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THE STANDARD.

Friday, February 3rd, 1882.

NEWS NOTES.

Mr. Colwell Graham, Deacon of Mulmur, was elected Warden of Dufferin for the ensuing year.

Eleven conductors on the Northern have signified their intention of resuming next spring.

Fifty powerful engines for the Chicago and Grand Trunk are being built at the car-workshop in Montreal.

Hanlan has met his first misfortune since he arrived in England. Yesterday he wrecked his boat, but was able to wade to the shore.

A CAR BROWN OF THE TRACK.—An idea of the strength of Thursday night's wind storm may be gained from the fact that an empty Grand Trunk flat car was blown off the track at the foot of Simcoe street and carried a considerable distance.

The County Council of Peel, now in session, have unanimously petitioned the Ontario Legislature in favour of confirming the Act to confirm the agreement between the Grand Trunk and Toronto, Grey and Bruce.

The Council of the Township of Howick has adopted a petition to the Ontario Legislature in favour of confirming the agreement for the operation of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway by the Grand Trunk.

THE ICE HARVEST.—Another harvest of lake Simcoe ice has begun. The North and North-Western Railways are now supplying the public in substitution of Toronto from Barrie, the scene of the great operations of 1879 and 1880. Enquiries are now daily being received as to quotations and the state of the ice, which is now ten or twelve inches thick and of as fine a quality as that of 1879 and 1880.

FOUND DEAD.—On Saturday afternoon the body of a man named Martin McLean was found lying across the track on a siding on a Northern Railway yard. Deceased was given to drink, and when last seen, at a late hour on Saturday night, was intoxicated. So far there seems no doubt that the unfortunate man froze to death while rendered helpless by liquor.

FAREWELL SUPPER.

A complimentary supper was given at the Markdale House on Friday evening, 27th ult., to Messrs. E. D. Wilcox and Andrew McFarland on the eve of their departure to Manitoba. About 50 sat down to a most sumptuous repast, got up in Mrs. A. Rutledge's usual stylish manner. After ample justice had been done to the toothsome viands, the chair was occupied by Mr. Rae, and the vice-chair by Mr. A. Turner. The first toast of course was our beloved Queen and the Royal Family, received with all the honors.

The army and navy; song, Red, White and Blue, Mr. A. McIntyre.

Commerce responded to by Messrs. G. M. Haskett and H. Foster.

Agricultural interests of Canada responded to by Messrs. Wm. McLaughlin and S. Miller, who spoke in glowing terms of the future prosperity of Agriculturalists, and also expressed regret for the occasion of the present gathering the departure of the guests on the evening from our midst.

Our Guests: Mr. Wilcox expressed his happiness at meeting so many of his warm friends, and expressed sorrow at parting with them. Mr. A. McFarland said he was sorry to leave this, his home, for the past year, and would long remember the many happy days he had spent in Markdale.

The Learned profession brought forth Messrs. Rowe, Masson and Dr. Armstrong. Mr. Rowe made a brief speech, full of hope and enthusiasm, in regard to the need for success of the legal profession. Mr. Masson expounded the views of Markdale as being a peaceable and law-abiding people, consequently his business here was not as profitable as it otherwise might be. Mr. Armstrong spoke in elaborate terms of the medical profession, showing the necessity for it to expand, and in great interest it had among its members.

The frosts experienced by C. W. and myself at Markdale Standard.

The toast of the "Ladies" brought Messrs. W. & J. McDougal, Doll Campbell and Young to their feet. Mr. W. McDougal gave a recitation "Love in the Kitchen." Mr. J. McDougal spoke a few words in their favor, and also paid a high tribute to the guests of the evening. Mr. Dol spoke in the highest terms of the ladies, stating they were chief factors in our future prosperity, as without them our population would not increase, and would eventually die out. He also spoke very kindly and feelingly of the guests whom they had met to do honor. Mr. Campbell spoke briefly, which Mr. Young spoke highly of the guests, although he had been acquainted with them but a short time, he had found them good men and true. Mr. McIntyre gave "Mother to the Baby." Mr. Wm. McDougal sang "The Little Old Log Cabin on the Hill."

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THE GRANGERS.

Grey Division Grange No. 2 met, according to announcement, in Markdale on Thursday, the 26th ult. There was a good attendance, between 70 and 80 being present. There were many questions of interest and importance discussed, and a heavy day's business was gone through with. The following officers were elected and installed for the ensuing year:—P. Christie, Meaford, Master; J. McArdle, Hopeville, Overseer; J. M. Webster, Eugenia, Lecturer; J. Bowes Jr., St. Vincent, Ass't. Overseer; — Kennedy, —, Captain; W. White, Langton, Meaford, Treasurer; J. Webster, Vandoeur, Secretary; J. Hickling, Osprey, Gate Keeper; Sister's Gift, —, Ceres; A. Drow, Markdale, Pomona; Hickling, Osprey; Flora; Moore, Holland, L. A. Stewardness; Bros. Palmer, Reid and Robson, executive committee; J. M. Webster and H. D. Irwin, auditors.

EUGENIA.

From our own Correspondence.

A SURPRISE PARTY, AND A PARTY SURPRISED.

On Monday evening the 25th Jan., a large party numbering well up to 100 came swooping down the hill to Mr. Duncan Campbell's, and like a swarm of bees settled themselves down for the night, to the surprise of the old gentleman, who was heard making the inquiry, "Whar can a'fule be gan the night?" on being informed, he and the other members of the family soon made every preparation to make the visitors at home. The fun and jollity was kept up beyond the wee sma' hours, when all went home well pleased with the evening's amusement.

Some Manitoba weather if freezing will make it. Some blizzards. We hear of some people who hoped to keep their probous house up, getting froze. Very careless of them.

OSPREY.

From our Correspondent.

MR. SANDFORD FLEMING ON STANDARD TIME.

DEAR SIR:—As one of your correspondents, who has no local news to communicate, I propose to lay before the readers of your paper the argument of Mr. Sandford Fleming, Chancellor of Queen's University, Kingston, before the meeting of the Geographical Society in Venice, in July last. This will be read with much interest, as it deals with a question of great practical importance.

The subject is the establishment of a Prime Meridian and Time Zero, to be common to all nations. The historian of astronomical science informs us, that a great number of initial meridians have at various times been employed by astronomers and navigators. It is well known that Claudius Ptolemy was among the first to fix a meridian of reference in the second century, when the habitable world was thought to be limited to the countries around, or not beyond, the shores of the Mediterranean. From time to time, as knowledge of the earth's surface extended, distinguished geographers arose, who ad顿新初定 initial meridians. It is not necessary, however, to trouble the readers with a recital of the list of meridians, which, since the earliest period, longitudes have been reckoned.

It is sufficient at this stage to refer to the fact, that geographers of different nations have generally selected starting points, places of importance well known to them, and that as a rule they have chosen the capitals or the principal cities of the countries of which they respectively belong. Hence the multiplicity of meridians of reference through the world. Within a comparatively recent period combinations between the peoples of different nations have been greatly facilitated and increased. The use of steamship has been greatly facilitated and increased. It has consequently been felt, that the variety of first meridians is embarrassing and unnecessary. For a number of years the question of reducing the number has been under consideration:

it has been brought before the Geological Congress at Antwerp and again at Paris. The question has been examined by different Societies, and various proposals have been submitted, but unanimity with respect to the selection of a prime meridian to be common to all nations has not yet been attained. Repeated efforts have been made to gain general concurrence to the adoption of one of the existing national meridians, but those proposals have tended to retard a settlement of the question by awakening national sensitivities, and thus creating a barrier difficult to remove. Other proposals to select an entirely new initial line, unrelated to any of the first meridians at present recognized, have, but little advanced the settlement of the question, as such a proposal encounters difficulties of another kind—difficulties so serious in their character as to render the proposal impracticable. There are reasons for unfication of first meridians which every year become stronger, and, as the question affects the whole area of civilization, its consideration should be approached in a broad liberal spirit.

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