



Editorial Notes.

It now transpires that for some time the Grand Trunk has virtually controlled the Montreal Railway system. Out of \$6,000,000 of Capital invested the Grand Trunk holds and owns \$4,316,920.

Much attention is being directed to the proposal to simplify the process of transfer of land. We see no good reason why it should not be as easily transferred as any personal property. The present process is frequently a decided nuisance and besides is expensive and slow. A simplification by which the act of registration confirms a title would be simple and decisive and a great convenience to the public.

The Mayor of Brampton sent an individual to gool the other day for swearing on the streets. It would prove a damper to ardent swearers to spend a month in jail for a too generous use of the tongue. We have heard swearing on our village streets which has made our hair raise with horror, and have seen our magistrates looking on without a word of condemnation. Give public swearers the benefit of the law made for them and we think the dose will prove effective.

LORD LORNE is now giving the people of Canada the benefit of his opinion regarding their system of government. After his residency among us, and occupying the elevated position he did he certainly should be able to speak with a degree of knowledge.

In the *Contemporary Review* for November an article appears on "Canadian Home Rule" from his pen, in which he holds that local matters should be controlled by the Local Legislatures, and claims that, should one Province be able to oppose the will of the general government, there is a grave danger of a repetition of the American civil war. We cannot question the justice of the above deductions, it should therefore be the aim of our Legislatures to entirely remove the possibility of such a contingency. With the warmth of political feeling generated by such questions as the Boundry Award and the Streams Bill, a dangerous sentiment is aroused and certainly more trifling things have produced very grave results. His Lordship's warning should not be neglected.

Every day is bringing more seriously to notice the possibility, in fact, the extreme likelihood of an early and great European war. To-day Russia is massing troops on the German frontier, to-morrow Germany is counteracting by a movement of forces France is engaged in several struggles which threaten to result in difficulties nearer home, while immense armies are being retained in the most efficient state by every nation of Europe. What all this means is only too evident—a terrible destruction of innocent lives and loss of treasure—all to gratify the ambition of some king or statesman.

WHAT do the electors think of the election trials? Is it not flattering to the intelligence and honor of the electorate? These trials have induced a picture of ways that are dark indeed, and it were better for both parties had the revelations never been made. There can be no question but that partyism in Canada has reached a degree of unscrupulousness when every means is considered legitimate, so long as the end is obtained. This condition of things is truly demoralizing, as honest, honorable men would hesitate long before permitting themselves to be made representatives by such means as are now generally employed to carry elections.

We are in receipt of a circular calling attention to a banquet and testimonial to be presented to Mr. Thos Paxton, Esq. on the 7th of December next, at the Town Hall Port Perry. We are pleased to make notice of this event. No politician the County of Ontario has produced, has earned more respect and genuine esteem than Mr. Thos. Paxton, from both political parties and certainly none have worked more earnestly for the interests of the constituency than he. Now, on his retirement from political life it is proposed to give him some slight testimonial of the appreciation of his past services and character by the county. Messrs. George F. Bruce and F. Madill have been named as members of the committee for Thorah and we hope to see this township contribute generously. The price of tickets is placed at \$2.00 and may be obtained from the above named gentlemen.

A more eccentric phase has never been exhibited by Christianity than that shown by the Salvation Army. We read of "All Day Sessions," "All Night Sessions," and if it were possible it is likely Sessions would be held between times. The exercises of the fanatics in connection with the "Army" are becoming a positive nuisance and but for the religious pretensions of the institution would have received their quietus long ago.

Is it not about time this address business, or nuisance more properly speaking, were stopped? Lord Lansdowne is now being made the recipient of roll after roll of bosh in the shape of addresses, and surely by this time should be fully satisfied that the people of Canada are pleased to see him and bid him welcome.

MESSRS. DOBSON & SON, of Cannington, are asking the council of that village what encouragement would be given a knitting factory if established, and to employ from 15 to 20 hands. If this village were incorporated as our sister village Cannington we might be in a position to offer a generous inducement to such an enterprise to come here.

THE great libel suit which has been in progress for sometime between the Allan Steamship Co. and the *Montreal Witness* was won by the latter. The suit our readers will remember, was the outcome of a letter written by an emigrant and published by the *Witness* severely criticizing the manner in which steerage passengers by the Allan line were treated. The evidence produced showed a most disgraceful condition of things and the people of the Dominion ought certainly to feel pleased at the action of the *Witness* in this case.

The *Pickering News* comes down handsomely and very justly on the Toronto *Evening News* it says—"An agent of the Toronto 'Sneek-a-Boo' organ was in the village last week endeavoring if possible to work up a circulation for that miserable sheet. He wanted us to handle the rag, but we politely and firmly refused, as we did not wish to have anything to do with a paper that was not fit to be read in the houses of respectable people. . . . The slimo and slush which appears in that paper, under the head of 'Peek-a-Boo,' is not suitable for the old to read, let alone children, and the sooner such newspaper enterprise (?) is stamped out the better.

THE Grand Trunk Railway and its connections and the Canadian Pacific and its branches have agreed to join with a number of other leading roads in the adoption of the new standard railway time. The uniform system will come into force on the majority of railways on the 18th November. As it may be applied to the new time tables shortly to be issued by the different companies, it will effect Toronto and other leading cities of the province. For railway time table purposes the continent is divided into five divisions. Throughout each of these divisions one uniform railway time will prevail and there will be just one hour's difference between the railway time in one division and the time in that adjoining it. Toronto, Hamilton, and Port Perry will belong to the second section, based on the 75th meridian, which is four minutes slower than New York local time. Toronto local time will therefore be seventeen minutes faster than our local time. Port Hope railway time fourteen minutes faster, and Hamilton railway time nineteen minutes faster. So that if a train were advertised to leave Toronto at seven o'clock it would be necessary to be at the station at seven minutes to seven on account of our local time being seventeen minutes slower than the uniform time for this division. Hamilton trains will in like manner be affected by the difference in the local time of the section, trains leaving there nineteen minutes ahead of advertised time, and Port Hope fourteen minutes ahead.

AND now that the Marquis of Lorne has departed the question is again in order, are we not paying too high for the Imperial whistle. It seems to us that \$400,000 per annum, which modest sum will barely cover the expenses in connection with the office, is just somewhat too much for a young and struggling country like Canada, even with such evidences of wealth as a surplus and a huge national debt. Considering the fact that the functions of the Governor-General are now more of a sinecure than a reality we would like to know just where the value received comes in.

"Blood food" is the suggestive name often given to Ayer's Sarsaparilla, because of its blood-enriching qualities.

Mr. Hector Beaton, clerk and treasurer of the township of Pickering since 1850 resigned the other day at the age of eighty. His son gets the appointment.

A bell foundry has been established in Little Britain by Edwin Mark & Co.

People who reside or sojourn in regions of country where fever and ague and bilious remittent fever are prevalent, should be particularly careful to regulate digestion, the liver and the bowels, before the approach of the season for the periodic malady. The timely use of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure is a valuable safeguard against the malarial scourge. It is acknowledged to be the best blood purifier in the market.

These are Solid Facts.

The best blood purifier and system regulator ever placed within reach of suffering humanity, truly is Electric Bitters. Inactivity of the Liver, Biliousness, Jaundice, Constipation, Weak Kidneys, or any disease of the urinary organs, or whoever requires an appetizer, tonic or mild stimulant, will always find Electric Bitters the best and only certain cure known. They act surely and quickly, every bottle guaranteed to give entire satisfaction or money refunded. Sold at fifty cents a bottle, by Gunn Bros.

FALL AND WINTER,

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LADIES,

Do not leave town without visiting

The Popular Dry Goods House.

Where you will see the finest display of

Fall and Winter DRESS GOODS,

Black and Colored Silks, Blankets, Flannels,

Wincies, Cloakings, Shawls, Cloakings,

Lace Curtains, Table Linens, Cottons, Sheetings &c.,

Also a fine assortment of

Hosiery, Clouds, Laces, Corsets,

Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, WATERPROOF CIRCULARS, Small wares etc.

GENTLEMEN,

Call and we will show you the finest range of

-SCOTCH AND CANADIAN TWEEDS,-

WEST OF ENGLAND PANTINGS, and OVERCOATINGS ever offered in Beaverton. We have a complete stock of READY-MADE SUITS and OVERCOATS at bottom price. We have a complete range in

Ladies' Misses and Children's Fine and Coarse Shoes, in Long Boots We have the Lead.

You should call and get a pair of our hand-made boots. We will guarantee these Boots.

-Our Millinery Department.-

Is again in first-class order, and the ladies should call and see our display of

Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats,

Trimmings, Feathers and Ornaments. Our Mantles are something pretty in shape and pattern, and at Bottom Prices.

Don't Forget to Call, no Trouble to show Goods.

Jas. Ritchie,

Beaverton, Ont.

Bargains! Bargains!

Great slaughter of Goods.

In CLOTHING, DRESS GOODS, BOOTS and SHOES.

Having purchased a very large and handsome lot of

-FALL AND WINTER GOODS-

Which are arriving daily, and in order to make room for them I have to clear out my Summer Stock which I am doing at the lowest possible prices. GENTS' SUITS got up to order of the LATEST AND MOST FASHIONABLE TWEEDS made at lower prices than any other house in the Trade.

SEE OUR BARGAINS IN

Grey and White Cottons, Canton Flannels, Ducks and Denims, Cotton Bags, Dress Goods, Velveteens, Ladies' Knit Jackets, Scarlet, Pink, Blue, Grey, White and Striped Flannels.

JOHN SCOTT, Woodville, Ont.

For Cheap Goods!

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The Tweed House

BEAVERTON,

Great Bargains in Ready-made Clothing, Gents' Felt Hats, Dry Goods, and Groceries.

TEAS A SPECIALTY

Best value North of Toronto.

Call and See Me!

W. L. B. HAMLIN,

"The Tweed House,"

Beaverton, Nov. 1883.

Beaverton Local News.

THE *Cannington Gleaner* says:—"One Duncan Currie, of Thorah, was found on the street last night, shortly before midnight, 'drunk and unable to take care of himself,' and was lodged in the lock-up. This morning he was brought before one of the J. P.'s and fined one dollar and costs,—in all \$4.00.

To take a paper and refuse to pay for it, under the new U. S. postal law, is theft, and the person guilty of such an act is liable to criminal process, the same as if a common thief had stolen from the publisher the amount of subscription.

At the Beaverton Wollen Mills. A special line of checked flannels at 30cts per yard, extra value, also full cloth and tweeds at lowest prices. Call and see them, C. T. Young.

Any information of Andrew Paterson, of Coldwater, who is supposed to have left Orillia by early Northern train on 28th September, will be thankfully received by his sorrowing wife and relatives. All papers please copy.

MR. B. F. BROWN, of Gamebridge, has bought a choice two-year old Devon Heifer from Mr. George Bolton, of Athorley.

THE appearance of the ghostly lights chronicled in another paragraph is the all absorbing topic here just now and many amusing tales are being told of encounters with them. Will 'o' the Wisps evidently. The innate love of man for the supernatural however, is picturing up ghosts, goblins, &c., as the real sources of the strange lights, especially as the phenomena is seen in the vicinity of an old burying ground.

WE have just received a full stock of Waltham Watches in all the different movements. We offer them at Toronto prices and give a written guarantee for two years with each watch John McKinnon, "Medical Hall" Beaverton.

A NEW sidewalk is being laid on the east side of Main St. south, from Simcoe to Bay Streets. This will prove a splendid improvement. The new walk on the south side of Simcoe St. is also being laid.

Go and call at "Tweed House" Beaverton and see the reduction in prices. No trouble to show goods.

WINTER is now near and our young folks are looking about for some source of amusement to while away the long winter evenings. Could not a covered skating rink be got up in town. No better place for a rink could be wished than is afforded by the drill shed and we are sure were proper requests made it can be obtained. This would give a splendid covered rink, and with a vigorous committee of management it can be made to pay well, besides furnishing an abundance of healthy amusement. Try it boys!

LARGE flocks of wild geese passed south on Tuesday last. A sure harbinger of winter.

WHAT about that morning mail.

A concert is talked of in connection with the opening of the new school.

THE new school will hardly be fit for occupation before the new year.

OUR merchants are getting in their Christmas goods.

CHEAP GOODS.—In spite of endeavours to keep us out by the imposition of a heavy tax, we are determined to continue and are selling all kinds of genuine goods at prices greatly below cost. Auction Sale every night, private sale by day. For bargains which we defy others to beat, the Red Flag is the place.

QUITE a sensation is created among the villagers over the appearance of a "Will-o' the-Wisp" in the vicinity of the village. Numbers go every night to satisfy their curiosity and return satisfied though not edified. And a great many who inherit considerable of the superstitions of the 16th century go with palpitating heart to have it recorded to their honor they have seen a ghost "for certain." So very deep is the enlightenment of the 19th century inculcated in them that it only requires a man to fall off his horse and skin his shin somewhere within 2 miles of their neighborhood to place it beyond all doubt that his Satanic Majesty has took special care to have the event duly heralded by dumb spirits of un-human shape. The event has given rise to a host of narratives surrounded with mythical ideas and legends that surpass any told in the "Arabian Nights" or "Tales of the Borders." These stories are all very well if they would only stop there, but just as the head of the family has entered some halcyon scene in dreamland and the fancies he hears enchanting music floating somewhere, he is wakened up by the howls of his six youngest children who fancy they have encountered ghosts, then by sundry cuffs and soft ejaculations he endeavors to drive the ghosts out of their "minds," whereas the trouble lies in ghosts in his own mind. [Cue.]

Farm For Sale.

NORTH Half Lot 6, 1st Concession township of Eildon, 100 acres, good land, 22 acres cleared, 8 acres fine hardwood bush. A good frame barn 36 x 50, a log dwelling house 20 x 30 and log stables, outbuildings etc., well fenced with clean sods. Two never-failing wells on the farm which is situated within one mile of Lorneville, Junction of M. B. R. Farm free of all encumbrance. Apply to J. R. McEACHERN, on the premises, Lorneville, Ont.