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W. H. THURSTON,
Editor and Proprietor.

THE ROUND UP.

Now that the election fever is abating and people are once more constrained to speak the truth, it transpires that Major Rorke's majority in Centre Grey was far in excess of the figures announced last week. We have taken considerable pains to get the correct figures, and find that Mr. Rorke's majority was 143, instead of 69, or more than double the figures announced last week. This is highly gratifying to the Major's friends, and proves that they have not lost anything in this election. By the table of figures given below it will be seen that Dr. Hunt polled about the same vote that Brown received in the election of 1886. Had the electorate taken a deeper interest in the affairs of the country Major Rorke's majority would have been at the very least 500. As it was, with the exception of The Advance not a solitary newspaper in this riding expressed any opinion, pro or con, on the great questions of the day, and it could not even be learned from some of them that an election was at hand, so deeply were they asleep. The Advance has been censured for taking the stand it did in this election, but it expected that. No newspaper can express an opinion on any public question without finding some dissentients among its readers, and especially is this the case in politics where a newspaper has a large community of readers who represent different phases of politics. We claim that every man has a right to his own opinions, and also every newspaper in a like degree. A newspaper which is afraid to voice its deep convictions is, in our estimation, a poor tool in the building up of national sentiment and bringing about needed reforms. In this election we followed our own convictions because we deemed at least a portion of the questions before the people of paramount importance to the welfare of this province, and we have not yet had occasion to change our views as to the justness of that course. It was because we thought it better for the country that Major Rorke should be elected that we gave him the support we did, and the result even thus far has proved that we were right, for Mr. Mowat has, even now, too large a following to make it possible for the Opposition to successfully insist upon reforms which it may find are required. We think fair minded readers will credit us with sincerity of purpose. Above everything The Advance does not and never did claim to be a Rip Van Winkle, basking in the sun of indolence. It is wide awake and moving.

In order to show the extreme smallness of the vote cast in the recent contest we have prepared comparative tables for our readers, by which they will observe that out of 6015 voters only 2882 used their franchise, or not quite one half. This apathy is quite capable of explanation, but we will not now enter into that. Here is the result of the late polling by townships :

	Hunt	Rorke.
Artemesia	177	249
Collingwood	321	158
Euphrasia	170	283
Holland	218	270
Osprey	151	217
Sullivan	234	236
Markdale	34	80
Thornbury	65	50
Total	1370	1513

Maj. 143.

In the former election, when Brown, McColman and Rorke were the candidates the votes stood thus :

	Brown,	McColman,	Rorke.
Artemesia.	233.	26.	347.
Collingwood.	311.	273.	184.
Euphrasia.	134.	97.	259.
Holland.	260.	31.	244.
Osprey.	203.	56.	162.
Sullivan.	232.	22.	289.
	1373.	495.	1485.
			1373.
Majority for Rorke			112.

CONFERENCE MATTERS.

The Methodist conferences of this province have been in session at various points during the past two weeks. The Guelph conference which closed last week, was one of the most harmonious ever held. A number of important and interesting questions were discussed and pronounced upon. The discussion upon federation was animated, although the oppositionists were few in number. Among important matters dealt with was the one of

BOGUS DEGREES.

Quite a sensation was created by a member of the conference introducing a resolution requiring all ministers in the future to submit their diplomas to the Examining Board of the conference for their report as to the genuineness of the universities granting them. An animated discussion followed in which it was made clear that there are institutions such as the Pseudo-London University in England, Rutherford University and the Chicago School of Science in the United States whose diplomas are absolutely worthless as a mark of scholarship. "You pays your money and takes your degree," as one of the speakers put it, being all the special requisite demanded. Some of the persons losing their cash grew small as their purchased plumes were shown forth. It is a pity the resolution was not made retroactive so as to take away some of the LL.D's, the M.A's, the D.D's and the Ph.D's with which some weak men are loaded down. In other conferences action was necessary as well owing to the persistency with which these institutions press their diplomas upon ministers and that weakness of human nature which loves such adornment. Of course the many diplomas won are genuine and a true mark of scholarship, but some are not.

A WILD RESOLUTION.

A spirit opposed to heresy in all its forms abounded. A resolution was moved by a young member of the conference denunciatory of Prof. Workman, of Vic. University, and his supposed views of Messianic prophecy. The probability is, as the resolution was based upon rumor and a very brief report in the newspaper, that it did not do the professor justice. In a modified form it was carried by the conference. It appeared strange to an onlooker that in this case, as in the case of Rev. N. Burns, of Toronto, such irregular action should have been allowed by the president. Time, however, in these cases will make all things manifest. In connection with this it may be noted that the scholarly Prof. Reynar, of Victoria University at the Bay Quinte conference denounced the resolution above referred to in no measured terms, remarking that it was "the maddest resolution he had ever seen, and judging from its phraseology much learning had not made the brother mad."

WEEDS AND BLACK KNOT.

The Council of the township of Artemesia has deemed it advisable to publish the act relating to the spread of noxious weeds and diseases affecting fruit trees. This act, which was passed in the Legislature two or three years ago has practically remained a dead letter in this township. It appeared in full in last week's Advance, and we would advise all to peruse it carefully. The Act is a strong one, but an alarming disease requires strong medicine, and it will not be denied by our farmers that the weed and tree pests are something which should be suppressed with an iron hand. Black Knot has injured our fruit trees to an alarming extent. The Canada thistle is allowed to grow luxuriant in our grain fields. Wild mustard and wild oats, though recognized as greater evils and harder to eradicate, are, though more attention is paid to them, still found in large quantities throughout the township of Artemesia. Though a natural sequence resulting from neglect, farmers still complain that they cannot raise good crops ; the land is running out, etc. Can anything else be expected when weeds of this description are allowed to sap the soil and usurp the nutriment which should be spent in creating farina for the sustenance of man? This is the season of year when thistles and kindred weeds should be attended to, before the seed ripens and scatters itself broadcast.

It will be observed that overseers of highways are bound by this Act to cut down or cause to be cut all weeds growing on the highways under their charge, for which remuneration has been provided, under a penalty of from ten to twenty dollars for non compliance. Under the the same Act Councils have the power to appoint an inspector with a salary to be agreed upon, to see that all landowners comply with its requirements. A petition was presented at last meeting of Council containing the required number of names, asking that an inspector be appointed. This has not yet been done, but as the Act makes it compulsory for Councils to do so it will, no doubt, be attended to next meeting. However, whether the Council appoints an inspector or not, our farmers should make a united onslaught upon their enemies, the thistle, mustard, wild oats and black knot. Do not wait for the inspector and compulsion. Read the Act as published last week and follow its precepts.

ADVICE TO MOTHER.—Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of Cutting Teeth. If so send at once and get a bottle "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for Children Teething. Its value is incalculable. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers ; there is no mistake about it. It cures Dysentery and Diarrhœa, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, cures Wind Colic, softens the Gums, reduces Inflamation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup" for children teething is pleasant to the taste and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States, and is for sale by all druggests throughout the world. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "MRS. WINSLOW'S SYRUP," and take no other kind.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given that a Bylaw was passed by the Council of the Township of Artemesia on the 31st day of May, A.D., 1890, providing for the issue of debentures to the amount of $1000.00 for the purposes of School Section number Four of said township, and that such Bylaw was registered in the Registry Office for the South Riding of the County of Grey on the Eleventh day of June, 1890.

Any motion to quash or set aside the same or any part thereof must be made within three months from the date of the registration, and cannot be made thereafter.

Dated the 11th day of June, 1890.

W. J. BELLAMY, CLERK.

Sealed Tenders!

Will be received for building a stone culvert at McKenzie's Hill, 2nd Range West of T. & S.R., Artemesia, until Saturday the 28th of June next. Specifications may be seen at Dr. Christoe's office until June 21st, afterwards at the clerk's office. The lowest tender not necessarily accepted.

W. S. CHRISTOE, Reeve.

LOOK! LOOK!

Milk Cans!

Call and see my milk cans before purchasing elsewhere, and you will buy no others.

A large assortment of

Milk Pans and Pails. Cream cans

All kinds of old metal taken in exchange, also wool pickings, brass and copper.

SULLIVAN

The Tinsmith.

WM. CLAYTON,

BOOT AND SHOE DEALER.

FLESHERTON.

LARGE ASSORTMENT OF

BOOTS, SHOES, SLIPPRES, RUBBERS, TRUNKS, ETC.

SEASONABLE GOODS. REASONABLE PRICES.

Any Quantity of Fresh Eggs Taken in Exchange.

Custom Work Made to Order.

IT IS The Town's Talk

That we are doing the Clothing Trade of Flesherton, and now we have a

Genuine Bonanza

To offer you in Men's, Boys' and Youths' Clothing at prices that will force you to buy if requiring anything in that line.

THIS WEEK

WE ARE OFFERING BIG DRIVES IN GLOVES, PARASOLS, HOSIERY, GINGHAMS, ETC.

MILLINERY.

IN THIS DEPARTMENT WE ARE RECEIVING NEW GOODS ALMOST DAILY. **Prices Lower than ever.**

FRESH ARRIVALS.

This week we announce the arrival of a new stock of General Dry Goods as Follows :

Cottonades, Shirtings, Ginghams, Prints, Denims, Bleached and Unbleached Cottons, Parasols, Hosiery, Etc., Etc. Carpet Warps in Brown, Green, White, Orange and Red, all of the best manufacture.

Hurrah for Haying!

Just received to-day a large stock of Haying and Harvesting tools consisting of SCYTHES & SNATHS, RAKES, HAY and BARLEY FORKS, FORK HANDLES, SHOVELS, HOES, ETC.

BOOTS & SHOES.

In this line we make specialties in Men's and Boys' Kip and Split Boots. In Ladies' and Children's Shoes we have a larger stock than ever at prices which will astonish you.

EGGS. EGGS. EGGS.

2 car loads of eggs wanted for the New York Market by the 15th of July.

THE BEST MARKET PRICE PAID.

R. TRIMBLE

TO OUR CUSTOMERS

WE take this opportunity of thanking you for your support in the past and hope for a continuance of your patronage. This year we have a good variety of Greenhouse plants, also Bedding and Perennials for Garden.

Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery, Tomato, Cucumber, Pepper Plants

In Their Season.

All orders promptly attended to.

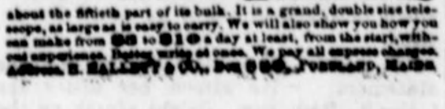
I have the honor to remain yours truly,

James Beecroft,

FLESHERTON GREENHOUSE

Flesherton, April 8.

One of the BEST Telescopes in the world. FREE Our facilities are unequaled, and to introduce our superior goods we will send FREE to ONE PERSON in each locality, as above. Only those who write to us at once can make sure of the chance. All you have to do in return is to show our goods to those who call—your neighbors and those around you. The beginning of this advertisement shows the small end of the telescope. The following cut gives the appearance of it reduced to



about the fiftieth part of its bulk. It is a grand, double size telescope, as large as is easy to carry. We will also show you how you can make from $20 to $10 a day at least, from the start, without experience. Before write at once. We pay all express charges. Address, E. BALLETT & Co., Box 920, PORTLAND, MAINE.

FARMERS! LOOK!

T. BLAKELY, Flesherton,

Sells the best farming implements manufactured, including

Brantford Light Steel Binder and Mower.

Mason Double-Geared Drill and Spring Tooth Seeder.

The Waterloo Plows and Threshers.

Neeby and Durand's Hayfork.

The good qualities of these implements are sufficiently known now to speak for themselves, without any extra words from me. Anybody requiring implements in this line would do well to examine mine if not already acquainted with them. Call on me and I will be happy to exhibit the good qualities of these machines.

T. A. BLAKELY, Flesherton.

OUR NEW $85 Solid Gold Watch Worth $100.00. Best $85 watch in the world. Perfect timekeeper. Warranted heavy, SOLID GOLD hunting cases. Both ladies' and gent's sizes, with works and cases of equal value. ONE PERSON in each locality can secure one **FREE**, together with our large and valuable line of **Household Samples.** These samples, as well as the watch, are **free.** All the work you need do is to show what we send you to those who call—your friends and neighbors and those about you—that always results in valuable trade for us, which holds for years when once started, and thus we are repaid. We pay all express, freight, etc. After you know all, if you would like to go to work for us, you can earn from $20 to $40 per week and upwards. Address, Stinson & Co., Box 819, Portland, Maine.