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THE GREATEST POSSIBLE GOOD TO THE GREATEST POSSIBLE NUMBER.

GODERICH, COUNTY OF HURON, (C. W.) THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 1853.

VOLUME VI. NUMBER 32.

Hurrah for Goderich!!

CLEAR THE TRACK!!

OLIVER & CO.

HAVE on hand an immense stock of the very best Description of BOOTS and SHOES, on sale at the New Brick building, adjoining Mr. Hare, Watch-maker's, which will be sold at the Lowest Prices for Cash or approved trade, call and see.

The highest price paid in Cash for Hides and Sheepskins, &c. A general Stock of findings always on hand.

OLIVER & CO. Goderich, June 11, 1853.

Improved Farm for Sale.

Being Lot No. 12, 2nd Concession, Township of Tuckermith, Huron County, the property of John P. Smith, Esq., containing 100 acres, adjoining the Building Lots in the range and bounding village of Emondsville, the land is of first rate quality, beautifully situated on the banks of the Bayfield river, and well adapted to agricultural purposes. For further particulars apply on the premises (if by letter pre paid) to the subscriber.

PETER RAMSAY. McKillop Post Office, Tuckermith, June 13th, 1853.

ROBERT SNODGRASS.

FASHIONABLE BOOT AND SHOE MANUFACTURER.

(One door East of C. Coy's Store.)

WILL inform the inhabitants of Goderich and neighborhood that he is prepared to make to order or otherwise, any kind of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Fine Fancy work, in the neatest and most fashionable style. And will also furnish heavy Boots and Shoes, to suit the necessities of those that may favor him with their custom. His prices will be moderate.

Goderich, July 29th, 1852.

W. & R. SIMPSON.

(LATE HOPE, BIRRELL & Co.)

GROCERS, Wine Merchants, Fruiterers and Dealers, No. 17 Dundas Street, London, A. W. February 25th 1852.

RICHARD MOORE.

HAVING during the past two years acted in the capacity of GENERAL AGENT for the collection of debts, desired it to be generally understood that he will accept the Agency for the collection of debts in any part of the Upper Province, between Toronto in the East and Lake Huron in the West. In making this announcement, he would beg to express his thanks to his friends for past favours, and now respectfully solicits a continuance of the same.

All communications on business, addressed (post paid) to A. P. O. North Dundas Street, C. W., will be promptly attended to.

Goderich, C. W., Feb. 25th, 1852.

To the Settlers of the Huron Tract.

THE undersigned begs leave to give notice to all those who may have any business to transact with the Canada Company that since the removal of their office from Toronto, he has determined to open an agency office here for the benefit of those who may not wish to travel to Toronto to transact their business in person. From his thorough knowledge of the Company's mode of transacting business (having been so long employed in their office) he feels confident that the ease and give satisfaction to all those who may require his services. Conveyancing, Land and General Agency Office, also a list of lands for sale kept, and a registry of those wishing to purchase without change except where a sale is effected, when a moderate per centage will be required.

ALEX. ROBERTSON, Land Agent, &c. Goderich, Jan. 25, 1853.

NOTICE.

ALEXANDER MCINTYRE, do agree to make over my right, title and claim to James and Book accounts, to JAMES DONALDSON, belonging to the firm of DONALDSON, McINTYRE and James Donaldson.

Witness—DAVID CANTLON, Goderich, March 30, 1853.

Saw-Mill and Shingle Machine.

WANTED immediately, for Messrs. J. B. Wood, Sawdust and Co's Saw Mill, a charge of a Muley Saw, also two or three young men to work a shingle machine. None need apply who cannot furnish good testimonials as to character. Apply to THOMAS FRENCH, Frelawac, Aug. 16, 1853.

Poetry.

LINES.

While Turks and Pussians with their swords, And raise a blustering war of words, Each term in his opinion;

"John Bull" his plauding in his halls; His "Iron arms" and wooden walls; Guard safety his dominion.

His old "Gray Wig" in council sit, And safely trade, with well curbed bit, His daring young pretenders;

Of the north, to cut and slice, The sporting whale mid fields of ice, He trains his brave defenders.

But clouds are low'ring in the south, And soon the "hulldays" open their mouth, Round is the roaring lion, His mighty tail he gives a thrash, Along his sides he gives the lash, Till echoes ring to Zion.

Then "Jonathan" puts on his boots, Through swamps o'er mountains, load he boots, Oh goes his snuff runners;

From Texas through to Oregon, The about returns, the time is gone, And quick comes on his runners.

And now says John to Johnathan, A lively old I've hit upon,

My best old wig has planned it; While in their calculating mood, They've weighed it, and pronounced it good— And you must understand it.

"That Norbe" in ear, the "Autocrat," Has planned in darkness like a rat, (Because he thought me napping.) To stop my progress to the east,

He'd like himself to enjoy the feast, By means of "spray" rapping."

"Is not for help, my child, I ask you, For, while you're young I'll no more task you, You've proved it off your will; Only say, be neutral now, And when you hear my dogs 'how-wow,' Duck on, and just hold still."

"I know you like 'Nick's' money well; Your ships and locomotives sell, First rate, to fill his navy; Sell him some of your 'Old Japan,' I'll make him cry 'pakee!'"

"Between us both I make no doubt, We'll nicely bring the trade about, This being the time we're in; Say 'sawiah' 'Old Bull,' With all my heart I'll give a pull, I'm really, 'sent' and 'dud!'"

"I'll sell them engines, guns and boats, As fast as I can gather about, I've just the lads to make 'em, And when 'Nick' gets them 'timm'd' and 'manned,' As your 'old wigs' have it planned, Why you can go and take 'em."

Then John looked out the loud, hat says he, "My offspring let's me rattle, O let us stick together, The 'Union Jack' and Stars and Stripes' Shall give the world such dreadful stripes, We'll lick 'em like a fever."

Manningville, August 10, 1853.

*The Greek Church.

Literature.

TAMING THE SHREW" IN THE BACKWOODS.

And his wee droe brose he sipper, Maggie's tongue gaid like a bell; Quetly till his wee alippit, Sighing frae his himmel, Watty and Meg, or the Wife Reformed.

A few days since, we were infinitely amused by the relation of the manner, in which a shrew was tamed who lives not far from Brockville. The details were furnished by a friend, resident in the neighborhood of the parties.

About fifteen years ago, a Scotchman, Donald Fraser, arrived out from the old country, purchased a farm in the back part of Leeds county, and settled down thereon with his wife, a woman he had recently married. Why Donald had taken this lassie to be his wife it was difficult to say, for she was the perfect antipodes of himself in all respects. He was about five feet in height, she was four inches tall; he was thin and spare looking, she was plump as a partridge and had a bluish like a penny; he was meek in his manners, and of quiet and retiring habits; she was sturdy and boisterous, and had a good deal of the Meg Merries about her. In fact nature had constituted her to rule, while Donald was formed to obey; he seemed to have an intuitive knowledge of this fact, and submitted to his fate without a murmur. The neighbors joked him once and a while, about his "grey mare being the better horse," and "pettish government" being the order of the day, since Queen Vic. had ascended the throne; but Donald took it all coolly, smoked his pipe as usual, read his Bible, Burns's Poems, and the Scots' Worthies, on stated occasions, and worked away at his farm, as if he was the most independent fellow in the world.

In process of time, Mrs. Fraser presented her husband with two fine boys and a girl, who formed a source of the purest delight to Donald, recording him more than ever to the condition of affairs, in which he came to be reputed a rich man, shortly before his death, which event took place a year after the birth of his last child.

The widow missed her departed gude-man early, as she said herself, and for nearly two years appeared in deep mourning at meetings, when ever the Kirk minister came along, for she would tolerate no other clergymen whatsoever, and looked upon the rest of the clerical fraternity, as little better than the veriest interlopers.

Things were in this condition, when the neighborhood received an accession to its social circle, in the person of a strapping avain, fully six feet high, from the North of Ireland, Mr. George Thompson. George was a remarkably well looking fellow, good humoured and gallant withal, with much of the dry practical wit and shrewdness, so characteristic of the mingled Scotch and Irish population, in that part of his country from which he came. He accordingly, soon became a favorite, and neither less nor merry making was completed without his presence. With the girls especially, George was tremendously popular, and was the cause among them of more than one serious squabble. But George well what he was about, and divided his attention so equally among the legal belles, as to leave no room for scandal.

After a while, George became acquainted with the burton widow, who by-and-by doffed her weeds, and appeared at meetings in a dress more suited to her handsome face; and it was soon observed, that they were on very good terms with one another. They will be married, I guess, said Ebenezer Elliot to his three daughters as they drove home from Church one Sunday, but if that comes to pass, George will hardly look as satisfied as he does now. It will be a good match for him, however, as the widow is still rich and young, and she knows how to work the farm in style. Marry a widow indeed! said the girls with a disdainful toss of the head, Mary a widow, indeed, George Thompson is not such a lark as all that comes to, but George did marry the widow Fraser, nevertheless, to the infinite chagrin and mortification of half the girls in the neighborhood. Mrs. Thompson enjoyed her triumph very discreetly, and George was as civil and obliging as usual, and so matters progressed very smoothly for a month or two after the honey moon had terminated. By this time the widow, that had evidently relapsed into her old habits of ruling, and some of the neighbors remarked correctly, that the tug of war had commenced between her and her husband. But he was a very different man from poor Donald, and had resolved in his own mind, that he would be master or know it, that he would be acted quip for what. For some time he was gradually and independently, and he saw he must resort to more active operations, if he wanted to be governor. In fact for a short time previous, she had relapsed into her old ways, and one morning early, when George had just got ready to start to Brockville, with some large produce he wanted to sell, she mounted the wagon, as in the olden time, to pocket the proceeds and to look after the gaid-min. The husband never said a word, but drove out of the yard and off in the proper direction, and Mrs. Thompson began forthwith to felicitate herself on the fact, that he was at length subdued to the proper degree of subjection. But this was said till they had got to a creek which they had to cross, and which happened to be swollen by late rains, when George managed to get off the wagon and loosened one of the wheels unperceived. They had scarcely got half way over when off came this wheel, and so went the wagon into the stream. Mrs. Thompson took all this coolly enough, but by-and-by, became a little alarmed, when she saw the team which George had meanwhile unheededly scrambled out of the stream and start towards home hotly followed by her baggage, who after going a short distance concealed himself behind some bushes to have an eye after his wife. Hour after hour passed away, but no husband came back, and the creek was rising, until at last Mrs. Thompson saw there was no help for it, but to wade on shore, and return home which she did dripping wet, and completely soiled fallen; but determined, however, to seek George within an inch of his life. Thoroughly tired out she at length reached home, but no husband was there. She now became seriously alarmed, and this feeling was not a little increased when several days had passed away, and her husband did not make his appearance. She felt he could not have suffered any bodily harm, and what then could have become of him? Had he deserted her and deserted her? she asked herself, and then the feeling arose in her mind, that he was not like her first husband, that he was spirited and proud, and that she had not treated him with proper consideration. The idea flashed across her mind, that he had left her in the creek, to perish in the dominating temper. Pride revolted her for some time from making enquiries, but her woman's nature got the better of her, and after arranging for the safety of children, she started in pursuit of the traitor. She returned home disappointed. Another week elapsed, no sign of him yet, but instead of her husband one fine morning our narrator trudged up to her door. He was an ambassador from George and carried proposals of accommodation. If these were assented to he would return home, but otherwise, And gladly did she assent to the proposed terms; and so George returned, kissed his wife and made up the matter, and they have ever since been the best of friends. Mrs. Thompson is too fond of George to risk loss a second time, and so she restricts herself to her proper sphere and duties, and he is far too sensible a fellow to strain the reigns too tightly. He rules and that fact is enough for him; and so this Irish Petrarcho and his burton Scotch Kate, have become models of conjugal happiness and fidelity. A few days since we had a long chat with George who had come into town to trade, with Mrs. Hillyard and Griffin, whom he considers enterprising and respectable young men, and is resolved to patronise. Well an Irishman after all, is just the person to tame a Scotch Shrew. If George had had less wit he never would have married the widow in the first place, and could hardly have made her a good wife in the second.—Leeds Times.

ELLEN'S HALF DOLLAR.

Ellen Villars was the orphan niece of a wealthy farmer, who had commenced the world with no capital but industry. Fortune smiled upon his labors, and he was soon able to purchase for himself a snug farm, upon which he built a neat cottage, and went on year after year, adding tract after tract to his wide domains, until he could look for miles around on his own possession. A little village reared its head above a beautiful cluster of trees, and swayed him as a vail in his breast; he had no smiling face, he had in early life, selected one from amongst his neighbor's daughters, with whom to divide his care, and share his joys; and hand in hand they journeyed on through life's tedious way, so immersed in the pursuit of business, as not to perceive the vacancy around them. 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DECIMAL CURRENCY

The Report of the Select Committee on Decimal Coinage, appointed by the motion of Mr. William Brown of Liverpool, has just been printed, and is a clear and concise document. It appears as might have been expected, that all the witnesses examined were unanimous respecting the advantages that would attend the introduction of the decimal system, and the only open question among them was with regard to the relative ease and superiority of the various methods suggested for its accomplishment. The Committee point to the fact of England having permitted herself to remain without this improvement in the face of its general adoption in the different countries of the world, which unbroken evidence of its value has since been afforded by the constant tendency to extend its application, not only in the case of money but also as respects weights and measures; and they decided with the only two considerations that require to be met for its introduction. One of these is the popular prejudice, resulting from ignorance and indifference, against the system of the metric system, and the other is the necessity of rearranging the terms of all pecuniary obligations expressed in terms which would be abolished or changed by the new arrangement. Neither of them, however, seems to the slight difficulties, but such as a rational people would be bound to recognize. The first is absolutely below notice and although the committee would rightly designate it as a minor question, it is not of the question to argue, as to consider it the more serious of the two, there is reason to hope that, in doing so, they underestimate the intelligence of the working classes, more especially if they admit that the witnesses who have spoken of the public mind of these people have a conviction that the proposed change would be quickly understood and appreciated. The Committee mention at the same time precedents which should remove all doubts upon the subject. In the United States the old system of pounds, shillings and pence, was succeeded by the decimal system of dollars and cents, without any inconvenience having been caused, and in Prussia the 13 rixers which at one time constituted an English shilling, were replaced by 12 English pence, although a people was originally left among the poor from their receiving only twelve coins of the same name as use of which they had previously had 12 rixers, they found that the change was unobtrusive. With regard to the various contracts and prices which would have to be rearranged, the extent of the alterations required necessary would depend upon the exact system adopted. They are recommended by the Committee is that the pound should be the unit, and that the relation of the several coins should be as follows:—

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DRINKING.—The Springfield (Illinois) "Register" relates the following:—"In March last three men agreed to drink themselves to death. The first died in April, the second in May. The survivor, on the happening of the last event, showed signs of breaking the compact, and he kept sober for three or four days afterwards, but he soon revived and he died in June. This is literally true."

The advertised sale of Mr. Holmes' Lot in the new village of Maple, at the Richmond Hill station of the Northern Railroad, took place yesterday (Friday) at the Auction Room of Messrs. Clark & Co. The prices obtained averaged nearly £50 an acre, the highest being at the rate of £200, and the lowest of £18 6 per acre. Of the 67 lots into which the village is laid out, 37 were sold for the aggregate sum of £1043 15s.

A Leap at the Falls.—One day last week the wife of a respectable citizen of Toronto, gave a sudden leap down 25 feet, and died. A ledge of rocks, was somewhat exposed, but recovering her feet, and was about to spring over the edge into the turbulent gulf far below, when Mr. Williams, who was on the spot, saw her, and sprang after her, and held her fast until she recovered her feet, and was able to get up. She was then taken to her home, and she is now recovering from her perilous situation.

The French Emperor and the Empress have recently taken to shooting at St. Cloud. On Wednesday their Majesty went out in a boat on the "Lagune" for 25 days for the purpose of duck-shooting. The Empress was provided with a light and elegant rowing piece, with which she did such execution as to be an accomplished sportsman. She shot four wild ducks, and each had which fell was not only received in the barrels by the Empress, but she also expressed her satisfaction in a more tender manner. The histories of her Majesty's various exploits, and of her "Empress's" "Imperialist" treatment.

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Amongst nine papers published in the Counties of Wellington, Waterloo and Grey, there is only one on the Conservative side in Politics. This is an age of progress, and civilization is on the march, and the only paper which is not a sheet of platitudes, and a record of the misdeeds of the Government, is the "Old Fogey" in its press.—Backwoodsman.

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From Cincinnati, Sept. 10. A watchman and blackman have been arrested to-day on a charge of kidnapping three mulatto women. Hopes are entertained that John Hall, who was shot by Dr. Ames will recover.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 10. The New York train due here last night was thrown off the track near Beverly, the brakeman was instantly killed, the engineer was somewhat bruised, no passengers injured. The accident was caused by a piece of rail being placed near one of the sleepers.

NEW YORK.—The next proceeds of the Crystal Palace, for the benefit of the New Orleans sufferers, amounts to \$118. The Women's Rights Convention adjourned last night sine die it broke up in a row.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7. The Cabinet had a long session to-day. Mr. Walker was at the White House all day.

BUFFALO, Sept. 8. Patrick Sneed, arrested at Niagara Falls some time since, charged with committing a murder in Savannah, Ga. in 1819, was brought up on a writ of habeas corpus, yesterday and the motion argued. In the testimony it became apparent that there was a conspiracy to take Sneed, who it seems was a fugitive, and had been taken to justice in Savannah. A lengthy decision was given this morning by Judge Shelton who ordered the discharge of Sneed, and he is now in Canada.

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