.

—A few days ago a lad living near Blyth had his leg broken by a kick from an ox.

—Marquis Chisholm, the famous pianist, is to be engaged as organist for Trinity church, Mitchell.

—Henfryn possesses a new station built by the L. H. & B. R. Co., Mr. A. B. Zuigg, station master.

—Sidewalks are being placed on the principal streets of Cranbrook, and extensive building operations are going on.

—The anniversary of the Primitive Methodist Sabbath School, Ebenezer, will be celebrated on the 24th and 25th inst.

—Water is scarce in McKillop, and the farmers of the 13th con., have to drive their cattle to Silver Creek for water.

—A few days ago, Mr. John Taylor, of Granton, was relieved of his pocket-book and $24 by some expert in Middleton's bar room.

—Mr. Hiram Campbell has sold his farm lot 20, 12th Con. Hullett, and containing 100 acres, to Mr. J. Tamblyn, for the round sum of $6,000.

—Jas. Connon, of Ethel, a few days ago has his foot painfully crushed by being caught in the gearing of a horse-power of a threshing machine.

—Gray is an Eden for taxpayers. At the last meeting of council a rate of one mill on the dollar was struck for township purposes and a railway rate.

—Mr. N. Warner, leader of the Methodist church choir at Londesboro, was a few evenings ago presented with a sofa, rocking chair and six cane seated chairs.

—Mr. Richard Denny, aged 67, an old resident of McKillop, died on Wednesday whilst sitting in his chair. On the previous day he complained of severe pains in his chest, from which he was suffering at the time of his death.

—On Tuesday the 12th inst., the barn belonging to Mr. Wm. Boyd, Howick, was set on fire by a spark from a burning stump close by, and the seasons' entire crop of hay and grain, agricultural implements, &c., stored in the barn, were all destroyed.

—Messrs. R. Sibbald and J. Farrow, of Bluevale, shipped one day last week, a large box of choice fruit, consisting of apples, plums and pears to Philadelphia, to be exhibited there.—Another lot of winter fruit will be shipped in a short time.

—At the last meeting of the directors of the McKillop Mutual Fire Insurance Co., insurances to the amount of $69,775 were effected. This company has now a total membership of 342, and has property insured to the amount of $320,425.

—Mr Chas Troyer, of the township of Hay, had his arm taken off near the shoulder in the gearing of a threshing machine near Varna, on Saturday afternoon. Medical aid had to be sent for some distance, and as the bleeding was very free, fears are entertained of his recovery.

—A gentleman of this County, says the *New Era*, has issued a book, in which he sets down the time for the second coming of Christ to be either in 1883 or 1884. His belief is based on the presumption that the various prophicies in the old and new testaments are regularly coming to pass, and that from his "chronological observatory" he sees in the distance either of these periods as the time "immutably fixed" in the past ages when such should be the case.

—The North Huron District Lodge, United Temperance Order, met at Dungannon on the 8th inst., says the Wingham *Times*. The attendance of delegates was large, and the session was a very successful one. The main features of the present license law were discussed, and the lodge decided to have the Riding canvassed in behalf of the Dunkin Bill, with petitions asking the submission of that measure to the County for the popular vote, said petitions to be presented at the December session. The next meeting of the lodge will be held at Wingham, Dec. 1.

—An eastern exchange says: A great deal of dissatisfaction is expressed by farmers up west with the Canada Thistle Act. They say there is no use trying to enforce it unless travelling Inspectors are appointed. In regard to this it may be remarked that township Councils are empowered to do the very thing they seem to think will under the Act be effective. In this section various townships have exercised the power they possess in this respect but not in all cases with satisfactory results. Only a few days ago we saw Canadian thistles by the thousands with seed ripe and being blown about by the wind, in a township where an Inspector is supposed to see that they are kept under.

—The second annual games of the Caledonians of Lucknow were held on Wednesday, and proved a complete success. The day was all that could be desired, and the attendance very large. It was estimated that over 3,000 visitors were present. At 9 a.m. the muster of the clans took place at their hall. Without delay Marshal Ross gave the command to fall in, and in a short time the company was in full marching order, headed by the pipers and members in Highland costume. The parade took place through the principal streets to Mr. H. McKay's grounds, where the games were held. The Caledonian societies of Toronto, Hamilton, and Kincardine were represented. Besides local contestants, a number of distinguished athletes from other parts of the Province were present.

Nebraska and Dakota.

Crete, Nebraska, Sept. 5th, 1876.

To the Editor of the Huron Signal.

Dear Sir,—As some of the young men in Huron may be desirous of hearing some particulars about a life on the distant praries or the beauties of the far west, permit me through your widely circulated paper to give some information respecting the State of Nebraska and Dakota, as I have occupied most of my time this summer in traveling and picking up such real information as I thought would be useful for one intending to make a home in as desirable a place as possible. I am living in the City of Crete, in the State of Nebraska, at present, in this land of sublime scenery, salubrious atmospheres and gorgeous sunsets; this land of wild buffaloes, huge rattlesnakes, and "big Ingins"; this country where a man is a man if he is willing to toil and where the grasshoppers eat all the fruits of the soil. Nebraska is bounded on the south by the 40th parallel of north latitude, on the east and northeast by the Missouri River. The State is two hundred miles in width from north to south, and four hundred miles in length, from east to west. Beautiful praries, more or less undulating, cover more than three-fourths of the State. The State is traversed from east to west by the Platte River, into which from the north flows the Loop River, which, with its branches and tributaries, water the central and northern part of the State. The southern part of the State is watered by the Republican and Blue Rivers and their tributaries, and many nameless little rivulets which meander down the valleys to give wealth and comfort to the husbandman, as well as life and beauty to the fields. The soil is a dark, sandy loam, from three to ten feet deep; but the fact is there is no soil such as Canadians would call soil. It is a dark, porous, coarse clay, which absorbs the water so quickly that in one hour after a heavy fall of rain there is not a particle of water to be seen on the surface. So very dry is the land that it does not require any draining, even the cellars in the houses do not require draining, as no water ever accumulates in them. The climate is as healthy as any climate out west, yet I have not heard of any community where they had to kill one of the inhabitants to start a graveyard with. The air is clear and pure, and the nights are beautiful beyond description. The general appearance of the country is pleasing. As far as the eye can carry in any direction, you can feast the vision on fields of corn, rich and luxuriant, while all the uncultivated lands are covered with a luxuriant native grass, where large herds of cattle are turned to pasture under the care of herdsmen. The land here in its natural state is as smooth as any meadow in Canada, and the native grass is fine and soft. There are no marshy lands, no shrubbery, nothing but the richest looking grass, sprinkled over with the prairie rose. The land is laid off in sections of a mile square, with a road running entirely around each section, so that the roads run at right angles and only one mile apart throughout the country. At this season of the year these roads are as smooth and hard as any clay roads in Canada. In breaking up the prairie, the first plowing is only from two to three inches deep, and one span of horses will plow an acre and a half per day, as they turn a score of fourteen inches in width. As for crops, wheat, oats, barley and corn are the staples.

Peas will not grow here. Although the crops look beautiful in the month of May, surpassing anything to be seen in Canada, yet when the dry weather sets in and the scorching suns of June and July dry up all moisture out of the soil, the crops give way and ripen too quickly to make a good return to the husbandman.

At present the farmers are busily engaged in threshing out their grain. Wheat will yield only from six to ten bushels per acre; barley about twenty; oats are badly rusted and yield about thirty bushels per acre; there will be no trouble harvesting the corn this year, as the grasshoppers have attended to that little job already; there is any quantity of hay at $4 per ton. Hay is not cut or saved here until the month of September, when the farmer has nothing else to do. As it is all native grass, the weather does not effect it.

The farmers are all supplied with water from wells. There is not one farm in every hundred that has running water on it. The wells are from one hundred to one hundred and fifty feet deep, and water may be found in great quantities at that depth. There are no fences of any kind. Cattle are not allowed to run at large, they must be in care of a herd, which makes it expensive to raise stock. There are no barns, and very inferior stables. The country is well adapted for raising cattle, horses and hogs, as land is cheap, pasture good and the winters short and mild.

Society here is pretty rough. To drag oneself through is like drawing a hemlock tree by the top. However, the people are not the ferocious monsters, bristling with revolvers and bowie knives, that we sometimes read of. Ignorance and impudence being their stock in trade, they are not smart or clever in business, but exceedingly mean in their dealings. The rattlesnake often amuses himself in a race with the bare-footed boys. A highly recommended cure for the bite is to drink whisky until perfectly stupefied. Some of the Irishmen here are perfectly snake proof, and could make the Hindoo snake charmer throw up the sponge. Riding on horse back is a favorite amusement amongst the young ladies, more especially in the rural districts, where they generally place themselves on the horse clothes pin fashion, and sweep over the plains at a rate that would put a well trained circus rider to the blush.

There is no timber for firewood; the fuel is coal or corn cobs. Money is very scarce—I have never seen it so scarce in any country. The people here say that President Grant and the Wall Street brokers have annihilated money as successfully as St. Patrick did the "snakes out of Owld Ireland," but people are hoping for better times. Nine out of every ten that one meets with are wanting to sell out, but cannot meet with buyers. Many farmers are rising up, leaving their farms and going east, as the grasshoppers have eaten their crops for the last three years, and this season have deposited their eggs in such quantities as will produce enough to destroy next year's crop as soon as it appears above ground. Never have they done so much harm in one season out west as they have done this. All people here say they are fearfully on the increase. This year they came from the northwest in clouds, shrouding the very sun in darkness, taking possession of every green thing, and "terrible as an army with banners." There is no fruit of any kind in this country, not even strawberries, so the young folks when wishing to enjoy themselves have to be happy over a mush and milk festival, with a dessert of pop corn and water melon and a moonlight procession, which upon the whole is rather agreeable, as our moonlight is superlative and under the pale silvery light just the place where many bashful youths and blushing maidens declare the tender passion.

DAKOTA TERRITORY.

I have passed part of the summer in Dakota Territory, which in general appearance and soil is much like Nebraska, yet the climate is a little colder and the soil better adapted to wheat growing, but not as good for corn, and will rival any other State in the Union for grasshoppers, gold fields and "big Ingins." It is in this territory that the war is going on between the Indians and whites, which makes life rather precarious if one goes too far west. I went about sixty miles west of Yankton (I may here remark that Yankton is the farthest point west blessed with a railway, and the remainder of the way I had to drive.) Myself and some others were at one time within eighteen miles of an Indian reserve, but as we had no curiosity to hold an interview with Sitting Bull, we returned to a town called Scotland. The Black Hills of Dakota, so famous of late for gold, has proved a failure. Thousands rushed to the diggings, and thousands rushed home again after a long and fatiguing journey, without securing any gold or quartz, except quarts of *beer*. Many of the disappointed were expressing their feelings towards the publishers of newspapers in a very hostile way, some remarking that they wished the chaps that wrote so much about those fields of gold were in the place the Scripture says is never very cold. Near Scotland I met with a number of Canadian friends from Morris. I spent a very pleasant time with A. Brown, Esq., formerly Reeve of the Township of Morris. He owns nine hundred acres of land, has forty head of cattle, three working teams, a number of sheep, hogs, &c. Would soon be rich were it not for grasshoppers. He is spoken favorably of as being the coming man at election next Fall, as representative of the Couny he lives in.

I may say in conclusion that there is every inducement for men to come here, were it not for the grasshoppers, but as long as they remain it is better to stay away.

Yours &c.,
DAVID PATTON.

On Friday morning, as the steamer Cumberland, of the Collingwood and Lake Superior line, was appproching the mouth of the river, at Owen Sound, she got aground, and in attempting to get her off a line was passed round the shaft, when it suddenly broke, the end striking Captain Orr and breaking both his legs near the thighs. The captain's many friends in Goderich will regret to learn of the accident.

A young man named Wm. Hargraves, whilst sawing with a large circular saw in Beck's saw mill, Belleville, on Thursday morning, accidently slipped his foot when reaching for the lever and falling forward on the saw, which was revolving at a high rate of speed, received such fearful injuries that he died in about an hour after. The left arm and shoulder and a portion of the ribs were completely severed from the body.

Agricultural Exhibitions.

Western Fair, London, Sept. 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29.
Central Exhibition, Guelph, Oct. 3, 4, 5 and 6.
South Riding Huron, Exeter, Oct. 5 and 6.
West Riding Huron, Smith's Hill, Sept. 27 and 28.
East Riding Huron, Brussels, Oct. 10 and 11.
Hullett Branch, Clinton, Oct. 3 and 4.
Turnberry Branch, Wingham, Sept. 29.
Morris Branch, Blyth, Oct. 12 and 13.
East Wawanosh, Belgrave, Oct. 5.
Dungannon Branch, Dungannon, Sept. 26.
Howick, at Gorrie, October 3.
Wroxeter, at Wroxeter, October 4.
Hay Branch, at Zurich, October 3 and 4.
Stanley Branch, Bayfield, October 12.

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Goderich, Sept. 5th, 1876.

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Youry truly,

ABRAHAM SMITH & CO.

ESTRAY HEIFER.

Came on the premises of the subscriber on or about the 6th of August, a red heifer two years old, with a little white on the belly. Owner can have the animal on proving property and paying expenses.

CHAS. WILKINS,

1542 c Lot 39, 4th con. Goderich T'p.

The Superior Saving & Loan Society.

DIVIDEND NO. 1,

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of four per cent. for the half year ending 30th June has been declared on the paid up Capital Stock of the Society and the same will be payable at the office of the Society, Dundas St, on and after

Monday, 3rd day of July, 1876.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th to the 30th June, both days inclusive. By order of the Board.

JAS. MILNE, Manager.

London, 19th June 1876.

Farm for Sale.

North Half of Lot 14, Bayfield Road, Goderich Township, three miles from the Town of Goderich. The lot comprises 40 acres of good land (clay loam), about three acres of which are uncleared, the remainder being in a good state of cultivation. A good orchard on the place. It is well watered with never failing springs. Good frame barn on the premises. Title good. It will be sold in parts to suit purchasers. Terms liberal. For particulars apply to

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