



LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1879.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A CABLEGRAM states that Sir John and Lady Macdonald have been the guests of Lord Beaconsfield at Hughenden Manor this week. Our word for it this dispatch was not "inspired" by the *Globe's* special correspondent at London.

The Smith-Ross boat race came off at Bedford Basin on Monday, Smith beating Ross by one boat length. The frequent postponements owing to bad weather considerably lessened the interest in the race. The defeat of Wallace Ross by the Haligonians was a surprise to the New Brunswicks.

HAMILTON cricketers have recently returned from a very successful tour in the United States, during which they defeated the St. George's club at Hoboken, the celebrated Young Americans at Philadelphia and the Staten Island club—the three crack clubs of America. The ambitious club is justly proud of her knights of the willow.

TORONTO Mail.—Sir Charles Tupper has bought his steel rails for \$24,30 per ton; Mr. MacKenzie's lot in 1875 cost \$54. The latter bought in a falling market; the former at a time when the evidences point to an advance in price. So that as a matter of fact the country is not much out of pocket by not having a "practical" man at the head of the Rail-way Department.

The creditors of the Mechanics' Bank are evidently not inclined to "submit to circumstances" and quietly await whatever terms the late management of the collapsed institution may dictate. A meeting of the creditors of the bank was held at Huntingdon the other day, when a resolution was unanimously passed in favor of throwing the bank into insolvency, and a petition was adopted to the Minister of Justice, asking him to prosecute the directors and officials criminally. A subscription to defray expenses was opened. That section was badly victimized.

SIR ROWLAND HILT, author of the English penny post system, is dead. He was born near Birmingham in 1855. In 1837 he published a pamphlet developing his postal system, which was carried into effect with his assistance in 1840. In 1860, in acknowledgment of his services at the post office, he was made a K. C. B., and upon retiring from the service four years later, the Treasury awarded him for life full salary of \$2,000 a year. In the same year (1864) he received a parliamentary grant of \$20,000, the First Albert medal of the Society of Arts, and the honorary degree of D. C. L. from Oxford. Sir Rowland was 84 years of age at the time of his death.

THE CRISIS IN QUEBEC.

When M. Letellier was removed from Spencerville, Mr. Joly had the most powerful influence in Quebec. Having obtained and occupied his high office by entering into the conspiracy of the 2nd March, the ex-Lieutenant-Governor hesitated at nothing, and the Premier had every confidence in his willingness to abolish party through his influence. No one might be violated or the principles of Responsible Government set at naught. But simultaneously with M. Letellier's exit M. Joly became suddenly weak, so weak indeed that in order to save himself he was forced to abandon the seat he had so long occupied, and to leave in the speech from the Throne. It is something novel in the history of Parliament that a Minister for a Ministry withdrawing his public measures one after the other of sheer fright and retreaded that path with the confidence of the people's representatives.

During the session of 1878, M. Joly's first session, he announced in the speech from the Throne that it was the Government's intention to abolish the Provincial police; to abolish the Legislative Council, and to abolish the Legislative Assembly, and added other planks to his platform, the chief of which were the abolition of School Inspectorships; a grant to the St. Jean road; the lease of the Fort Erie, which was undoubtedly the finest effort of the convention. The Drayton foundry, Peel, Gorrie, Belmore, Fonthill, Mount Forest, Kenilworth, Listowel, Harriston, Palmerston, Clifford, Arthur, Holstein, Trowbridge, Moorefield, Wallace, and Luther, all of which were to be abolished. The colonial forces and garrisons advanced from Limerick on the 12th instant. Omen's men are joining them, and the whole force, it is expected, will be opposed on Aasegi river.

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WELLINGTON DISTRICT SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The annual Sabbath School convention in connection with the Canada Methodist Church of the Wellington District was held in the C. M. Church, Listowel, on Tuesday and Wednesday last. The various Sabbath Schools throughout the District were well represented by their agents. Mr. Bullock's hired man was about that hour and just as he got out of bed he heard the back gate shut. Looking out he saw a blaze, and a man running away. He at once rushed out and discovered a fire in the stable, but had no difficulty in putting it out. Upon examination it was discovered that a ball of cotton waste, saturated in coal oil, had been placed underneath the steps, and ignited. Attached to a piece of wire, it was a device which could be carried without soiling the incendiary's clothing. Had the fire not been discovered in the nick of time there can be no doubt that the building would have been destroyed, as there is water in the vicinity.—Times.

DRAYTON.

ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday morning, 24th August, Mr. Dobson of the Commercial Hotel accidentally fell through the trap door of the stable. We are glad to learn that he escaped with a few bruises and that he is fast recovering.

SOLN.—Mr. T. Pattison of the Drayton Foundry, has sold out to Mr. D. Kilrick of Rothsay. We are told that Mr. Kilrick will be unable to remove the old structure back and erect a new front.

Mr. D. Shaw has his hotel fitted up in first class style for the accommodation of the public.

SOCIAL.—On Thursday, 28th ult., a Lawn Social was held at Mr. Woodless' grove, in aid of the church organ fund. A very pleasant evening was spent. Upwards of \$10 was netted.—CORN.

ELMA.

A sale of some farms in Elma was held at the Hick's House, Mitchell, last week, Robert Jones acting as auctioneer. The first property put up—lots 22nd, in the 14th, 21st, and 23rd and 24th, in the 15th of Elma, were bought by Mrs. E. R. Fowler, who is a widow, and son of Rev. Mr. Fowler, who squashed a very cooky rock, and afterwards forgotten sucked the same while wading a coy expression, suddenly found a word, but it proved to be foreign to the subject under consideration.

Two young lads, aged about eight years, son of Mr. James Stephenson, were drowned while bathing in the river at Paisley on Monday afternoon. It is supposed that they got beyond their depth, and being unable to swim, both were drowned.

How came these holes in the elms? said the young man to the impressive Mr. Stephenson. "Oh, mother, I hid behind the sofa when little Jack Horner was saying to our wife that he'd take her, even if you had to be thrown in; and he didn't know I was there, and so I held in and laughed in my sleeves till I burst."

A man wearing a wet coat and carrying a fishing rod in a basket stopped a train on the Erie Railroad by giving a danger signal. "What's the matter?" the conductor asked. The man coolly replied that he had caught an enormous trout, and thought the passengers would like to take a look at it.

BIG WOON.—McKenzie and brothers, Graw, on August 13th, threshed out of R. Holland, McKillop, the wheat from 11 acres in 4 hours. The yield was 200 bushels. The wheat was Seneca variety, and was a good sample. The machine was Watson's of Ayr, a ten-horse power.

For EVERYTHING.—A company has solicited the Standard from every body. Items should reach us on Tuesday or Wednesday for insertion that week. Give us farm notes, personal mention of new arrivals, births, marriages, deaths, accidents, meetings, social or g狂anizations, and other items of interest.

RECEIVED A CALL.—At a meeting of the congregation of the First Methodist Church, on Tuesday last, it was unanimously agreed to give a call to Rev. John Ross, who for the past few months has been supplying the place of Rev. Dr. Topp, of Toronto. We understand that he has a large number of friends who have sold \$1,000 worth of a name, and have offered it since last market day at 4¢. These prices are very speculative, as the cable has declined to 2¢.

NEWRY STATION.

Mrs. James Wilson, of Newry, has purchased with Mr. Peter McVean, to improve the premises considerably, putting in a new engine and boiler. He has also purchased Mr. R. Dunn's residence.

ST. MARYS.

NEWARY.—The Collegiate Board have appointed Mr. J. E. Wetherell of Guelph, Mr. W. H. Hodgson of the University of Guelph, Mr. G. C. Case, musical conductor, of Cleveland, O., has been engaged to conduct the singing, and in addition to other charitable services.

THE BRICK-WORKS of the New Limerick church were completed. The dimensions of which could not fail to be greatly appreciated. It was responded to by Rev. G. Huggins and Mr. W. Parker of Mount Forest, who also spoke ably and appropriately.

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