



The Advocate.

"Pro Bono Publico."

WOODVILLE, APRIL 3, 1879.

THE REEVESHIP OF THORAH.

On Saturday last, the nomination of candidates for the office of Reeve for the Township of Thorah, took place in Town Hall, Beaverton. This step necessitated by the unseating of Bruce by the judge. When Mr. Bruce was elected Reeve last January as one of the sureties for the Town-collector, and on that ground he was unseated. Mr. Proctor claimed that but his claim was not allowed by the judge. It was fully expected he would oppose Mr. Bruce at this time, but he declined, and Thomas Treleaven was nominated. The gentleman is no doubt a man and one who would make a good Reeve, he having served at the oil board before, but it would hardly be fair on the part of the ratepayers to elect a new man over Mr. Bruce, when they consider the great trouble and expense he was put to, and a needless and uncalled for case. The election takes place on Saturday, April 3, at 10 o'clock, and we hope to hear of Mr. Bruce's return by a large majority.

Patents granted in Germany for instruments in connection with the art of measuring distances can be ascertained at the necessity of measuring a distance. The instrument consists of a telescope in which are arranged three vertical and one horizontal wire, the former being adjusted very exactly at a certain distance apart. The telescope rests in a stand, the lower part of which moves round a horizontal axis. When it is required to measure the distance of an object the telescope is directed upon the latter so that the wire exactly cuts or coincides with the well-defined part of it, this part of the distant object is then brought into the neighborhood of the horizontal wire. The telescope is then turned with its stand so that the right-hand wire cuts the same part of the object. The greater the distance of the latter the larger will be the amount of displacement which it is necessary to give the telescope, being shown by the movement of the horizontal table the distance can be read off from a scale on the latter.

MANITOBA.—Messrs. Speight & Markham, shipped on Monday the first instalment of 25 of 400 tons of lumber ordered for the Manitoba this season. They are unique, light, attractive, and much admired. We received orders to ship 75 tons immediately.

A night express on the Grand Trunk passing near Smith's Creek, on Saturday night, was thrown off the track, the engine and three cars were wrecked, Robert Brakesman, crushed to death, Waters, engineer, and Jerry Brakesman, fatally scalded. — Kellogg, of Erie, Pa., had his horse, and several others were injured. The accident was caused by train wreckers. There have been several arrests.

A man generally show an oddity of temperament. Its last applicant was a man aged 75 years, who was lodged in the luxury of a young man's quarters. The fact that he possessed a life interest in a large tract of land, which somebody works for him. He likewise had a span of land which he did not work with. An enquirer inquired if the property would not keep him, but was promptly told it took more than that was got off the land to horses, saying nothing of the fact. Somebody suggested that the man should be amended to the poor horses, for if he were able to get along,

Our Neighbours.

CLOTHES-LINE thieves are operating in Uxbridge.

The population of Peterborough has decreased over 400 since 1875.

AFTER some controversy, Cannington Council has granted billiard licenses.

UXBRIDGE Cricket and Lacrosse Clubs have organized for the coming season.

GREAT demand for hay in Haliburton. Lumbermen get their supply from Lindsay and Peterborough by train.

THE Spring Show of the South Riding Agricultural Society will be held on the new exhibition grounds, Lindsay, on Wednesday, April 30.

FASTIDIOUS.—A tramp called at a residence situated not far from Cmemee on the Peterboro' road, and wanted a chicken killed and cooked to satisfy his fastidious appetite. It is hardly necessary to say his request was not complied with.

A SON-IN-LAW of Mr. Patterson, of the Orillia Asylum, walked from Bruce Mines, 310 miles, on snow shoes, without being in a house night or day; until he reached Midland, where he arrived last Friday. He slept in his blanket at night.

THERE is big excitement throughout the township of Tay on account of Mr. B. F. Kean assessing property up to its cash value. Heretofore it has only been assessed to about one-fifth and people think that next year they will be ruined with taxes.

MR. MORROW, one of the teachers in the Cannington Public School, was last week fined five dollars and costs, for undue severity in punishing one of the children under his charge. Notice of appeal from the decision of the magistrates has been given.

THE Rev. Joseph Elliott, late of Montreal, will be inducted as pastor of the Cannington Presbyterian Church, at 1.30 p. m., to day, the Rev. Mr. Smith to preach, Rev. Mr. McGregor to address the Pastor, and the Rev. Mr. McNabb the congregation.

ALLAN GARDINER, third son of Mrs. Gardiner, of Oshawa, died on the 17th, at Silver Cliff, Colorado. He had been away for three years, and was about returning home when he was taken by typhoid fever. He was 22 years of age, and was a promising young man.

ON Wednesday morning last Mrs. Huggins, a farmer's wife, residing at lot No. 18, in the 2nd concession of Whithy, died from the effects of a quantity of Paris Green which she had taken on the previous day. A coroner's jury decided that she was insane when she took the poison.

WEEK before last a letter arrived at Stayner post-office which was mailed in a town in Scotland and addressed to another town in Scotland, and having on its face a penny postage stamp. How the letter wandered so far away from its proper destination is a mystery to the Post Office officials.

ONE hundred tons of iron ore from the Madoc mines was shipped over the North Hastings Railway for Buffalo on Thursday, and another hundred tons the following day went over the Grand Trunk to Buffalo. A quantity of lumber and railroad ties will also be shipped at an early date, and a good deal of freight has gone inward to Madoc. Regular trains will be run shortly.

DISGRACEFUL.—We learn a disgraceful circumstance occurred in connection with the death of the late James Tighe. The body arrived in Lakefield on its way to Douro for interment on Tuesday last, those in charge left the body in the sleigh in the shed attached to a hotel (since closed) while they adjourned inside and spent two or three hours playing cards for drinks—proceeding on their sad journey in anything but a sober or mournful condition.—*Examiner*

FAREWELL SUPPER.—On Tuesday evening, 25th ult., the Odd-Fellows of Cannington and a few of the citizens, gave a farewell supper to Mr. Wm. Thompson, prior to his departure for Manitoba, and presented him with an address. The *Gleaner* says, "the Lodge room, with its rich hangings, beautiful pictures, and well filled tables, presented an appearance not often witnessed in a place of this size," and "the sumptuous supper supplied by Mr. W. C. Smith, certainly did him great credit."

A FIGHT.—A rough and tumble and altogether inartistic fight took place on Tuesday forenoon in front of the McArthur House between a sober man and a half drunken one, the latter of whom, as far as we can learn, forced the other into the contest against his will. There was rather more than the usual amount of pulling and hauling and interfering by the friends of the combatants, and after two or three short struggles, in all of which the semi-intoxicated wrestler went down, his opponent got vicious and dealt him a kick on the head which was heard at a distance of about five rods and raised a

goodly portion of his scalp. This, it is to be presumed, satisfied him, for he immediately demanded a cessation of hostilities, and was allowed to rise and walk away with the blood running down behind his ears and with modified views as to his ability as a fighter.—*Fenelon Falls Gazette.*

A LAUGHABLE INCIDENT.—A good ventriloquist has the meads at his will, more especially if he is a humorist, of sometimes placing his victims in an awkward position. An example of the above lately occurred in the Huffman House where a few of the friends and admirers of Mr. Hamilton Corbett had met to have a friendly chat with him after his last concert. It may be mentioned that Mr. Corbett in addition to his abilities as a singer, has also acquired the gift of ventriloquism. As there is no necessity for mentioning any of the names, just imagine them all sitting together enjoying a "crack" with the great singer. All at once a voice is heard peremptorily ordering Mr. — to go home, his wife was wanting him. The unusual demand astonished the company, who, however, made no remarks, but continued the conversation. Again the voice was heard, "Mr. — come home at once, your wife wants you." The gentleman named thinking that something serious had happened, arose and walked out of the room to ascertain who the strange messenger was. But no explanation of course could be obtained. After allowing the joke to be enjoyed as long as he could, Mr. Corbett, unable to control himself any longer, informed the party that he was the party who had so unceremoniously called Mr. — away. The announcement caused roars of laughter. The blank look of amazement which Mr. — put on may be better imagined than described.—*Peterboro' Review.*

OWING to the storm the meeting of the Farmers' Club on Saturday was thinly attended, nevertheless the discussion was an interesting one. The proceedings were not opened promptly, and previously a conversation ensued which was instructive. A number spoke in favor of a more general change of seed than takes place. One of the causes of the failure of the potato crop during the last two or three years was believed to be the failure to change the seed as often as should be done. It was thought it would be beneficial to obtain seed grown on a different soil to that in which it was proposed to plant it. The price of potatoes was now sufficient to make it a very profitable crop and more care might be well bestowed upon it. Mr. Mackie gave the Eastern township method of growing this crop, and stated that it had answered well with him. It should be tried by others. Mr. D. Lick's opinion respecting the value of corn culture was endorsed by those who had tried it. All land is not fitted for corn growing, but there is a good deal of moderately light soil in this section where it would prove the most profitable crop that could be grown. There are farmers who have grown it for a quarter of a century, who say they have never had it fail to ripen, and where there has been a failure it arises from the cultivation and not from the climate. There cannot be much doubt that corn can be grown cheaper than it can be imported. Not that a bushel of corn can be raised cheaper here than it can in the Western States, neither can wheat, but the value of the stalks as feed and the good condition in which it leaves the land together with the freight more than make up the difference. The great drawback is the labor that is required to cultivate it. This labor ought to be supplied from the villages and towns. There are a number of idle boys hanging about the streets of every village who, with advantage to themselves and profit to the farmer, could be employed on this work, and if proper means were taken to get them and oversee them they ought to be had.—*Oshawa Vindicator.*

MR. J. HOGAN ploughed on his farm lot 12, con. 7, Hay, on the 12th of March.

IN consequence of the death of Prince Waldemar, of Prussia, youngest son of the Crown Prince and Princess of Prussia, and nephew of Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, the theatricals at Government House announced for the 2nd and 5th of April, are postponed to the 16th and 19th of April.

THE Ottawa Daily Free Press of Thursday last, contained the following notice:—"The Weekly Free Press, published this day, contains all the news of the week, domestic, British and foreign. In wrappers for mailing 5 cents; yearly subscription, \$150." Is the increase in price owing to the N. P. or the compositor?

WEST INDIES.—The authorities of Santiago de Cuba have discovered persons plotting against the public peace by issuing subversive manifestos and proclamations, seducing the people into rebellion, and collecting arms. Four of the principal conspirators have been arrested, and their transportation to Spain has been ordered.

ORILLIA.
(From our own Correspondent.)
Thursday afternoon about three o'clock, the "Monteagle House" was burnt down. Cause of fire unknown. The place has not been inhabited for some time. The owner of the building was arrested on suspicion but was let off, there not being evidence enough to convict him.

BEAVERTON.
(From our own Correspondent.)
Tavern Licenses for this year have been fixed at \$50 in Beaverton and \$60 outside the village. Shop Licences at \$80
Mr. C. H. Robinson and family, left for Manitoba last week. Mr. Donald Ross, Auctioneer, has been appointed Bailiff of the Sixth Division Court, in place of Mr. Robinson. Mr. Ross filled the position some years ago with credit to himself and the Township.

Since the great international walking match every place seems to have caught the complaint. It has not reached this place yet but we have what you might call the "running" fever. On Wednesday evening last some four or five races took place on Simcoe street the most important of which were a race for \$5 a side, between E. R. Armstrong and J. Pringle, 100 yards, Pringle to have 5 yards start. The race was won by Armstrong by about 3 feet. The next race was between John Sharp and Richard Dunsheath, the same distance, which was won by the latter. Time, unofficial, 9 1/2 seconds. There were several other scratch matches which did not amount to much.

The Good Templars concert on Thursday evening last, was a grand success. The hall was comfortable filled with an appreciative audience and the programme was well sustained. The singing of Miss Stott and Miss Stuart of Woodville was much admired. Mrs. Weeks, Miss Muir, and Messrs. Glover, Bates and Taylor sang some very fine selections. The acting in the dialogues was good, especially that of Miss Cluiness, who acting the part of the "aunt wife" to perfection. Mr. A. Muir, B. A. occupied the chair in his usual happy manner.

Constables Maloney and Bruce of Brechin, passed through here on the 26th ult., with a family named Wood, consisting of the father and three sons, between twelve and seventeen years of age, who were committed to Whithy jail by J. P. Foley, J. P., on a charge of stealing about forty bags of flour from the Brechin grist mill. They were caught selling some of the flour in Orillia. They were about as hard a looking crowd as passed through here for some time—the father and 12 year old son tied together by the handcuffs, and the other two sons behind in the same fix.

A valuable horse belonging to a man in Uxbridge, took sick on Saturday last while passing through here to Uxbridge and died on Monday morning. The horse was valued at \$200.

We notice that one of our merchants has made a move in the right direction, that is, in giving up the credit system. It is surprising that the cash movement has not been considered and adopted before. Most of the neighboring towns and villages have adopted it long ago, and it is in every way more satisfactory. Mr. R. McDougall, we are pleased to see has decided to give no more credit as he says that persons buying can save from ten to twenty-five per cent.; and he has marked his goods accordingly, as will be seen by his posters. Who is the next to follow his example?

LINDSAY.
(From our own Correspondent.)
A large crowd was in town last Saturday, business is now becoming more brisk.
Mr. Geo. Stirling held an auction sale last Saturday and Monday to clear off his stock prior to leaving for Belleville.

A dog jumped through Wm. Beall's window, last Monday afternoon.
All our winter entertainments are literally at an end—the Rink, the Charity Concerts, the Church Socials, all have ceased, and now we hopefully wait for the time when the tide unbound of the Scugog will run and the old Van will steam us to the point and back.

The Hon. S. C. Wood is in town and everybody extends our able representative a general welcome.
There is no small discussion as to whether the Victoria road will be sold or not, and if sold whether the Midland or Whithy and Lindsay roads will be the purchaser.

THE PRESS.
The Ottawa Free Press is one of the best daily papers published in Ontario. Its news columns are always full of the latest items of interesting news from all parts of the world. It is one of the best of our exchanges published by W. Mitchell, Ottawa.
We have received a copy of a spicy paper called *The Forester*, published at the enterprising village of Huntsville, Muskoka. *The Forester* is a nicely printed, double royal sheet, containing a large amount of local news. Reform in politics. Subscription price, \$1 per annum in advance.
The *Bruce Reporter*, published at Kincardine, County of Bruce, is to hand. Parties interested in that section of country could not do better than subscribe for the *Reporter*. Subscription price, \$1.00 per annum in advance.

POSITIVELY THE LAST NOTICE!

I have been patient so long that patience ceases to be a virtue, and I have now come to the conclusion that all those parties who are owing me must pay up at once or take the consequences. I must have money to meet my engagements: those therefore to whom this notice applies had better prepare. No further notice will be given.

ROD. CAMPBELL,
KING STREET,
WOODVILLE.

Spring! 1879.

Wm. Henry,
King St., Woodville.

—AND—
13 and 14 Brock Street,
—UXBRIDGE.—

Will offer to the public on Thursday morning the 20th inst., a large line of

SPRING DRESS GOODS

—IN—
All the newest and Choicest Styles.

PRINTS!
Of All WIDTHS.

ENGLISH, SCOTCH & CANADIAN
TWEEDS!

WORSTED COATINGS,
BLACK DOESKINS,
TWEEDS, BROADCLOTHS,
FANCY CLOAKINGS

In great variety of styles and qualities, they are all fresh and desirable goods and will be sold at

The Lowest Prices

TERMS CASH OR PRODUCE.

Lumber AND Shingles

The undersigned in returning thanks to the public for their patronage for the past three years would state that he has on hand a quantity of

Dry and Green Lumber and Shingles.

And that he has prepared to fill House and Barn bills as cheap as any other mill in this district
Farm produce or a few milk cows will be taken in exchange for Lumber or Shingles.

GIVE US A CALL BEFORE PURCHASING ELSEWHERE

Remember the place. Follitt's mill is half a mile west of Mrs. Young's Hotel, on the Portage Road, near Bolsover.

H. FOLLIETT,
BOLSOVER, P. O.