Shocking Accident.

A MAN BLOWN IT BY DUALINE AND IS TERRIBLY INJURED.

Mr. Wm. Fleming, of Campbellford, ictia of a shocking accident on Thursday morning la t, which will disfigure him for life. He and Mr. John Pettifer were engaged in blasting a well with dualine, on the premises of the latter, near the English church. Mr. Fleming is an experienced hand at sasting but the last shot he fired nearly cost him his life. The charge waplaced in the well at a depth of about eight feet, and the opening covered over with old pieces of timber. The fuse was lighted, but the dualine seemed -slower than usual in exploding, and Mr Fleming rather thoughtlessly walked over and looked down the well. At that moment the shot went off with a tremendous report, and he was thrown about thirty feet away. Mr. Pettifer saw him fall and ran to his assistance, and carried him into the house, and a message was at once sent for medical aid, to which two doctors quickly responded. Upon examination it was found that his forehead was torn from one side to the other and into one eye, while a pi ce of wire about an inch long had penetrated the bone at the back of value. The London Mutual pays not more of sand and gravel. The wire was pul-1 and the eye being punctured and sunken, it will be necessary to remove it. The other eye was injured. but not so much as to deprive the poor man of his sight. Mr. Fleming was also bruised in several places on the shody, and the mystery is how he escaped cinstant death. The place was covered with blood which flowed from his woulds. It is supposed that he was struck by the cardboard that inclosed the dualine, and the wire that was wound around the cardboard. His case seemed a hopeless one, but his condition is somewhat improved, yet if spared he will be nearly blind, and will propably The disabled for life. - Campbellford Herald.

The Caithness Earldom.

The Winnipeg Free Press furnishes the " real facts " regarding the pompous despatch from Dakota a few days ago that Mr. J. S. Sinclair, a resident of -that state, had fallen heir to an earldom. Mr Sinclair, it appears, owns a farm in Dakota, and last January by the death o his father succeeded to the title of Earl of Caithness, a Scotch title, whose holder does n't have a seat in the House of Lords unless elected. The estates, however, were by a previous holder of the title willed to another branch of the timily, so Mr. Sinclair prefers, sensibly enough, to drop the "earl" part of it. An empty title and a Dakota farm are not supposed in themselves to be very productive in these days.

Crops in Britain.

LONDON, Oct. 12 .- The Times publishes a final estimate of the state of crops in Great Britain, and says it anricipates a bad yield and of indifferent quality. Much of the grain stacked is in such a condition as to necessitate great delay before it can be threshed. The real state of affairs, therefore, will not be known for a month. It is possible the harvest, as a whole, may not be worse than of recent years, but in many districts the crops will be the worst in 40 years, and the farmers will not be able, as they had feared, to recoup themselves for recent losses by abundant crops and increased prices.

The steamer Storm King, from Montreal to Dundec, lost 152 cattle en route. Frank Melbourne, the rain-maker, has signed a contract to water a section of Kansas during next summer at ten cents

per acre.

Another revolution is said to be brew ing in Mexico.

The temperance workers of London are striving to separate the liquor and grocery business.

At is estimated that no fewer than 70,066 girls are employed in the public houses and drinking bars of the United Kingdom.

The father of one of the largest property holders in London is buried in a glass case on top of one of the finest buildings in the city

Mrs. Vannaman, of Bridgeton, N. J., while weeding her garden last year, noticed a tall weed of peculiar appearance which she let grow. It has now grown auto a tree over twenty feet high and a foot in circumference; it has an enormous leaf. Hundreds of people have meen it, but no one knows what kind of a tree it is.

A Zulu prince, the youngest son of King Cetowa, is an interesting figure on the streets of St. Louis. The prince is a stalwart young man, weighing 186 pounds, face of a rich copper hue and curly red hair. He is one of twentyone children, his father possessing the Juxury of forty wives. He is being edgented by Baptist ministers for missionsur surk in Africa.

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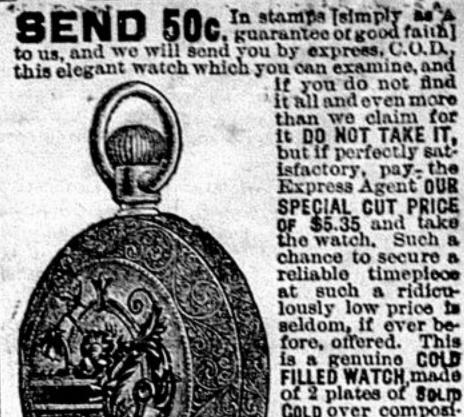
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