

TORONTO STOCK YARDS SWEEP CLEAN BY FIRE

Huge Buildings in West Part of City 15 ACRES OF FLAME Few Animals in Yards. Hence Loss of Stock is Small.

Toronto, Aug. 26.—Fire which swept the stables of the Union Stock Yards at West Toronto early last evening caused a loss roughly estimated at about \$125,000. This includes the destruction of a row of eight dwellings on Albany road, just outside the yards, six of the houses being the property of the company.

burned. This it was that caused the great pall of smoke. The absence of a strong wind at the beginning gave the firemen a better chance, but it was a hard, hard struggle. At 8.30, however, the flames were under control. It was about 6.45 when smoke was seen coming from the glass ally by workmen who were stabling their horses preparatory to going home.

Budget of Bright Items From Our Cataract Village Scribe

MANY VISITORS COMING AND GOING—VISIT OF HON. GEO. P. GRAHAM WAS AN AUSPICIOUS EVENT—A FINE RESIDENCE ON FIDLER'S HILL.

Fenelon Falls, Aug. 21.—Mrs. Robt. Chamber, of Midland, with her three children, are visiting friends in town. Mrs. (Dr.) Breen, of Essex, spent several days here visiting her mother, Mrs. Robt. Rutherford. Previous to visiting Fenelon Mrs. Breen had taken in the Tercentenary celebration in Quebec. Mrs. Brien left on Tuesday evening for her home in Essex.

Mr. Shaw and Mr. McGregor, of Toronto, are spending a few days on the shores of Cameron lakes. Mr. Foy and family, of Toronto, who for several years have spent the summer in Fenelon Falls, are this summer with Miss Potts on Cameron Point. Mr. Foy left on Wednesday of this week, but Mrs. Foy and son and daughter will remain some time longer.

Fenelon Falls Citizens are Urged To Improve and Beautify Village

COUNCIL DOING A GOOD WORK, BUT PEOPLE MUST CO-OPERATE IF THE TOURIST TRADE IS TO BE ENCOURAGED—INTERESTING ITEMS FROM CATARACT VILLAGE.

Fenelon Falls, Aug. 24.—The regular meeting of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends was held in the Council Chamber on Monday evening, 24th inst. In the future the regular monthly business meeting will be held on the fourth Monday of the month, instead as formerly on the second Monday.

Chemical Works, spent Sunday here. Mr. McLean and Mr. G. McGee, of the Montreal Bank staff, spent Tuesday evening in Lindsay. Mr. G. A. Robson, of the Watchman-Warder staff, visited his home here on Sunday.

Miss Gray, of Lindsay, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Bryans. Mrs. P. Deyman and children, who have been visiting friends here for the past two weeks, left Monday morning for Peterboro, where they will remain for ten days before returning to her home in Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, of Peterboro, spent Sunday with Mrs. M. Brandon here. Misses Birdie Archer and Greta Smith, who for a fortnight have been visiting friends in Rochester, returned on Monday evening.

FREE PRESS PARTY LEAVE ON SATURDAY

ALL THE MEMBERS LOOKING FORWARD TO A SPLENDID OUTING—KODAKS WILL BE TAKEN ALONG AND PHOTO PUBLISHED.

And now comes the trip to Montreal and Detroit. The reward of days and weeks in securing subscriptions and coupons is at hand. On Saturday next, the 29th, a jolly party of ladies from Lindsay and Victoria county will depart from Lindsay on the 9 o'clock G.T.R. train for Toronto, where they will board the steamer "City of Ottawa" and start on an all water journey to the Canadian metropolises.

The members of the party are as follows: Miss Minnie Cain and Miss Mabel Burke, of Lindsay; Miss Lucy McGeough, of Omemee; Miss Ada Gillis, of Fenelon Falls; Miss S. L. Moore, of Kinnmount, and Miss S. Campbell, of Woodville.

Interesting Results of Co-operative Experiments With Autumn Sown Crops

INFORMATION OF INTEREST TO EVERY FARMER AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. Three hundred and seven farmers throughout Ontario conducted experiments with autumn sown crops during the past year. Reports have been received from twenty-six of the counties of the Province. Those counties which furnished the greatest number of good reports were Bruce, Northumberland, Middlesex, Grey and Halton.

Winter Wheat.—Three varieties of winter wheat were distributed last autumn to those farmers who wished to test some of the leading varieties on their own farms. The following are the averages in yield of straw and grain per acre: Imperial Amber, 1.4 tons and 25.9 bush.; Abundance, 1.2 tons and 23.3 bush.; and No. 5 Red, 1.2 tons and 22.2 bush.

RAILWAYMEN MEETING MAY MEAN REAL CRISIS

Gathering of the C.P.R. Employes' Executive MAY TIE UP THE SYSTEM Keir Hardie Says Men Must Hold Together During Strike.

Toronto, Aug. 26.—The crisis in the C. P. R. strike is expected before the end of the present week. Authoritative word has been received from Montreal that executive officers representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and the Order of Telegraphers have assembled in Montreal to hold a conference respecting the machinists' strike.

his leg broken and the others were roughly handled. The leaders of the strikers disavow the act and say few strikers were among the assailant. They point out they have advised the men all along to refrain from acts of violence. The mob was of all nationalities, and armed with sticks and stones, stationed itself in the vicinity of the C. P. R. tracks on Papineau road, at the spot where the train usually stops for the convenience of the workers living in that neighborhood.

WHAT "OLD HAYSEED" THINKS ABOUT THE PRICES FOR STOCK

FENELON FARMER SAYS SOME VERY "CUTTING" THINGS ON THE SUBJECT—CLAIMS THERE IS AN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BUTCHERS AND BUYERS AND GIVES HIS REASONS.

(Written for Free Press.) "Mary Ann, I am going into town to-day—is there anything you need for the house?" said I. "You might get a bit of good beef," was the reply, "We haven't had any fresh meat for some time, and the boys turn up their noses at salt pork every day."

it, but when they want to buy anything they want it for nothing. That was enough of his "chin," so I turned on my heel and left. Now, I want to say something, and here it is: I am a "hayseed," and I don't know that I am ashamed of it; the boys are, but their old dad isn't. I raise cattle, and let me tell you how hard it is for me to get a decent price when I want to sell them. I'd sooner trade horses with a gypsy than try to sell to some of those town chaps.

Agricultural Society Have Purchased Warner Property

WILL ADD GREATLY TO THE EFFICIENCY AND APPEARANCE OF THE PRESENT PROPERTY—HOUSE WILL LIKELY BE USED FOR RESTAURANT PURPOSES.

The purchase of the Warner property, just south of the present ground, has been under contemplation by the management of the Victoria County Agricultural Association for some time, but the purchase was not effected till some few days ago. The grounds will now have a frontage on Adelaide-st. of about three hundred

feet. The house which is upon the lot will probably be left where it is for some time and used for restaurant purposes. The Association are to be congratulated on making this addition to the already commodious grounds, as it will no doubt add greatly to the efficiency and appearance of the Agricultural Park.

CANNED GOODS CHEAPER. For this season's pack of tomatoes and corn a reduction has been made of twenty-five to forty per cent. a dozen below the prices of last year. This change has been ordered by the Consolidated Cannery, who have been suffering from competition with the

independent canners. The quotation for tomatoes are 85c., 95c. and \$1.20 dozen cases net to the retailer, against \$1.25 per dozen last year. Corn is quoted at 75c. and 85c. a dozen, or twenty-five per cent. cheaper than last year. Peas are twenty-seven per cent. lower.