



# The Advocate.

"Pro Bono Publico."

WOODVILLE, JULY 3, 1879.

A MAN in Chicago—of course—has invented a new kind of freight car for the carrying of grain by rail, which consists of cylinders, with flanges at the ends to represent wheels, within which the grain will be actually rolled from the far west to the seaboard. The hollow cylinders are filled with the grain and the whole revolves together. A trial car will soon be ready by which the success or failure of the plan will be tested. If it should prove a success perhaps the next proposition will be to apply the system to carrying passengers. Instead of rolling in carriages, then, people of wealth and nerve will be able to roll in cylinders, though we are doubtful whether the system would ever become popular. Acrobats and such like people might tumble to it, but the average passengers would probably object to a series of perpetual somersaults during a journey.

**THE COMING HARVEST.**—There never was a time in the history of Canada when at so early a season the approaching harvest was looked forward to with so much solicitude as that of the harvest of 1879; not that the people lack bread or that the supply of breadstuffs is at all deficient, but we want, we require, we can scarcely get along without a generous harvest, not so much for our own consumption as to what we may have to sell to secure the cash. A somewhat bountiful harvest and fair prices will supply funds sufficient to set in motion the now almost stagnant wheels of trade and commerce. So far throughout this Province at least, there is no cause for gloom at the appearance of the crops; all appear healthy and vigorous, and with propitious weather the yield may be both plentiful and in good season. The anxiety, however, is not confined to Canada, it prevails over all lands to a greater or less extent. Throughout the United States the daily progress is watched and noted and in some of their territories the wheat harvest has already commenced.

The lovely Eugene ex-Empress of France is perhaps to-day the saddest of living women. Born in splendour and reared in luxury, one of the fairest and most accomplished of nature's daughter's she was raised to the proud position of Empress of one of the happiest, gayest and most prosperous empires of earth, *la belle France*, over which she exercised uncontrollable sway. The stamp of her foot could at any time set Europe in a blaze, she raised her finger and the lightning flash and thunder peal of war, dread war, broke forth in all its fury over the finest lands of central Europe, and the best blood of two of earth's greatest nations poured forth in no stinted stream, the army of widows was increased by tens of thousands. Mars, the untrusty god of war, reversed his shield and France, fair France, lay prostrate and bleeding at the feet of her remorseless foes; and Eugene the proud empress of yesterday has to flee for protection to a foreign power, the "perfidious Albion" of by-gone days. She carries with her her son, her only child, her present comfort and future hope, the Prince Imperial. Her husband, the Emperor, follows them to their sad retreat, their irksome exile, where he soon dies, leaving his widow and her only son, on whom she now concentrates her affections, and to whose great future imperial France looks forward with the greatest hope and confidence. As the boy passes to the youth and the youth to the young man, the confidence of all brightens as the young man's good

qualities develop. But in one sad and fatal hour, he determines to go to Zululand and fight the battles of his British friends. Scarcely had he entered the invaded territory when he fell into the hands of the cunning Zulus, who leave him on the field with a dozen fatal wounds. The sad tidings came to Europe and the dejection of the now disconsolate Eugene, the widowed and now childless mother, can scarcely be imagined and cannot be described.—When our god Queen returned from her visit of condolence to the ex-Empress she was weeping like a child, or rather like a Queen.

## DOMINION DAY IN WOODVILLE.

Confederation Day in Woodville was celebrated this year with more than usual honors. The day opened bright and clear, and everything predicted favourable weather. The Committee of management were around from an early hour preparing for the day's sport, which commenced about 9 o'clock with horse-racing, on the Trotting Association's track, with the following results:—

OPEN TROT.	
A. McCorquodale's "Ned Hanlan,"	4 2 3
W. McCaskill's "Little Dan,"	2 3 2
P. McCorquodale's "Woodville Boy,"	1 1
L. McBean's "Creeping Jane,"	3 4
RUNNING RACE.	
W. McRae's "Billy,"	2 2
W. McCaskill's "Little John,"	1 1
G. C. Smith's "Nelly,"	3 3

Next in order came the Lacrosse match. The Beaverton boys were met here and conducted to the field by the Band, and after a stirring match succeeded in beating Woodville three straight games.

Immediately after dinner the celebrated Calathumpian warriors, headed by the Band, formed a procession and paraded the main St. much to the amusement of the crowd and the small boys. We might here remark that some of the dresses were most ingeniously constructed and added greatly to the grotesque effect of the procession.

The games, the principal feature of the day's amusement commenced immediately after the procession, and was largely attended. The following are the names of the winners of the various prizes:—

Men's 200 yds. Race—1st, E. Armstrong;	2nd, E. Sproule; 3rd, P. McMillan.
Men's 100 yds. Race—1st, E. Armstrong;	2nd, P. McMillan; 3rd, E. Sproule.
Hop-Step-and-Jump—1st, E. Cameron;	2nd, E. Sproule.
Standing Jump—1st, E. Armstrong;	2nd, D. Mathieson.
Running High Jump—1st, D. McMillan;	2nd, P. McMillan.
Running Long Jump—1st, E. Sproule;	2nd, D. McMillan.
Putting Shoulder Stone—1st, E. Armstrong;	2nd, A. McFartyre.
Boy's 100 yds. Race—1st, R. Birchard;	2nd, A. McArthur; 3rd, Jas. Stuart.
Quoit Pitching—1st, Geo. Ross; 2nd, Jas. Jones.	

The tug of war was looked forward to with considerable interest, but as no Mariposa competitors could be induced to enter, it did not take place, much to the disappointment of the large crowd which had gathered to witness it.

The last but not the least of the day's amusements was the walking match which took place in the town hall grounds. Five competitors started, but at the close of the match but two remained, Messrs. E. Sproule and Jas. Birchard, the rest having dropped off. Birchard, who is a very young lad, kept it up to the last, and we are opinion would have won, had there been a short time longer to walk, as he was but a few feet behind Sproule when time was called. Below will be found the score:—

Sproule.....1 1/2 miles	2 laps 5 yards
Birchard.....1 1/2 do	2 do
McLean.....1 1/2 do	13 do
Gall.....1 1/2 do	10 do
Adams.....6 do	3 do

The Calathumpian procession in the evening passed off well, and was a perfect success.

Much credit is due the Committee of Management for the able manner in which they managed the proceedings of the day, not a hitch of any kind occurring to mar its success. The sports were well conducted and we have heard no remarks of unfairness in connection with any of the games.

THREE Cannington boys burglarized a school house in Brock last week, and carried off such articles as pleased them.

## Our Neighbours.

LINDSAY's population is estimated at 5,478, a slight decrease from last year. RAMA is going to build a town hall, its council will then enjoy a local habitation.

MASKINGONE are unusually plentiful in Lake Scugog this season. One weighing 30 lbs. was caught the other day.

THE annual Fall Fair of the North Ontario Agricultural Society will be held in the Village of Uxbridge, on the 7th and 8th of October.

ACCIDENT.—Mr. Michael Vickery of Eldon sustained a fracture or displacement of the left cavicle a few days ago by a fall from his waggon.

THE Crops throughout Emily look very promising indeed. Thus far the only serious apprehensions arise from the appearance of the potato bug.

THE schools of Ontario county have made an exceedingly creditable showing at the University examinations. Port Perry contributed three, all of whom took honors; Oshawa four and Whitby four.

A MONSTER.—Thomas Hayden, Jr., caught in Rice Lake, Monday, a maskinonge that weighed twenty-three pounds, and measured four feet one inch in length. It took him one hour and a half to land it.

THE Victoria County Council have granted \$300 in aid of the fund for the reception and entertainment of His Excellency the Governor-General and H. R. H. Princess Louise should they visit Lindsay this fall.

THE result of the analysis of the water supplied to the people of Toronto, by Prof. Croft, is anything but satisfactory to those who daily use it. An immediate effort ought to be made to secure it as pure as possible, or in a little while sickness will do its fearful work.

ACCIDENT.—Last week a son of Mr. R. Greenway, of Little Britain had the misfortune to break his arm. It appears he had been playing with another boy, and by some mishap fell to the ground, thereby causing the fracture. Under the care of Dr. Vrooman he is doing as well as can be expected.

ON Sunday afternoon, 15th inst., a dwelling house owned by Mr. Peter Thompson, situated on lot 27, 8th Con. Uxbridge, was destroyed by fire. Loss, about \$600. The same day the dwelling-house of Mr. P. Thompson, Lot 27, Reach, was burned. The fire originated through a defective stove-pipe. The house was totally consumed but the furniture and barn buildings were saved.

TOZONTO is to have a grand three weeks' industrial exhibition in September. Among other features there is to be a "lumbermen's pavilion," and to provide for a suitable display an informal meeting of lumbermen was held at the Queen's in Toronto last Wednesday and committees appointed to take the necessary steps to carry out this purpose. Among those present were Messrs. M. Boyd, of Bobcaygeon, and Mr. Irwin, of Port Hope.

THE pooling of the Midland and Whitby Railways has been formally announced. The companies remain distinct, but a joint board is formed, of which Mr. Cox is chairman. Mr. Arthur White becomes General Traffic Agent of the two railways, and is to deal with all matters pertaining to passengers and freight. Mr. White is an able and experienced railway official and is well-known and popular. The Midland extension to Midland City has been finished and will shortly be opened for traffic.

IN the township of Mara there has been a lively contest over the occupancy of a farm. The tenant left the farm, it appears, without giving up his lease, and the owner allowed him a rebate in the rent and came on after the tenant had sold all the implements, and started to work, and has been doing so all spring. Then the tenant returned with constables and revolvers and arrested the owner, who had the tenant simultaneously arrested for trespassing, and they both went off together to Orillia. The tenant has since returned, the law sustaining him.

EXCURSION.—The members of the Methodist church on the Victoria Road circuit had an excursion to Toronto on Friday, the 20th inst., which was a complete success in every respect. A train of cars left Cobocook at an early hour and as it passed along the road took up so large a number of passengers that by the time it left Uxbridge the number of cars had been increased to sixteen, all of which were filled. An extra engine was also put on at that station and a good run made to Toronto, which was reached about noon. The excursionists scattered themselves over the city and seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. The amount realized in aid of the circuit was \$112.

THE MIDLAND EXTENSION.—On the occasion of the arrival of the first train in Midland on last Friday night the event was duly celebrated. Mr. James Duncan contributed a barrel of beer to the men to make merry on the occasion which they certainly did. The whole village turned out to welcome the cars. The road is now being ballasted, and there is some talk of a regular train being put on next week which will be a great boon to this section. All our merchants wear smiling faces at the prospect of increased business.

INCORPORATION.—We are in a position to inform the public that "Incorporation" has become a fixed fact,—the by-law incorporating the village of Millbrook having been passed at the recent sitting of the Counties Council. Mr. John Hunter, Clerk of the Division Court, has been appointed Returning Officer for the holding of the first election on the first Monday of January next. Till that day we will have to go as we are. Mr. John Beatty, jr., was appointed to take the census, and we understand the figures reached 1,171.

THE Grangers of North Ontario intend holding a grand united picnic in Mr. Rodger's bush, Port Perry, some time about the middle of July. All will welcome those worthy patrons and patronesses of husbandry, their active sons and fair daughters, those representatives of the great producing class, nature's true nobility. The gathering will doubtless be a large one and won't be confined to Grangers for all will be glad to partake with them the pleasures of the day. All wish them propitious weather and an agreeable and profitable time.—Observer.

CONVICTION QUASHED.—At the County Court at Whitby week before last the appeal case of Mr. Morrow, teacher in the second department of Cannington Public School, was down for a hearing. It will be remembered that Mr. Morrow was brought before D. St. Brown and Geo. Horne, Esqs. J. Ps., for using undue severity in punishing a pupil under his charge. The magistrates inflicted a fine of \$5 and costs, against which judgement Mr. Morrow appealed. The appeal was sustained and the conviction quashed by consent of plaintiff, without going before the judge for trial.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.—Walter Proudfoot, of Coldwater, a bachelor about 45 years of age, a respected and successful school teacher, but who has retired from that occupation a couple of years ago, has since been living as contented as possible under the circumstances, battling hard with the world. Last Saturday the village was horrified at the rumour that he had cut his throat, which upon investigation was found to be true. He was promptly put in safe keeping and medical aid procured. It was soon found out that the throat was but slightly cut and that the man was in a state of insanity. On Monday he was brought before Squire Wilson, who sent him to Barrie jail.

ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE.—On Tuesday morning about 1 or 2 o'clock in a house that does not bear a very good name in the north part of the town, one of the inmates a Miss Minnie Lee, attempted to commit suicide by discharging a revolver held in her right hand with the muzzle held close to her right temple the ball passing out about the centre of her forehead. Dr. Eastwood was immediately sent for who found her in a weak condition from loss of blood. Chief Constable Ryan immediately procured a warrant for her arrest, and as soon as possible removed her to gaol and took the revolver into his possession. Her trial will take place as soon as she is well enough to appear before his Worship the Mayor.—Whitby Gazette.

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