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FLOUR, SALT AND PLASTER.—C. L. Baker has for sale a large lot of first-class land salt at $6 per ton. Also a large consignment of land plaster.—921-3.

TAKES POSSESSION.—Mr. W. A. Jewett has taken possession of the Perrin House and is now having it thoroughly renovated and improved. He is bound to keep a good house.

THE 45TH BATT. Band gave an open air concert Wednesday evening last. They show a marked improvement over last season and will rank among the best bands in this section of Ontario.

MANITOBA WHEAT.—Mr. E. Veitch received on Wednesday last a fine sample of spring wheat from Dr. Benson, formerly of this town, and now of Winnipeg. He had it sown on the farm of Mr. S. Dundas, Mariposa.

BIRD GRASS HATS.—This latest novelty which has taken the American people by storm can now be had at A. H. Melville's Hat and Cap store. They are the latest and most fashionable hats in the market. Call and see them. 921

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.—Examination for the admission of pupils to the High Schools in the county of Victoria, will take place at the school houses in Lindsay, Omemee and Oakwood on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 3rd and 4th, commencing each day at 9 a.m. Candidates should send their names to the Head Master not later than June 1st.

NEW TIME CARD.—A new time table came into effect on the Victoria Railway on Tuesday last. A train leaves Kinmount at 9.30 a. m., making Lindsay at 11.30 and returning leaves Lindsay 2.45 p.m. reaches its destination at 4.30. This arrangement will give the people of the back country nearly three hours to transact business in the county town.

ASSIGNED TO INVESTIGATE.—A telegraph item in the papers states that Judge Dean of Lindsay, is to conduct the investigation into the charges made by Hon. Vice Chancellor Blake against Police Magistrate McNabb, of Toronto. Mr. McNabb will not be suspended pending the enquiry, as was reported, but has voluntarily requested Alderman Withrow and Mr. Neil C. Love, J.P., to take his place at the police court until the matter is settled.

BOAT RACE.—A benefit entertainment will be tendered the 45th Batt. Band by the Amateurs on Monday evening, 14th inst., in Bell's Music Hall, on which occasion the "Charcoal Burner" and "The Secret" will be played. The Band is worthy of support and we trust our townspeople will give them a bumper house. The entertainment, not to speak of its object, will be of itself deserving of patronage. Further particulars will be given next week.

CANADA LIFE.—The new assurances of this company in Canada this year already exceed any previous year in the history of this or any other company. They amount to more than those of all the other six Canadian companies, and are nearly half as much as done by all the thirteen American companies combined. The time for receiving applications so as to participate in last year's profits has been extended to the 14th of May.—See advt. 921-7

GOWAN'S COMPANY.—This excellent Variety Company gave two performances in the Opera House on Monday and Tuesday evenings last. The performance was far more that of a first class and the company deserved more liberal patronage. The charming sketches of the "Blossoms" were the best witnessed in Lindsay for many years, while other features of the entertainment were also praiseworthy. The music was especially good and for about the hundredth time Mr. Gordon, the manager, is a reliable and good business man, and we have much pleasure in commending him and his company to the press of western Ontario.

SHOVELING.—It is now in order for Henry Lindley to make a "forward" move of this country prior to his departure for Europe. One of our firms has adopted the cash principle and now hangs out the notice, "In God we trust for all else the cash." That the farmers of this county East has caused bread to rise considerably. Any one who would make a pun on Turkey in her present condition should be "gobbled." The farmers are advancing and there is no sign of the man with the patent recipe for the extermination of potato bugs. Some evil influence must be at work or we would have opened up our Money is so plentiful about the Division Court Clerk's office at Woodville that we are warned on entering we must be quiet.

THE TOWN BELL.—(To the Editor.)—In a town like Lindsay people must have noticed during the past week or two that there has been a difference of some five or ten minutes between the town bell and the church clock. Now I wish to inform the citizens of Lindsay and the public generally that the ringing of the bell is governed by the clock in the town hall, which is regulated by the Midland Railway time the same as the Hope time and is the most correct time that can be obtained for this town, besides being a great convenience to those travelling by said railway. Mr. John Lee, who rings the bell, is always punctual at his post, and I don't think the town could have got another person to fill this position better than Johnny. As to the clock on the church I have only to say that the person in charge should regulate it by the bell, as then the citizens would know that we had a standard time in Lindsay.—A CITIZEN.

OXFORD ITEMS.—Mr. Vennor has written another letter prophetical of the weather. He writes to the Montreal Witness, saying the recent weather predictions of his were verified. He continues:—The swallows have not as yet visited us in a body, although I have heard of one or two having been seen, and they will now securely come immediately after the backward and wet spell. It will be accompanied by unusually warm weather for the month of May will, on the whole, be more like a June month just as April up to the 15th was more like May. Altogether we have been more favoured than I predicted for November, and the early frost in the roads has been particularly well marked. I still hold to my views respecting cold and wet weather, but now have reference to adding that the autumn of 1877 will be again moist and mild and well marked Indian summer. But what will the price of wheat be?

PETROLEA.—A rascally attempt at train-wrecking was made on Midland Railway on Monday morning last by the removal by some party or parties of fifty spikes on the outside of the rail between Bowman's Corners, two and a half miles south of Omemee. The driver of a special train named Young, who noticed the spot about 7 o'clock in the morning, observed that the spikes were in good order and that visitors had been at work. He reversed his engine, in order to avoid what he saw might prove a bad accident, as the train was coming at a rate in the time, but the discovery was made early enough and on the engine touching the rails which had been tampered with they spread out letting the engine, tender and a number of other cars down on the ties and there upsetting. Three of the passengers were among our persons on the train no one was injured save the driver who had his shoulder hurt. On examination of the track it was found that the spikes had been drawn by a spike bar and placed under the rail. As the Company had a spike bar stolen from them at the time of the change of gauge the perpetrator of the diabolical act may be found out. To the low rate of speed at which the train was running can alone be attributed the escape of the men and cars. On Tuesday morning on the Petrolea branch a rail was removed and carried sixty feet. The deed was discovered by section men before a train was due.

PERSONAL.—Miss McBurney, the lady who contributed so largely towards the success of several entertainments in town last winter, read "The Curfew Bell" at an entertainment given by the Y.M.C.A. at Port Hope last week, and the Guardian says the piece was rendered in a style not equalled by a Port Hope audience. Several young men of this county are doing creditable college work. Mr. A. F. McGregor, Mariposa, is on the list of those who passed the McGill University examination for B.A. Mr. Andrew Grant, of Woodville, has succeeded in carrying of the scholarship for the fourth in the Toronto School of Medicine. Mr. Jno. McQuinnan, of North Mariposa, now attending McGill Medical College, passed at the Ontario examination the other day. Mr. McQuinnan is desirous of putting in a couple of sessions at the Edinburgh Medical School, one of the best in the world, and will no doubt do so as the "old man" can come down handsomely if wheat keeps up.

Mr. John G. Robinson, M.A., Barrister, of Toronto, son of the respected ex-Reeve of Thorah, called on us the other day, while in town at the assizes. Mr. Robinson is building up a capital practice in the "Queen City." Mr. E. E. Horton, for several years a Parliamentary "gallery" man, attended our assizes as official reporter, and was kept busy. We understand those judges who were most opposed to the employment of short-hand reporters in courts, are now most enthusiastic in its support, and it will not be long ere each judge has a stenographer. In transcribing notes Mr. Horton employs the letter-writer, playing upon keys like a performer upon the melodeon or piano.

Mr. H. H. Kimball was in town this week. He reports active operations between Wauhaushene and Midland. We have received a copy of the Thunder Bay *Sentinel* containing a well written description of a recent trip to Kakabeka Falls, on a branch of the Kaministiquia River. These falls are 140 feet high, and compare favorably with the more celebrated falls of Montmorency. The letter bears the signature of "Mac," whence we conclude it is the creditable work of a Lindsay boy in those parts—Mr. Neil Macdougall.

THERE WERE no cases before the police magistrate this week.

MAY DAY is now celebrated by the recipients of tavern licenses.

THE Lindsay Directory will be in the hands of subscribers next week.

FRESH TURNIP SEED.—See Perrin's advertisement.—921-3.

THE ASSIZES occupied six days and then only about one half the civil cases were heard.

ATTENTION is directed to Mrs. Sheridan's grand clearing sale of millinery, straw goods and dry goods.

WALL MAP.—The *Weekly Globe* of this week contains an excellent map of the seat of war. Can be had at Porter's book store.

SEED WHEAT.—Mr. C. L. Bakerhipped the other day half a car load of first-class seed wheat for Gaspe. It was selected by Mr. Baker from purchases during the winter.

PARLIAMENTARIANS.—"Honest John" Rosevear, the local member for East Durham, was in town Tuesday, at our spring fair. Mr. A. McQuade, M. P., was also in town looking extremely well, considering the arduous character of the session. He received many a hearty handshake.

STURGEON POINT HOTEL.—A rumor on the streets yesterday that this hotel had been burned to the ground considerably agitated the stockholders. The report, however, was not correct, and originated from a large bush fire seen from Cameron being taken for the hotel.

THE CENTRAL EXHIBITION will be held this year in Lindsay during the week following the Provincial Exhibition at London. The prize list which is now being printed in pamphlet form at the office of the *Warder*, Lindsay, presents a rare opportunity to manufacturer's and business men generally for advertising in its pages, as it will have a circulation of 2,500 extending through the entire district. Intending advertisers should send in their orders to the *Warder* with as little delay as possible.

SCANNING A NEWSPAPER.—There are two times in a man's life when he eagerly scans a newspaper once when he has been in an awful scrape, and again when he is looking for a puff. When he has got a fifty cent job, however, he goes around and asks for tenders of all the offices in his district, feeling the same pride as ever in the faithfulness and good nature of his newspaper benefactor. This man is very numerous in London.—[Advertiser. There are some of him in Lindsay.

VICTORIA SPRING ASSIZES.

[Mr. Justice Burton presiding.]

Owing to the large amount of business that had to be transacted the petit jurymen were not discharged until Monday, and the Judge was kept constantly employed until late Monday evening. The following cases were disposed of since our last issue and quite a large number have had to be laid over until the next court.

CRIMINAL CASES.

THE QUEEN VS. TAYLOR PERRYMAN.—The charge grown out of an action in the Division Court for payment of a pump sold by defendant to Dr. DeGrassi, in which defendant swore that on going to the house of the prosecutor on one occasion he saw Mrs. DeGrassi, who informed him that the pump was in good condition and so he received a verdict for the value of the pump. In the present trial it was sought to prove that the statement sworn to was false. The evidence was very conflicting, and the jury after an absence of three or four hours could not agree on a verdict, and were consequently discharged. Geo. E. Henderson, Q.C. for the Crown; J. F. Dennistoun, Q.C., and J. D. Armour, Q.C., for the prisoner.

THE QUEEN VS. HIRAM PERRYMAN.—This was a cross action arising out of the foregoing case, the prisoner being a maid servant of Dr. DeGrassi. The evidence was of such a nature as to warrant His Lordship in instructing the jury to return a verdict of not guilty before leaving their seats. Geo. E. Henderson, Q.C., for the Crown; M. C. Cameron, Q.C., and P. S. Martin for the prisoner.

THE QUEEN VS. GRAHAM PERRYMAN.—This action arose out of a statement made on oath by the prisoner in the case of Cohoon vs. Cohoon for divorce, before the Chancellor of Ontario at a sitting, to the effect that on a certain night while the prisoner was sleeping in the same bed with the Mrs. Cohoon, plaintiff in that case, Mr. John Douglass, Chief Constable of Lindsay, entered the house and got into the bed with them and remained with Mrs. Cohoon the balance of the night. In this case Mr. Douglass was prosecutor and swore that he did not visit the house of Cohoon on the night in question nor on any other night after a reasonable hour. In reply to a question asked by Hon. M. C. Cameron, counsel for the prisoner, Douglass, however, confessed to having on one occasion written a letter couched in obscene language to a friend of his, one Gilchrist, of Port Hope, in which he boasted of being as virtuous as ever having only slept with six women during the preceding fortnight. Douglass explained that the letter was merely written as a joke. The evidence was not sufficiently strong to convict the prisoner of the charge and the jury brought in a verdict of Not Guilty. Geo. E. Henderson, Q.C., for the Crown; Hon. M. C. Cameron, Q.C., and F. D. Moore for the prisoner.

THE QUEEN VS. JOSEPH HUNTER MANSLAUGHTER.—The charge against the prisoner was that of having through furious and reckless driving on the 11th ult. caused the death of his wife, Mary Anne Hunter. The evidence went to show that the prisoner was drunk and that the act was entirely accidental, and His Lordship directed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty. G. E. Henderson, Q.C., for the Crown; F. D. Armour, Q.C. for the prisoner.

CIVIL CASES.

DOUGLASS VS. SHEPHARD.—Action for seduction. The defendant, who is a school master and a married man, was charged with having at Coldwater, Simcoe county, in December of 1875, seduced a girl named McDermid, then about 13 years of age, stepdaughter of the plaintiff, who was attending his school. It seems that the defendant had volunteered to instruct the young girl in extra studies to prepare her for a teacher in order that she might support herself, her parents being poor, and had her come to him after school hours for that purpose. It was during one of these visits he accomplished the purpose for which the whole scheme was devised, and a child was born. The evidence of the girl went to show that resistance had been offered and force had been used. No particular defence was made. His Lordship in charging the jury stated that the case was the worst of its kind that he had ever heard in a court of justice. The damages claimed were $1,000, which was granted by the jury after a short absence. Hudspeth & Woodward for the plaintiff; A. Boultbee for defendant.

LOWES VS. IRWIN.—Action for ejectment from land in Mariposa adjoining defendant's property. Judgment reserved till term. McIntyre & Whiteside for plaintiff; A. Hudspeth, for Jas. Heap, for defendant.

FRY VS. HEADRY.—Action to set aside a fraudulent conveyance.

MCDONALD VS. BIRMINGHAM.—Action for wrongful conveyance of goods removed by plaintiff to prevent defendant, the landlord of the premises on which they were distrained, the defendant having pursued them. Verdict for plaintiff; amount reserved. McIntyre & Whiteside for plaintiff; J. D. Armour, Q.C., and P. S. Martin for defendant.

MCCRAE VS. CRAIG.—Action of ejectment of farm in Eldon. Settled before trial. Record withdrawn. McIntyre & Whiteside for plaintiff; J. D. Armour, Q.C., for defendant.

ANDERSON VS. SEYMOUR ET AL.—Action, on a promissory note. Verdict for plaintiff for $100.62. D. J. McIntyre for plaintiff.

BEERAM VS. TUCKER.—The plaintiff accepted payment of $50 in satisfaction of a larger sum, $340, and gave receipt in full. Defendant shortly afterwards settled with his other creditors at 50c. in the dollar and four times as much as he paid plaintiff, who upon discovery of such settlement felt aggrieved and sued for the balance. Judgment reserved. McIntyre & Whiteside for plaintiff; J. D. Armour, Q. C., and P. S. Martin for defendant.

MATTHISON VS. WHITE.—Action for wages. Verdict by consent for $602.17 amount claimed and costs of suit. P.S. Martin for plaintiff; Hudspeth & Woodward for defendants.

ROBINSON VS. MAGUIRE.—Action for breach of contract by defendant to supply plaintiff's mill with cedar timber. Verdict for defendant $668.14 if notes not properly set off against plaintiff's claim. Verdict for plaintiff $734.70 if notes not properly set off. Hudspeth & Woodward for plaintiff; J. D. Armour, Q. C., and H. A. Ward for defendant.

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT.

May it please your Lordship.—We, the Grand Jurors of our Sovereign Lady the Queen now assembled, beg to make the following presentment, but first allow us to congratulate your Lordship on this your first visit in your present capacity to our county, and to express our admiration for the manner in which you have conducted the business of the present assizes.

We beg leave to present that we have visited the gaol and found it in a very clean and satisfactory state, but would recommend that the following repairs be made without delay, viz.: (1) the steps and platform of the front entrance; (2) that some of the upper window sashes which have been long in place be taken out and glazed; (3) there is grass to be lowered from the wall of the inner yard for the purpose of letting of the water which accumulates there during the spring and heavy rains.

We find the few persons that are at present confined therein are properly taken care of and are pleased also to find that the County Council have made such arrangements as will keep prisoners who may be hereafter sentenced to short periods of imprisonment with hard labor constantly employed.

It is with extreme regret we find so many cases of perjury brought before us, and notwithstanding that it is very difficult to secure conviction, we are of opinion too much cause exists for these serious indictments.

We beg leave to express our gratification at the manner in which the Crown Counsel and the County Attorney have laid the business of the assizes before us, and also for the kind and courteous treatment and assistance we have received from both these gentlemen.

We would embrace the present opportunity of congratulating the county of Victoria in having such a courteous, gentlemanly and efficient sheriff.

It affords us much pleasure also to express our gratification at the very kind treatment we have received from all the county officials with whom we have been brought in contact during the discharge of our duties.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RICHARD LEARY, Foreman.

HIS LORDSHIP, in acknowledging the presentment, took occasion to remark, in connection with the unusually large number of cases of perjury that he had had to try, that in his opinion the prevalence of that crime was in no small degree owing to the litigation in the divisions courts; and he expressed the hope that the Legislature would see fit to do away with suits of small amounts leaving it a matter of honor with parties so indebted to fulfil their obligations or not. He believed if that were done less credit would be given than at present, but, at all events, that false swearing would be very much diminished.

THE "CHIEFTAIN" AT LINDSAY.

AUSPICIOUS AND SIGNIFICANT DEMONSTRATION—ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION—THE "CHIEFTAIN'S" REPLY.

Early Wednesday morning it was rumoured about town that Sir John A. Macdonald was to pass Lindsay on his way via Nipissing Railway to Toronto, where he was to be welcomed with a grand torchlight demonstration. It was properly held by the good Tories of the town that the Chieftain should not be allowed to go by without an evidence of the enthusiastic loyalty of his Lindsay friends. Accordingly there was much hurrying to and fro and by noon the bulk of the faithful had been notified of the importance of putting in an appearance at the Midland station with threats ready for "loud and long continued cheering." At one o'clock there was a large and it must be said highly respectable crowd among them being many Reformers desirous of seeing the man of "clean hands." At the appointed hour the train appeared and in due course the "Chieftain" with a number of prominent political supporters stepped on the platform amid hearty and prolonged cheering. He looked remarkably well, physically, there was the same jovial smile, the same characteristic falling of the left eyelid. It was indeed Sir John of the olden time, and the "faithful" pressed about with their congratulations. Order having been restored, and there being but a few minutes to spare, a prominent adviser of Sir John stepped forward and gracefully presented the "Chieftain" with the "freedom of the city" in an elegant and costly sardine-box; and as he did so another supporter read in a clear firm voice, that was tremulous only when it spoke of the slanders of the Grits, the following

ADDRESS.

To the Honorable the Chieftain.—Permit us to avail ourselves of this fortunate opportunity to renew our professions of attachment to one who has for nearly half a century exhibited the pure and lofty patriotism ever characteristic of Tory statesmen, and to express the hope that you will graciously deign to accept the accompanying token of our esteem. Rewarded without a cloud by your prolonged and noble fight with the "heads of Ephesus" we hope you will soon have fresh laurels for the summer campaign when you can explain once more to the electorate those vital and undying principles of Union and Progress that have guided our party in the past and inspire with hope for the future. We must express our deep admiration at the "grand stand" you have made against Grit slanders hurled unscrupulously at our side and we assure you of our warmest sympathy with you while under fire. We affirm our firm conviction that in the disposition of the Pacific Railway charter you were animated by the highest and most patriotic motives, and your subsequent expenditure for the purpose of securing that large Parliamentary majority to which you were justly entitled was eminently proper and commendable. Your management of the Secret Service funds for the prevention of Fenian irruptions and Grit electoral victories was alike loyal and patriotic and commands our hearty approval. We only regret that the sums placed at your disposal were not larger and that North and South Victoria were not at the time made secure from any prospect of Grit domination. But we will not indulge in vain regrets. We rejoice that the venomous efforts of the Grits to taint upon you and your right trusty lieutenant John Beverly Robinson a load of slander in connection with the Northern Railway has miserably failed and has covered the vile originators with shame and confusion. We are perfectly conscious that a grand Conservative reaction will carry with it the Dominion at the next election when we respectfully urge that there shall be a better arrangement and accuracy of returning officers in this county than at present. We fervently hope we may have the pleasure of hearing from your own lips the story of these Northern Railway and Secret Service iniquities and regret that want of time did not permit us to give you a more elaborate welcome on this auspicious and never-to-be-forgotten occasion.

THE CHIEFTAIN'S REPLY.

SIR JOHN in replying evinced signs of strong emotion. He said he was deeply moved by this unexpected display of honest attachment. It came to him as a balm for many hours of deep pain which a sensitive mind must feel when causeless obloquy is poured down as it had been upon his devoted head. (A voice Down with Mackenzie). He had suffered a great deal during his five and-thirty years of public life and he was prepared to suffer more for the good of his country and party. (Cheers.) He felt confident that by proper exertions success would crown their patriotic and unwearied exertions and then he would remember what they had said about the local offices. (Cheers.) In the meantime it would be well to keep a few things in mind. They should put a good Conservative in every possible place from pound-keeper up to Warden it would be handy when the right time came. They should be careful not to allow politics to influence them too much; they should, for instance, never refuse a good office or patronage because a Reform Government was the giver. (Laughter.) He earnestly hoped they would all cruise in the high and holy mission of turning out the present Government, who were so corrupt that they had to bring in a general whitewashing bill.

A VOICE: Will you not be whitewashed, too, Sir John? (Groans and hisses and cries of "put him out.")

SIR JOHN said he would explain all these things during the coming summer, which was proceeding when the whistle of the locomotive and the call "all aboard" cut short a most interesting address, and the Chieftain's form slowly disappeared as the cars crossed the bridge and curved off to Woodville.

SOUTH RIDING SPRING SHOW.

The spring show of the South Riding Agricultural Society was held on the old show grounds on Tuesday last. There was a very large attendance of farmers notwithstanding the busy season, which indicates an increasing interest in the improvement of stock. Thirty horses and seven bulls were entered—a much larger number than was shown any previous year. In all the various classes of horses the show was good, particularly in heavy draughts, two of which were thorough-bred imported horses—"England's Glory" and "Lord Douglass" but from some unaccountable reason known only by the judges they were not awarded prizes. In blood horses two Hamiltonians carried off the prizes. In the general purpose class there was considerable competition, there being twelve entries. A French horse, "St. Lawrence," from the Eastern Townships, attracted a large share of attention and was awarded the first prize. Two yearling colts were shown by James Jackson and D. McPherson respectively, both being deserving of special mention. That of the former was a handsome, well developed bay colt, while the latter's also possessed points of merit and weighed 925 lbs. The number of bulls exhibited was small, but the breed and quality generally was an improvement over former years. The show as a whole was very successful and was conducted in such a manner as to leave very little room for complaint except, perhaps, in regard to the heavy draught horses. The receipts at the gatee amounted to $30. The following is the prize list:

BLOOD HORSES, 8 entries.—1st prize, James Vrooman; 2nd, Thomas Tordiff; 3rd, Wm. Banks.

GENERAL PURPOSE HORSES, 12 entries.—1st prize, Samuel Barrington; 2nd, George Richardson, 3rd, Robert Fryse.

DRAUGHT HORSES, 8 entries.—1st prize, Geo. Richardson; 2nd, Henry Brooks; 3rd, Geo. Jeffrey.

STALLIONS, under 2 years, two entries.—1st prize, James Jackson; 2nd, Donald McCrimmon.

Judges—Robt. Cliff, Geo. Stephenson and Jas. Bell.

THOROUGH-BRED DURHAM BULLS, 5 entries.—1st prize, Nicholas Weldon; 2nd, Ogo Agricultural Society; "Cherry Duke"; 3rd Ogo Agricultural Society "Lord of the Meadow."

GRADE BULLS, 2 entries.—1st prize, Samuel Rudd; 2nd, John Connolly.

Judge—Timothy Littlejohn, Geo. Waddell and Wm. Stewart.

LOCAL NEWS-LETTERS.

COBOURG.

HOME FOR THE POOR.—A number of the benevolent ladies of the town are starting a project for the establishment of a "Protestant Home" for the aged poor.

PETERBORO.

MIDLAND STATION BURNED.—Last Saturday morning about one o'clock a fire broke out in a building adjoining the engine-house of the Midland Railway, in which a large quantity of hay-rakes belonging to Mr. John Carnaghe were stored. A very high wind prevailed, and in a short time the flames spread to the engine-house, store-house and station-house, entirely consuming all the buildings, together with a large quantity of freight and four box-cars. On the opposite side of the street Delaney's hotel, occupied by Prenevau, Henderson's, Leonard's and Henry's dwellings were all destroyed. The railway company's buildings were insured for about $6,000 in the Royal Canadian; Delaney's hotel for $1,500 in the same company; Prenevau's furniture for $1,300 in the Canada Agricultural; Carnegie's rakes for $4,000 in the Scottish Imperial, and $4,000 in the Northern; Rev. Mr. McLellan's furniture in the store-house for $1,500 in the Canada Fire and Marine; Henderson's house for $700 in the Western; and Leonard's for $800 in the British America. The total loss cannot be less than $35,000.

LITTLE BRITAIN.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

SIDEWALKS.—The sidewalk leading to the school house not having received any repairs last year is in a dangerous condition. It is hoped the person whose duty it is to look after our streets will see to it that some means are adopted to get the sidewalks repaired and not leave them in the same horrible condition they were in last year.

GRIST-MILL.—Mr. Daniel Hoover has decided to transfer his flouring and grist-mill from Port Hoover to Little Britain. The site is purchased, and the operation of moving the mill and rebuilding it is to commence at once. In consideration of the advantage which this enterprise will offer to the place, the people of Britain have decided to make Mr. Hoover a present of the building site and to afford him further aid in carrying out the undertaking. It is expected the mill will be in operation early next fall.

THE TWELFTH.—Our Orange friends are expecting to celebrate the Twelfth in Little Britain this year. Should their anticipations turn out correct we will afford them every opportunity of enjoying themselves to the utmost.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.—Some of our villagers are making preparations to celebrate the 24th in a right royal style. I have not seen their programme but am informed that sports of various kinds are to be the order of the day, and the brass band is to give a concert in the evening.

OAKWOOD.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

TEMPERANCE.—Mr. Johnston, the Agent of the Grand Lodge, I.O.G.T., failed to fill his second appointment here for an address, thus disappointing a second time. Mr. A. A. McLauchlin kept his appointment on the evening of Saturday, the 21st, addressing a fair audience on the merits of the "Crooks License Law," quoting freely from the Report to the House of the Hon. S. C. Wood, late Provincial Secretary, showing particularly the decrease in the number of licenses issued and the great advance made in placing additional power in the hands of the friends of temperance; Mr. W.P. King in the chair.

OURY.—One after another the once sturdy pioneers of this township are going to their long home. Harvey Armitage died at his home here on Monday, April 23rd, aged 88 years. He was among the first settlers here, having occupied and owned the farm where he died, over 43 years. He was only ill one week, with bronchitis, and has been able up to a short time ago to attend religious services driving four miles to the Friends' meeting house. He was converted under the Methodists many years ago, but shortly after joined the Friend's Society, of which he remained a faithful and attached member, and died in the full assurance of a happy resurrection. He leaves an aged widow, four daughters and one son, a large number of grand and great grand children. His funeral was largely attended by the Friends' burying ground, 12th concession.

GOOD TEMPLARS.—The officers elect of the Oakwood Lodge of Good Templars (I.O.G.T.) are Bro. Doble King, W. C.T.; Sister McLauchlin, W.A.; W.P. King, W.S.; W. Brown, W.F.S.; M. James, T.W.C.; Bro. Jesse Weldon, W. M.; Bro. T. Bowes, W.I.G.; Sister Cunnings, O.G.; Bro. Hambleton, P.W.C.T.

SEEDING is well on here with very favourable weather for the work. Fall wheat is looking well.

MILLBROOK.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY.—This flourishing place is about half way between your central metropolis and Port Hope, and is neither a city, a town nor even a village, but portion of the prosperous township of Cavan. Our population is a good deal over 2,000 and is daily growing more rapidly than we can furnish house accommodation. Our industries, which are neither few nor yet far between, are, without exception, in a healthy condition, an idle man being a *rara avis* round here now. The foundries are being run to their utmost capacity. The George Fair Manufacturing Co., which last year paid the stockholders a dividend of 12 per cent. on the paid up stock, has already this spring sold over 200 ploughs and is now busy over this season's mowers and reapers. Mr. W. G. Russell, besides his general foundry business, has built and sold a number of seed sowers this season. Messrs. Bateson & Wilgar's sash and door factory is in full blast. Business in the building line is very brisk. The magnificent Sowden block at the station is in course of completion. Mr. Foster is having erected for renting three large brick houses and a splendid residence for his own use. The Molson Bank building will soon be ready for occupation.

DO THINGS move in a direction since the Port Hope post-office scandal and the late convention here where the Tories had such a loving time among themselves in utter forgetfulness of the rhyme

Children you should never let your angry passions rise,
Your little hands were made to tear each other's crosses.

Mr. Ross' prospects for the next campaign are brighter than ever. He has by his kindly and genial manner made for himself a host of friends who will yet give a good account of themselves notwithstanding all the vituperative bosh so assiduously spread through the riding by the Tory press.

IN LUCK.—Our grain buyers, who have held their wheat, are at every corner gleefully rubbing their hands and quietly chuckling over the high prices. More power to them, as they are gentlemen of enterprise to whom Millbrook owes not a little of its prosperity.

SPRING is now upon us and farming operations are being vigorously pushed forward. Last year's fall wheat was a total failure, and as a consequence there has been sown for this year.

FENELON.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.—The council met at Cambray, on Monday, April 23rd, pursuant to a call from the Reeve. The Reeve in the chair. Present, Mr. A. B. Coats, Deputy-Reeve, and Councillors Smithson and Isaac. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Councillor Willock entered and took his seat. Moved by Mr. Coats, seconded by Mr. Smithson, that whereas certain moneys of this township as stated by the Treasurer have been feloniously taken, and notes, &c., belonging to the Treasurer, and a reward offered, and not sufficient information having been received, that the affair be laid over for the present.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Isaac, seconded by Mr. Willock, that the amount of arrears of taxes as appearing against lot 11 in the east half of lot 3 in con. 2, and east half of west half of lot 3, in con. 2, also north-east quarter of lot 23 in con. 7, in County Treasurer's books, be charged to township of Fenelon, and that the Reeve and Clerk do notify the County Treasurer to that effect.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Coats, seconded by Mr. Smithson, that John Copp get an order for $6 for crossing, also that Mr. Borland's bill of $4.55, for stationery, also Hart & Rawlinson's bill of $4.83 for stationery, also H. J. Lytle, part salary as clerk, $21, also $3.30 to J. D. Naylor for attending investigation at Cambray, be paid, and that the Reeve give his orders accordingly.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Coats, seconded by Mr. Willock, that Mr. Isaac do examine the work done by Mr. Wm. Brokenshire at Rosedale in opening a street, and report to this council at its next meeting.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Isaac, seconded by Mr. Willock, that a by-law in reference to a road on lot 4 in the 11th con. of Fenelon, be received and read a first time.—Carried. On motion of Mr. Willock, the council went into committee, Mr. Coats in the chair. By-law passed in the usual way. Moved by Mr. Coats, seconded by Mr. Isaac, that John Gillis be allowed two days in his road work for taking down his fence to prevent the road drifting with snow, and that the road list be marked to that effect.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Isaac, seconded by Mr. Coats, that Mr. Smithson examine the road proposed by Mr. Dougald Sinclair, and report at next council meeting.—Carried. The council then adjourned to meet in the Temperance Hall, Camborne, on the last Tuesday in June.

BELLEVILLE.

BOY LOST.—A boy named Lindsay, about five years old, wandered from the home of his aunt in the Irish concession of Hungerford, on Monday. The neighbours turned out in search, but the child was not found until Thursday, when he was discovered lying dead on a rock. He had divested himself of his trousers, and was badly scratched, besides having sustained a severe contusion over his left eye. An inquest was held and a verdict returned of death from cold and exhaustion.

ARRESTED.—Two young men named Clark Taylor and Andrew Dominique have been arrested here for the theft last year of a quantity of pig-iron used as ballast on the yacht Surprise. They were brought before the Police Magistrate and remanded for evidence.

OMEMEE.

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REVIVALS.—The Methodist special services are continued and are largely attended.

GROSS & REA, Dental Surgeons, are in town. Rooms at Clarke's hotel.

"MAMMOTH."—Mr. W. H. English's grocery display would rival city pretensions. His stock is simply "mammoth."

GOING WEST.—Quite a number of our young men are leaving for the Colorado (U. S.) regions, encouraged by the success of those already there.

RETURNED.—Mr. Jas. O'Dell has returned from England and is at the old stand—Stephenson's.

CLARK has just completed his shed accommodation. They are now first class.

FIRE.—An incendiary fire last week—Mr. John Hanna's stables and sheds. No insurance.

SPRING SHOW.—The township spring show was held here on Wednesday, April 25th, was a success. The following is the prize list:—Draught horses—1st prize, Samuel Staples, "Heart of Oak;" 2nd, Wm. McIndoo, "Prince of Wales;" 3rd, Jas. Bryans, "Young Lord Clyde." Draught colts, two years old—1st, Bartholomew Downey, "Young Netherby." General purpose horses—1st, John Montgomery, "King Alfred;" 2nd, A. McQuade, "Hobby Noble;" 3rd, Tom Evans, "Lion Eclipse." General purpose colts, two years old.—1st, David Story, "Young Hobby."

BEAVERTON.

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OBIT.—Mr. Angus Cameron, father of our esteemed postmaster, Mr. James Cameron, died on Monday evening last after a few hours illness. He was one of the first settlers in this place, and was at all times considered a man of many amiable parts. He was in business for a number of years but retired some time ago. He was brother of the late postmaster who died three years ago. His remains were removed to St. Andrew's church burying-ground on Wednesday afternoon, followed by a large number of the inhabitants of the township and vicinity.

RECOVERING.—Thomas Broomfield, who was accidentally shot a few weeks ago near Balsover, is much better. His friends have some hopes of his total recovery.

MEDICAL.—Dr. Fair, who has been practicing here for some time, gives notice that it is his intention to leave in a few weeks for Europe, there to remain for a few years. It is rumored that Dr. Braithwaite, of Port Perry, is to take his place.

LICENSES have been granted to the liquor dealers for another year in this county.

SUCKERS are very numerous at present in the Beaver River and are in great demand by the inhabitants of the surrounding townships. They are in dozens here every day—after them.

FOREST FIRES are advertised to be here between now and the 15th of the present month.

THE ICE on Lake Simcoe disappeared on Friday night last.

WHEAT BUYING.—Mr. J. A. Proctor purchased all the spring wheat in store here in the Midland Railway station, owned by Messrs. Dundas & Grant.

MUSKOKA.

FOUND.—The remains of Jas. Long, who was drowned at Bracebridge about the first of December last, were found on Wednesday. The remains of James Cooper, drowned at the same time, have not yet been recovered.

GOLD DISCOVERY.—Regarding the reported discovery of gold at Gravenhurst the Free Grant *Gazette* says: "On Saturday last we paid a visit to the place and brought home a specimen which was taken out of the Brock-Smalley well. We gave it a careful qualitative analysis, having first carefully examined it with the microscope, after which it presented a dazzlingly beautiful appearance. Aided by the experience in practical mineralogy of Mr. McGill, we saw that it could only be one other amorphous mineral, it was not gold. This doubt was next to be cleared up, by its behavior under acid, and by another test. Mr. Pratt, our Bracebridge watchmaker, kindly tested it with acid, and the final result is that the specimen is gold of exceedingly fine quality. The particulars of the case are these:—Messrs. Brock and Smalley were digging a well out in a vacant lot, in their village lots, and after reaching a depth of nearly 40 feet, and passing through a layer of quicksand, they came to gravel and pebbles of opaque quartz. It was among this gravel that the specimens of the gold were discovered. The proprietors of the well are not at agitated about the discovery, but intend to sink another well are long. They met with no rock in the progress of the excavation. Mr. Joseph Brock is the chief proprietor of the land in that part of Gravenhurst, and is not of a disposition to be easily excited about the gold discovery—as the fact of his intending, in conjunction with his partner, to use the well for the prosaic purpose of a pump, and thus to seal up its auriferous treasure, demonstrates. * * * One good effect may possibly be produced by this gold discovery at Gravenhurst, namely, the stirring up of efforts to explore the other less glittering mineral treasures of Muskoka, which are yet unknown to the scientific geologist and to the practical miner."

MARIPOSA.

FRIENDS' SETTLEMENT, 12th Con. Mariposa.—At a regular meeting of Elm Grove Lodge, 121, U.T.O., held May 1st, the following officers were installed for the ensuing quarter: Bro. W. E. Bond, President; Sister Angeline Horn, Vice-President; Bro. A.W. Horn, Sec'y; Sister Susie Rogers, Treas'r; Sister Grace Horner, C.; Sister S. Greenaway, I.G.; Bro. Elisha Rogers, Chap.; Bro. Edwin Rogers, F.S.; Sister M. McKenzie, R.S.; Bro. James Birchard, M.; Sister Libbie Rogers, D.M.; Sister Adelaide Birchard, Sen. Elisha