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This country don't want an official auditor. Is there never to be an end of the creation of offices by the Ontario Government? If it keeps on this way every Grit will be an office holder and we will have another exaggerated family compact to struggle with.

Mr. Biggar has introduced a bill into the Legislature making one deer as the limit which any one person may kill in a season, and prohibiting the sale or bartering of venison in any way before Jan. 1, 1899. Mr. Biggar might make the killing prohibitive altogether while he is about it, as it practically amounts to that. It is scarcely likely to become law, as it would result in a serious loss to the government from licenses. Few individuals would purchase a license and travel two to four hundred miles in order to kill one deer.

President McKinley's inauguration is scarcely completed ere we hear the news that a pactically prohibitive tariff has been imposed on Canadian farm produce and lumber. As we said before, hit 'em back, Mr. Laurier. There are spots where the hair is short. Place an export duty on saw logs, pass a labor bill similar to theirs, tax every commercial traveller from across the lines $15 a head, and prohibit Americans from acquiring property here except they become naturalized. These are only a few of the good things we could return for the favors granted us, but even they would be sufficent to make the carrion bird scream in his eyry. A microscopical grasshopper, as pictured in the Globe, is about the size of the McKinley insect.

A large and "influential" deputation of temperance people waited upon Mr. Hardy on Thursday last to protest against the license bill now before the house. It was cold comfort that Mr. Hardy gave them. He held that the bill was a fair one and progressive, but the temperance people cannot see it in that light. Perhaps they are obtuse and thick-headed, but that their ideas of progress vary very materially from those of Mr. Hardy is quite plain. The Advance protested against a plebiscite when it was proposed, believing no good would result, and we are now in a position to say "I told you so." The fact of the matter is, the temperance societies have too many politicians within their ranks, who work the strings in the interest of the government every time, and the great principles contended for by these societies will never be successful until they purge themselves completely of this incubus. In fact in this latter day there is a danger of temperance societies becoming a laughing stock, and one can scarcely contend with the man who claims that they exist only to feed politicians and officials, and the fight is but a secondary matter. The wire-pulling politicians are to blame for all these false conceptions.

It has been practically demonstrated this winter that the valley road, which has been allowed to grow up to bushes for some years, is of considerable benefit after all. It has been open through as far as Kimberley most of the winter as a timber road, and its advantages for winter travel have been thoroughly tested. Those who have used it in that capacity wonder at the neglect of those in authority in allowing the road to remain as it is, and say that with very little expenditure it could be placed in such condition that statute labor would make a good winter highway of it for general traffic. With our blustering, drifting winters this is the road farmers in the valley require, being protected from drifts along its whole course. And we feel sure that the people of Flesherton and those along the route would welcome any move in the direction of increased facilities for farmers from the north to visit us. With a good market such as we have, there is no reason why a large amount of trade could not be drawn from that section. We trust our Municipal Council will take the matter up this coming summer and do a little in this direction.

The eyes of the world are to day centered upon the Island of Crete. Greece has not yet acceded to the request of the powers to withdraw and gives no evidence of weakening. She wishes to temporize. In the meantime fighting is going on in the interior between Moslem and Christian. It is said in some quarters that Lord Salisbury will succumb to popular sentiment and in conjunction with France and Italy will cease championing the Turkish cause. If this prove true the result may be grave indeed. It would be England, France and Italy, against Russia, Austria and Germany. War between these powers would mean something more awful than the world has ever seen. It would mean Armagedon without a doubt. "Great fires from little sparks alight," and the little island of Crete may be the little spark to set the world aflame. These nations were never better prepared for war, and in sporting phrase they each and every one feel "cockey." The terrible Moslem massacres of the past two years have strengthened the hands of western empires and almost forced them through public sentiment to put an end to Turkish rule in the east. Doubtlas to the division of spoils is actually the only detterent. There is only one good soup bone to be divided—the Dardanelles—and Russia must have that. Better let the Turk continue to possess it, they say. Well it is a terribly mixed up affair, and who can weigh the amount of responsibility resting upon Christian powers in the matter of interference? And who can blame Great Britain for hesitation where the result may be so far reaching? Let us hope that diplomacy may yet win without the shedding of blood.

It will be remembered that Hendershott and Welter who weretried, convicted and hanged at St. Thomas a year or so ago, had their trial made somewhat romantic by the presence of the daughter of the elder prisoner, who was betrothed to the younger man. This young woman, Miss Mary Lily Hendershott, was married on March 3 to "another" — showing once again that women are never inconsolable.

At a recent meeting of the Montreal Scientific Association, Dr. Deeks reported the finding of a jaw-bone of a hippopotamus by men engaged in dredging the St. Lawrence River, off Windmill Point. It was discovered in twenty-five feet of water, four feet below the surface of the river bed, and the question of its origin is interesting, especially as it differs from the only known living genus, whose home is in Africa. The find is rare and interesting.

A most daring act of highway robbery, such as we sometimes read about, was committed on Friday evening last shortly after dark, on Mr. J. C. Little, tax collector for the township of Nottawasaga. He had been to Collingwood and was on his way home, and just after leaving Nottawa, he met two men in a cutter who made no attempt to share the road with him. As they crowded him off the road into the deep snow, one of the men exclaimed, "This is the man we want," and immediately they both jumped into his cutter, and while one held a revolver at his head the other rifled his pockets. The whole thing was done so quickly and Mr. Little was so completely taken by surprise that he had not time to collect his senses before he found himself minus of $74. Fortunately the robbers overlooked an inside pocket in which he had $160, which they failed to get. After going through his pockets they got into their own rig again and drove off, leaving him to pursue his way homeward without further harm. Mr. Little did not recognize his assailants, and no clue to their identity has yet been established. —Creemore Star.

Clubbing List

Advance and daily World	$2.80
" " News	1.80
" Montreal Herald	1.80
" " Witness	1.80
" Youths' Companion	2.35
" Weekly Globe	1.55
" Sun	1.40

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Carefully Corrected Each Week

Flour	$4 50	to	$5 46
Oats	16	to	17
Wheat	80	to	85
Barley	20	to	30
Peas	37	to	37
Butter	10	to	10
Eggs, fresh	10	to	10
Potatoes bag	25	to	25
Pork	4 00	to	4 75
Hay per ton	7 00	to	8 00
Hides	4 00	to	5 00
Sheepskins	25	to	50
Geese	5	to	
Turkeys	7	to	7
Chickens per pair	20	to	25
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Time Table

GOING SOUTH.

Markdale—6.40 a. m.	4.40 p. m.
Flesherton—6.53 a. m.	4.53 p. m.

GOING NORTH.

Flesherton—11.48 a. m.	9.17 p. m.
Markdale—12.04 p. m.	9.30 p. m.

WANTED

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We have some very pretty things in Silk and Wool and Silk and Mohair mixtures, and a special value in Spring Tweed Dress Goods, 50 inches, 28 cents to 38 cents per yard.

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A Complete Suit in Men's Sizes
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