County Victoria jan 97
Court House

The Canadian Post.

VOLUME XXXIII. WHOLE NO. 1933.
ESTABLISHED 1854.

LINDSAY, ONT. FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 1896

TERMS: $1.00 PER YEAR
PAYABLE IN ADVANCE

M. H. Sisson.

A GOOD SHOE

Is like a good friend. It will not disappoint you when called upon for real service. You know a friend by trying him—in the same way you test a shoe—but the trouble is when you have tried a shoe you must keep, it good or not. You will not complain of this trouble if OUR SHOES. We know them to be a reliable make when we sell them. Before you buy drop in and see our goods and prices. Some Bargains still in the old stock which must go to make way for new goods. Trunks and Valises Dressings.

M. H. SISSON,
1 Door East of Daly House

C. P. R.

GOLD IN BRITISH COLUMBIA
TAKE THE
CANADIAN PACIFIC RY.
To REVELSTOKE, KASLO, NELSON, TRAIL, NAKUSP, SLOCAN, ROBSON, ROSSLAND
and all points in
KOOTENAY AND CARIBOO.
Full information from any Canadian Pacific Railway Agent, or C. E. McPherson, 1 King st. east, Toronto.
For Pamphlet
"Gold in Kootenay and Cariboo"
—AND APPLY TO—
T. C. MATCHETT, - - AGENT.
C. P. R. Office, Kent-st.

Fairweather & Co.

FINE FURS
For 1896-7.

We call the attention of Fur Buyers to the fact that

Absolute Reliability

distinguishes our Furs. In our Medium-Priced goods we give

Thorough Workmanship

as in our finest grades. Our line for 1896-97, complete in all details, is DOUBLY INTERESTING now that Furs must have actual value to be saleable

In Manufacturing our Furs The Best Prime Skins and the Finest Quality of Linings and Trimmings

are used. As to workmanship, only skilled labor is employed.

FUR COLLARETTES

are the proper thing this season. They are 17 to 20 inches long, full sweep, and beautiful Linings.

Our Prices are within reach of all.

Your old cape remodelled will make a very fashionable Collarette at a very small expense.

All are welcome to see our Grand Display of Fine Furs Lindsay Exhibition Days, Sept. 24th, 25th and 26th.

FAIRWEATHER & CO
Manufacturing Furriers and Leading Hatters,
LINDSAY and PETERBORO.

Dr. Shier.

DR. SHIER,

First-class Honor Graduate Trinity University, Fellow of Trinity Medical College, Member of College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Phone 123. Night Bell, Side Door.

—JUST ARRIVED—
Large Assortment of
Toilet Soaps and Perfumes
THE BEST IN TOWN.

—A Full Line of—
Pure Drugs, Patent Medicines and Druggists' Sundries
Always in Stock
—AT THE—
East End Drug Store

DR. SHIER, Proprietor. S. F. ROBINS, Manager.

McCready Bicycles.

"Just a little better than the best." "Just a little faster than the rest."

R.Q.T. ROAD RACE, TORONTO.

McCready Bicycles Win the Honors

1st TIME PRIZE WON BY H. CASSIDY ON A McCREADY.
2nd TIME PRIZE WON BY F. GRAVES ON A McCREADY.

"In many respects Cassidy's ride is a remarkable performance. Unlike the riders who started from scratch, who alternated in making the pace, he had to ride practically unpaced the whole distance. The time would have been considered akin to marvellous if he had ridden the twenty miles over a free course, but the fact that he had to ride in a blinding cloud of dust, treading his way here and there through straggling bunches of riders, over a road honeycombed with ruts and holes, makes it a truly great achievement. Cassidy has quite a reputation as a track rider, and has beaten all the best men in the amateur ranks at one time or another during the season." —*Toronto Globe.*

The R. A. McCREADY CO., Ltd., Toronto

C. A. A. AGENTS WANTED in unrepresented districts. 399

Britton Bros.

LINDSAY EXHIBITION

Every visitor should see Lindsay's Greatest Jewelery Store, equal to any in Ontario. Every idea that fifteen years' experience could suggest has been carried out in fitting and equipping this establishment until it now is as fine as any in Ontario. Visitors and sight-seers always welcome. Our years of experience has taught us what the public want, and we have it. Something for every person.

JEWELLERY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, SILVERWARE ART CHINA, DINNER SETTS, TEA SETTS, BRONZES, GOLD AND SILVER HEADED CANES.

Presents Suitable for Birthdays, Weddings and Souvenirs.

BRITTON BRO'S OPTCIANS, LINDSAY

Cathro & Co.

GENTLEMEN

All are invited to inspect the largest and finest stock of *Tailoring Goods* in the County at *51 Kent-St.*

The largest importations we have shown are now on our counters. See the newest mixtures and latest effects of the season.

PERFECT FIT, NOBBY TRIMMING and PRICES THE LOWEST.

CATHRO & CO.

Hogg Bros.

BARGAINS.

After taking stock we have a considerable —quantity of—

ODD PIECES AND REMNANTS

Tweeds, Worsteds, Flannels, Dresss Goods, Flannelettes, Ginghams, Prints, Velvets, Shirtings, Etc., Etc., to Clear at Bargain Prices.

—Specially Fine Range of—

New Dress Materials

Just Placed in Stock.

HOGG, BROS., Oakwood.

G. H. Robinson.

New Boots and Shoes.

We have opened several cases of New Goods. We have carefully selected them and have been successful in securing some extraordinary values in many lines. The balance of our Summer Boots and Shoes are going at cost. Everyone is delighted. The prices are hard-times prices. No trouble to show you our goods and prices. *Custom work and Repairing promptly attended to.*

G. H. ROBINSON,
24, 29-1w. Cambridge-st. North.

W. A. White.

W. A WHITE
Builder and Contractor.

Plans and estimates furnished on application. Insurance and General Valuator.

Shop and Residence Cambridge Street

F. C. Taylor.

CARD OF THANKS.

LINDSAY, ONT., July 10th, 1896.

F. C. TAYLOR, Esq., Agent Canada Life Assurance Co., Lindsay, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—Please accept sincere thanks on behalf of myself and Mrs. Connolly for courtesy extended and prompt payment of claim arising out of Policy No. 23,708, on the life of the late James Connolly, in your Company, amounting to $2,779.10. If all the policy holders are dealt with on the same liberal terms as we have been, I do not wonder that the Canada Life Assurance Company is so popular throughout this country.—Yours truly,

THOMAS CONNOLLY, Executor.

Particulars of Mr. Connolly's Policy.
Amount, $2,000. Insured 1879.
Age at Entry, 42.
Total cost of 18 years' Insurance, $1,170.00
Cash Profits paid, 779 10

The Profits show a return of over 66 per cent. of all premiums paid

W. R. WIDDESS, Special Agent. F. C. TAYLOR, Agent.

Oliver's.
PHOTOS ARE THE BEST
31 WILLIAM ST. LINDSAY.
Opposite the Presbyterian Church.

NORTH VICTORIA FAIR

A SUCCESS IN EVERY RESPECT.

Fine Exhibits and Lots of Them—A Good Attendance of Visitors—General Notes of the Show.

EVIDENTLY, by prearrangement with the clerk of the weather, the directors of the North Victoria Agricultural Society have again this year been very fortunate in getting the most favorable condition of the elements possible for their annual exhibition, which was held on the Victoria Road driving park on Thursday and Friday of last week. Like many other good things, this fair seems to improve with age, this year's being the best in its history. The number of entries in every department were certainly large for a local fair, and does credit to the energy and efficiency of the directors and officials of the association. In Mr. A. C. Graham the society have a most worthy and pains-taking secretary.

Thursday the first day of the fair was entirely taken up receiving exhibits and placing them in position in the buildings allotted to them.

Friday morning the live stock was brought in, the accommodation provided being all taken up.

In all departments the exhibits were good and would take no second place with any local fair in Canada. The prize list, which is being prepared by the secretary, will be published at a later date.

NOTES.

WITH the large number of people who attended the fair the two appointed and well conducted hotels of Victoria Road had a very big contract on hand to feed the vast crowd of hungry visitors on Friday, and provide sufficient accommodation for horses, rigs, etc., but which they succeeded in doing to the best of their ability.

—Lucas' merry go round was well patronized, furnishing amusement for old and young alike.

—There were the usual number of fakirs with paddles, rings, etc., and most of them seemed to do quite a thriving business.

THE bicycle race which took place during the afternoon proved to be a very interesting and well contested event. There were five entries. The prize winners being Silverwood, Houghton, and Parkinson. The two former being very evenly matched in their past records kept almost abreast during the race. Silverwood's superior strength when going against a heavy head wind told greatly in his favor in winning the race.

—Mr. Peter Cameron, the hon. pres., was on hand both days of the fair to give advice and to oversee the proceedings in general.

—Mr. Geo. Lytle, of the Lindsay Watchman was in his usual place on the judges' stand, and handled the cow bell to the entire satisfaction of all.

A VERY interesting feature of the day was the trials of speed, there being a goodly number of entries in each event. North Victoria has gained the reputation of having more sports and fast horses than any other rural district in the province.

—In one of the trotting events a wheel of one of the racing carts collapsed under the ponderous weight of Mr. A. C. McKenzie, president of the association, who luckily escaped without personal injury, but his feelings must have been inexpressible as the horse he was driving was considerably in the lead, and in consequence of the accident lost the heat.

—The largest exhibit in horses was made by Mr. T. C. Hodgkinson, of Beaverton, who swept the field in 1st prizes for heavy draught team, registered draught mare and colt, and a beautiful pair of hackneys, also a hackney mare with colt at side. They were an exceptionally fine exhibit.

—Mr. Ken. Davidson, of Beaverton, showed a handsome span of two year old draughts, which will no doubt take the red tickets wherever shown.

—A nice stepping four year old single driver which has taken the reds in its class wherever shown in former years, was driven by Mr. G. H. Williamson, harness maker of Beaverton, whose well known make of harness embellished a large number of the prize-winning equines shown.

RUNAWAY enlivened the proceedings about noon on Friday. Mr. R. Weldon, of Cambray, was assisting a lady out a road cart when his fiery steed took fright and ran through several groups of men in the hotel yard, and was finally captured after having a lively run about the village. No serious damage resulting.

—An accident occurred on the grounds on Friday afternoon in which the Rev. J. F. Myers, of Plainville, received a bad shaking up. The rev. gentleman was enjoying a ride around the track on his bike, when a reckless horseman, who was driving the wrong way of the track, ran into him with great force, tossing him several feet in the air. Those who witnessed the affair thought he was killed or fatally injured. When picked up he was insensible and remained in this state for some hours. There was no serious external injuries and his medical attendant thinks that a few days quiet will restore him to his usual health. The bicycle was badly wrecked.

Music Scholars Wanted.

Miss Ida E. Stratton, M. M., graduate Albert College, a thoroughly experienced teacher in the theory and practice of music, having settled in Little Britain, would respectfully solicit a share of public patronage. Thorough bass and harmony a specialty. Call and see her at her father's residence. Terms liberal. Best of testimonials. Methodist parsonage, Little Britain.—33w-tf.

HE WILL NOT HANG.

Kearney's Death Sentence Commuted.

WILL BE IMPRISONED FOR LIFE.

Hon. O. Mowat, Minister of Justice, is Merciful.

THE PRISONER IS MENTALLY WEAK

So Say Drs. Clarke, the Well-Known Insanity Experts.

WHISTLED WHEN HE HEARD THE NEWS.

Gaoler Jackson Says Kearney is Undoubtedly Weak-Minded, if not Actually an Imbecile—The Poor Mother Overjoyed at the News that her Son is not to Hang.

The possible fate of Kearney, the young man sentenced to be hanged on Oct. 1st for the murder of James Agnew on the 17th March last, was a fruitful topic for discussion during the past week. It was known that Messrs. Barron & Steers, who had defended Kearney at the trial, were working energetically in his behalf, and were placing all the stress possible on the evidence given at the trial by the Drs. Clarke, of London and Toronto asylums, recognized insanity experts, and who gave it as their firm opinion that the boy was mentally irresponsible for the crime he had committed. Many of those who denounced interference with the death penalty had signed the petition circulated by the heart-broken mother in hopes of obtaining a commutation of the death sentence, but they conveniently forgot the fact when the matter was under discussion.

Conjecture was set at rest this morning, when Mr. Barron was notified by Hon. O. Mowat, Dominion minister of justice, that Kearney's sentence of death had commuted to imprisonment for life, after earnest consideration of the expert evidence submitted to him. Mr. Barron at once communicated the news to Sheriff McLennan, who no doubt breathes easier since he is freed of the most unpleasant duty pertaining to his high office—that of arranging for the execution of a criminal.

About 11 o'clock Gaoler Andrew Jackson was notified of the commutation of Kearney's sentence, and he at once started off to his cell to break the good news. His prisoner did not manifest any surprise at the unlocked-for visit, and after waiting a few seconds to see if he would address him Mr. Jackson said: "Kearney, you're reprieved." Kearney then raised his eyes, and in his usual tone of voice asked: "For how long?" Mr. Jackson then explained that the death sentence had been commuted to imprisonment for life, but his prisoner seemed to take no further interest in the matter and began to whistle a tune that he renders over and over again a hundred times daily.

No one could induce Mr. Jackson to believe that his charge is not insane—he declares that "he can see evidences of imbecility in his every action"—and he is greatly pleased at the commutation of the sentence.

Shortly after receiving the despatch this morning Mr. Barron proceeded to the Kearney residence in the east ward and informed the mother of the welcome news that the life of her unfortunate son would be spared. Her gratitude found expression in a fervent "Thank God," and hearty expressions of gratitude to Mr. Barron.

FREE READING ROOMS.

The Reading Room of the Public Library now Open to the Public—What the Town Council and the Board of Directors Have Done—A Fine Library in Connection.

As stated in our report of the last meeting of the town council the sum of $100 has been granted to the directors of the public library, instead of the usual grant of $50. In consideration of the extra grant the directors have consented to throw the reading rooms open to the public. The reading-room will hereafter be open to the public, free, every day from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., and as the table is covered with choice selection of the best daily and weekly newspapers as well as the best magazines and illustrated weekly paper to be had, we hope the people will show their appreciation of this new advantage given them. The use of the library, which contains three thousand choice volumes, will be charged for as usual. Under the new legislation the library will be open for the distribution of books every night from 7 to 9 o'clock. The board of directors has been divided into committees who will wait on all the citizens at their homes or places of business within the next month. It is to be hoped a generous response will be given to their visit, for the public library is beyond doubt one of the best educating mediums the town possesses and it merits better support than it receives.

A NEW CATHOLIC DIOCESE.

A Possibility of the Northern Parishes of Peterboro Diocese Going to Form a New Diocese.

The diocese of Peterboro will likely be considerably changed in boundaries in a short time, as there is a possibility of the northern parishes being removed to form a diocese with several parishes from the diocese of Pontiac. Judge Valin, of North Bay, a parish in the diocese of Peterboro, a despatch states, is on his way to Rome with a petition to his holiness, praying for the creation of a new diocese in Northern Ontario. The territory which it is suggested to include in the new diocese extends from Ottawa to Lake Superior, and from the C. P. R. line to the north pole. The petition claims that this territory has a Catholic population of 40,000, the greater part of whom are without any episcopal head, and the larger proportion are French. If formed it is the opinion of many that Very Rev. Monsignor Laurent, of this town, will be appointed to the bishopric.

A Pleasing Entertainment.

We regret to have to state that instead of a crowded house, as deserved, only a small audience greeted the appearance of the Shaw Entertainment Co. at the Academy Thursday evening. It is too bad that the efforts of progressive citizens to attract performers of merit to our town are not better supported by the many who should be able to appreciate an entertainment of a refined and high-class nature. Those who were present enjoyed last night's program very much, especially the powerful sketch entitled "Olga," depicting a scene between General Valdimir, head of the St. Petersburg police, and a female spy in the service of the government, written by Mr. W. F. Trayes, of Port Hope. The parts were taken by Mr. H. N. Shaw, B. A., and Miss Ida Wingfield, and they were loudly applauded. The series of poses in Greek costume were also very effective and picturesque. We trust the company may be induced to visit Lindsay again during the season.

LINDSAY'S BIG EXHIBITION.

Opening of the 14th Annual Central Fair

There were no busier men in the county for the past week than the officers of the Lindsay Central, which was opened yesterday. Owing to the enormous increase in the number of entries in every class, the task of apportioning space is taxing the ingenuity of all, and as many of the exhibits will not reach the grounds till to-morrow provision has to be made for what is practically an unknown quantity. However, the officers are all experienced and energetic, and will no doubt be able to handle their departments to the satisfaction of exhibitors and the general public.

As mentioned, the entries are far ahead of any previous year; the showing in fruit will be particularly large and choice. In apples alone several exhibitors will show a dozen of as many as twenty varieties, consequently table room is at a premium.

Many of our merchants are arranging imposing exhibits of the goods carried by them, and the rich and varied displays will add greatly to the attractiveness of the interior view.

An Incipient Blaze.

Self-possession and cool-headed management on the part of the employees of Hamilton's carriage works averted what might otherwise have been a serious disaster on Friday last. During the temporary absence of the engineer the shavings in the engine room were ignited by a spark from the furnace, and when the men's attention was attracted by the smoke the fire had gained considerable headway and crept up the walls into the room overhead. Luckily there were several chemical extinguishers on hand, fully charged, and seizing these the men speedily put out the fire in the engine room and then turned their attention to the blaze in the upper flat. Here they experienced more difficulty, as the roof had caught in several places. The extinguishers were again made use of after some of the shingles had been torn off, and a few pails of water drowned out the last vestige of fire, hence it was not necessary to summon the brigade. Fifty dollars will cover the damage.

A Muskoka Desperado.

County Constable Foster returned last Friday from Muskoka, where he spent the past week looking up a case entrusted to him by outside parties. He informed us that the people of the village of Huntsville are considerably excited over the actions of a resident of that neighborhood who has defied the majesty of the law and is now a fugitive. The person referred to became involved in some dispute with a neighbor some time ago, and set fire to a quantity of tanbark belonging to the latter For this he served three months' imprisonment, but the lesson was apparently without effect, as he made threats when liberated. Shortly afterward the neighbor's property was again fired, and this time the house and barn were destroyed, the poor fellow losing nearly everything he had. Suspicion being again directed to his former enemy, a posse of 12 constables set out to effect his arrest and surrounded his dwelling, but the man leaped from an upper window, 14 feet from the ground, bowled over a couple of the beleaguers, and effected his escape to the woods. Detective Greer was then sent to the scene by the provincial government, and he is now hot on the trail of the fugitive.

"Bookies" at Port Perry.

—Whitby Chronicle correspondent: A very exciting time was experienced here on Tuesday week after the races. It was too dark for the book-makers to pay their losses when the 2.27 race was over, so they announced that the cashing of tickets would take place at the St. Charles hotel. The boys who invested had no suspicion of foul play, as the book-makers were to operate again on Wednesday, but word was carried up town that the book-makers, who hail from Kingston and Ogdensburg, were leaving on the 8 o'clock train. The talent made a race to the station to see if it were true, and sure enough there were the fellows ready to depart southward. The scene that followed was a red hot one A number of bettors went aboard the train and hauled the book-makers off, and one seized their cash box. One fakir, who had nothing to do with the book-making, but who probably had other sins to answer for, and feared mobbing, sought refuge in the water closet, but his action in doing so only served to call attention to him, and he was dragged forth a prisoner and held as one of the hostages until the tickets were redeemed. Some of the book-makers showed fight, but were thumped in short order. The whole gang, cash-box and all, were taken to the St. Charles, and there the winning tickets were redeemed. Then the fellows were allowed to depart for the south without let or hindrance.

Sturgeon Point Notes.

SEVERAL of the Americans who have been guests at Mr. Simpson's cottage left for their homes in Cincinnati Monday. They were victims of hay fever and dare not venture home till the first frost arrived. The balance of the party will leave on Monday next.

—Messrs. C. H. Grantham and his son in-law, Dr. Thompson, spent all of last week here, enjoyed good sport among the partridge. In all they secured 42 birds.

—Mr. R. M. Knowlson's vineyard is yielding a fair quantity of grapes this season. "Bob" is looking after them personally, and it is said does all of his sleeping in the daytime.

—Mrs. Walkey, storekeeper, packed up Monday and departed by the Esturion next morning for Lindsay. She says the season has been a very poor one owing to the destruction of the hotel.

—Most of the cottages are now closed for the season, and the lover of solitude has every opportunity to gratify his peculiar fancy. Unless a man can shoot partridges or sleep 12 hours out of the 24 he has no business here at present.

A DAY DREAM.

BY WM. M'DONNELL, LINDSAY,
Author of the original poem, "The Beautiful Snow."

[From the Dominion Review.]

One day I slept, I cannot say how long.
I woke; I was awakened by a song.
'Twas like the humming o'er a child asleep
That some fond mother would in slumber keep;
A song so soft and sweet that I could be
Lulled by its soothing through eternity.
I had a dream, and dreamt that I was dead,
And that my spirit to some fair land fled
Where all seemed bliss, with beauteous scenes of peace,
Where none from that bright world would seek release.
And then there came a wish, an earnest prayer,
That those I fondly loved were with me there,
I looked; though strangers kindly welcomed me,
None of my heart's companions could I see;
For, oh! the absence of those friends so dear
To me would leave celestial regions drear,
And then I sighed, and felt as if alone,
And that pure happiness from me had flown.
Then with sad feeling, which naught could divert,
I longed to be with friends again on earth,
Whose smiles would be like sunshine all around,
Though bleak the land and sterile the rough ground;
Though in a desert, each would seem a flower,
And the lone waste more like a pleasant bower,
'Twas then I heard that song so low and sweet,
And gladly woke, old friends again to greet.
Nor would I leave them, though in heaven to be—
'Twould not be heav'n if them I ne'er could see,
What bliss, if some sweet strain, when this life's o'er,
Could gently wake us on some happy shore,
To meet with dear old friends and part no more.

Sturgeon Point, Aug. 19, 1896.

TOWN AND COUNTY.

DASHES HERE AND THERE.

Cheap but Good Photographs.

Parties requiring first-class photographs at reasonable prices should call at Mr. Geo. Wright's new studio, over McCarthy's jewellery store, Kent-st., and inspect the samples of his work. Experience in the best city studios should be a guarantee of satisfaction.—33-w-2.

The Reception of Lady Aberdeen.

As already announced in THE EVENING POST, her excellency, Lady Aberdeen, will meet the ladies of Lindsay and the county to-day, Friday, at 4 o'clock, in the Academy of Music, which has been handsomely decorated for the occasion. The doors will be opened at 3.30, and her excellency is expected to arrive about half-an hour later, when she will receive addresses from the ladies of the town and county, and from the W. C. T. U. While Lady Aberdeen is replying the doors of the Academy will be closed to prevent disturbance, but will be opened immediately afterward, when an opportunity will be given to ladies present and those who may come later to meet her excellency. It is hoped the ladies of the town and district will attend in large numbers. Superior music will be furnished by an orchestra from Toronto engaged for the occasion.

Church Notes.

—The congregation of the Baptist church will have the pleasure of listening to their pastor, Rev. L. S. Hughson, on Sunday next, who returns invigorated by a pleasant holiday spent at his old home, Coaticooke, Que.

—Next Sunday Rev. M. Metherell, of Dunsford, will occupy the pulpit of the Queen-st. Methodist church. He will also conduct harvest home services at Salem, Ops, at three o'clock in the afternoon. He will deliver an address in connection with the harvest home services at Reaboro, on Monday, Sept. 28th, at 7.30 p.m. His many friends will, no doubt, be pleased to again listen to him.

—Rev. J. W. Macmillan, chaplain of the 45th Batt., conducted divine service at Kingston camp on Sunday last on a high piece of ground south of the brigade quarters. The 45th and 47th Battalions and 4th Hussars were lined up so as to form three sides of a square, the men facing inwards. The staff formed on the south side surrounding the drums, which took the place of a pulpit. Music was furnished by an orchestra from the 45th Batt. band. Rev. Mr. Macmillan read a portion of scripture beginning at the vii chapter and 5th verse of St. Matthew, after which he delivered a thoughtful sermon particularly suitable to the occasion.

Railway Notes.

—Traffic on this division continues lively. Six special trains were ordered out Friday night.

—The Grand Trunk passenger coaches are, one by one, going through a thorough renovation, being newly painted on the outside. The new colour is similar to that on Pullman cars.

—District Superintendent Fitzhugh gives it out that 55 000 excursionists went to Toronto by the G.T.R. during the Industrial fair, and the C.P.R. announce the number that went by their line as 25,000, making a total of 80,000.

—A time table of the Midland Railway, published in 1873, gives the actual running time between Port Hope and Peterborough as two hours and fifteen minutes, and in the trip from Port Hope to Orillia six hours were consumed.

—According to the Bancroft Times there is a strong probability that the Central Ontario R. R. will be extended to that village in the near future, and connect there with the I.B. & O.R.R. That would be a good thing for Lindsay.

—Several trains have been cancelled on the I. B. & O. R. R., and Driver Johnston now makes but one trip each way, meeting the Haliburton train at Kinmount junction in the morning, and returning to Wilberforce on the arrival of the train from Lindsay in the afternoon.

—Assistant Superintendent McGuigan, of the G.T.R., visited Lindsay last week in his official car and held an investigation into a recent run-off mishap in which the driver and crew of a freight train were implicated. The decision must have been favorable to the men, as they have returned to work.

—Two G. T. R. employees at London slipped into an hotel the other day for a glass of beer. Upon coming out they were confronted by Mechanical Superintendent Smith and Locomotive Foreman McHattie and were at once suspended. This is an instance of the rigorous enforcement of the rules regarding intoxicating liquor under the new regime.

—The G.T.R. management has decided to abolish the stores system. Hereafter monthly requisitions will be sent in by those having charge of departments, and the goods wanted will be purchased by agents, cash being paid. The supply dealers will be told where to ship the stuff and it will be shipped direct to the place required, the shipper paying freight as on any other goods.

—A new switching car is about to be tested by the Midland Railway. It is a contrivance that looks like a flat car with long and stout swivel arms, which can be swung out at either side of the car or at any angle. By it the cars on the parallel tracks can be shunted without the engine leaving the main track. This car switcher is attached to a locomotive the same as any other car. One hundred men will lose their jobs through the new machine if it is a success, as it will make them unnecessary.

—Some little talk has been caused among the employees of the Grand Trunk over the suspension of Conductor Edward McCarthy for thirty days. Mr. McCarthy was in charge of a west-bound freight train about a month ago, and when near Tilsonburg the front journal of the fourth car from the engine burnt out and eight cars were thrown into the ditch and badly damaged. McCarthy was held responsible for the accident and suspended, and some of the employees think this was harsh treatment. An official however, says that the punishment on an American railroad for allowing a journal to burn out was instant dismissal.

Silly Sam.

[From the Globe.]

A question was asked for Mr. Hughe which read:—"Is Mr. John A. Barron, Q.C., of Lindsay, in the employ of the government or of the liberal party? Has application been made to appoint Mr. Barron to a position?"

Mr. Laurier—Mr. John A. Barron is not in the employ of the government. Whether he is in the employ of the liberal party is a question of which the government has no knowledge and which concerns Mr. Barron himself. Mr. Barron has made no application for an appointment.

Mr. A. Barron's Position.

[From the Mail.]

Mr. Laurier, replying to Mr. Hughes, said that John A. Barron, Q. C., of Lindsay, was not in the employ of the government. Whether he was in the employ of the liberal party or not was a matter of which the government had no knowledge, and which concerned Mr. Barron himself. "Mr. Hughes," continued Mr. Laurier, "has made no application for a position." (Laughter.)

Several voices—Mr. Barron.

Mr. Laurier corrected the name and reiterated the statement.

Mr. Landerkin—Mr. Hughes has many times. (Laughter.)

From all this Mr. Hughes proves himself to be a "m, b, a."