The Standard.

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FORWARD MARCH.

Notwithstanding the depression and general cry of *hard times* the STANDARD has experienced a clear gain of nearly 150 subscribers over any previous year. This is indeed gratifying to us, and is also conclusive evidence of the growing popularity of the paper, and in order to still improve and continue to merit the hearty support of our patrons, as well as encourage further additions to our subscription list, we have just completed arrangements whereby we will be enabled to give from week to week a summary of the doings of both the Ontario and Dominion Parliaments now in session, also Canadian and foreign telegraphic news, &c. This will be a valuable improvement, and will doubtless be highly appreciated by the readers of the STANDARD.

Correspondence.

NOTICE.—We wish it distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents

To the Editor of the Standard.

DEAR SIR,—While the news of the recent fiendish attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament in England is fresh in our minds and expressions of horror and indignation are universally heard and vows of vengeance freely uttered, I crave the liberty to give your readers a chapter of Irish History which may be new to many and interesting to all. While I would not for one moment seek to turn aside the fury of indignation from the perpetrators of that diabolical crime; yet I would earnestly direct attention to the scource of all these troubles which afflict the British Nation, and thereby not only create a sympathy for but a desire and determination to do justice to that unhappy land which has for ages groaned under the lash of a tyranny more capricious than the once odious American Slavery and more cruel than Russian despotism.

It is taken for granted not only throughout Great Britain but also on this side the Atlantic that the crime above alluded to is justly chargeable to Irishmen and of course it must be admitted that circumstances greatly strengthen the assumption; yet in the absence of direct proof and with the knowledge that communism, with which Irishmen have not identified themselves, is rife in many parts of Europe, judgement should be suspended.

It is an invariable law of our nation that love begets love justice and equity begets like feelings and so too does cruelty and injustice beget hatred and revenge in the bosoms of those who have been cruelly and unjustly treated and this law governs the whole animal creation from the highest to the lowest rank. So too, we find that where society is in a rude and primitive state, where no law prevails, or where the law is not administered with a strict regard to justice and equity, where the strong are allowed to impose on the weak or the rich to prey upon the poor; poverty and weakness are necessarily and unavoidably driven to seek redress in the only way open to them, revenge and society elevates Judge Lynch to the throne from which justice and equity have been deposed. Need we wonder then if Irishmen feeling their weakness and poverty and knowing the might and wealth of that power which has for ages oppressed them with a cruel and bitter oppression, knowing too that all their supplications and appeals to the justice and humanity of their strong oppressors had not only been unheeded but spurned with contempt: need we wonder under such circumstances if Irishmen in their weakness and poverty should have recourse to the only form of justice within their reach viz the wild justice of revenge.

We should never forget that human nature whether savage or civilized is the same the world over. The Indians of America have always given a great deal of trouble to the United States Government because that Gov. in its dealings with the Red men set at naught the eternal laws of justice and equity which should govern nations as well as individuals.

On the other hand the British Gov. pursuing a different policy towards the Indian has found in him a faithful ally in time of war and an orderly well disposed subject in time of peace. If history teaches anything surely here is a lesson for us?

Having said this by way of introduction I now proceed to give the promised chapter of Irish history and in doing so I do not go back to the remote past lest some one might say O! but all this has come to an end now, but I take my selection from our own times and within the memory of living men.

Some forty odd years since certain districts were in a very disturbed state and in the month of July 1843 Sir John Easthope, of London, M. P. for Leicester proprietor of the "Morning *Chronicle*" of that city desirous of obtaining reliable information from the scene of those disturbances determined to send a special correspondent to Ireland to report upon the subject of Irish affairs in the disturbed districts.

At this time one Alex. Somerville better known in the world of letters as the "Whistler at the plough" had attained considerable celebrity as a writer on the subject of social and economic sciences; for this gentleman Sir John Easthope sent and addressed him thus.

"Mr. Somerville, your letters from "the rural districts of England "published within the last two years "have placed the corn-law question "on new ground, entirely new ground "every one with whom I speak says "so, they are having a good effect "throughout the country * * * "Will you go to Ireland for a few "months? We want some body to "travel in that country as you have "been doing in England, looking into "and describing the minutest things. "We want to know for instance what "is the cause of agrarian disturbance "within county of Kilkenny. Within "a few years the garrison there has "been augmented over and over; "now there are additional cavalry, "artilery and infantry assembling, "besides a great increase in the Irish "constabulary, which is also an armed "force. The gaols are said to be full "prisoners, and the number implicated "in charges of murder, or as being "assessory in some degree to murder "is frightful—quite frightful—twenty "or more persons to be tried at the "ensuing Kilkenny assizes on such "charges.

"What do you think of going over "quickly and sitting in the assize "court to listen. You need not "write openly. You may take your "wife with you and appear to be on a "pleasure tour and live about Kil-"kenny for a time and send us re-"ports of what you see and hear. "Get at the truth of things. Send "me facts. How much do you want "for your expenses?"

"The amount placed at my disposal" "says Mr. Somerville "was sufficiently "liberal"

"I started next day taking my wife "with me. I arrived with some non-"political journals on which I was a "writer to send contributions for "them &c. * * * Thus I was in "receipt of ample income for the con-"flict into which I plunged at Kil-"kenny" At Kilkenny I had not "long to wait for an introduction to "the "causes of disturbance." On "the morning after arrival, being in "the Provincial Bank to get cash for "a cheque I there heard an altercation "between two well dressed men, one "called the other "villian" "liar" "and added profane oaths to the term "liar," The assailed party asked the "bank clerks to remark what had "been said and bear witness. He "also asked me, as the only other "witness there to oblige him by "carrying the fact in my recollection, "that he the sheriff of the county, her "Majesty's officer of justice had been "called "villain" and "liar" by that "person who was fast drawing the "whole county of Kilkenny into a "state of rebellion."

"Here was what I have come from "London to discover; there stood the "turbulent Landlord before me, there "stood the Sheriff of the county, who "had refused to call out cavalry and "infantry to execute this man's "vengeance on his tenantry. Pat "Ring was to have been evicted that "day. The Sheriff urged for bearance "on the ground that Ring's family "were ill of fever. The landlord "rejoined that it was all pretence, "that a combination was formed "against him. The Sheriff again "asserted that the family were ill of "fever. Then the landlord called "him the opprobrious terms already "named. The Sheriff to secure him-"self in law, sent two physicians "from the city to report on the health "of the family. As soon as I as-"certained the direction of the locality "I followed."

WM. BROWN.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Walkers Falls.

From Our Own Correspondent.

DEAR SIR.—Hope you will excuse me for not writing sooner. You must have greatly missed the news I suppose from our ambitious little village, however let us now try to make up for lost time.

Two weeks ago yesterday evening a tea-meeting was held in the English church. There was a goodly attendance, which was surprising, on account of the extreme severity of the night. Had the weather been at all favorable there is no doubt but that the building would have been crowded. After all had partaken of a magnificent tea, which consisted of a superabundance of the choicest and most delicious viands, the evening was enlivened by short speeches, songs, humorous stories recitations, which seemed to delight the audience and called forth the warmest applause, but the crowning event of the evening was the sale of an immense fruit cake which was cut up into pieces at 25 cents each. Wm. Isaac Seabrook was the lucky purchaser of the piece that contained a valuable gold ring.

Mr. George King ceased to be a batchelor week before last. The wedding was a very quiet one; but a grand party was given on the following Tuesday evening, to which all the notables of the village were invited. The night was most pleasantly spent and agreeably diverified by the company engaging in various innocent and exhilarating games. The visitors had all donned their best and presented a most respectable appearance. An essential difference was observable in the costume of the ladies from that of the gentlemen, in fact a complete contrast, which ought to be a sufficient rebuke to those alarmists, who infuse a vague fear into the public mind by prognosticating, that owing to the rapid approximation of the female dress to that of the male, the time is not far distant when, except in the broad glare of day, we will hardly be able to distinguish a woman from a man—a consummation devoutly to be dreaded.

The roller flour mill is very busy at present. Train's mill cannot run until the damage caused by the late disastrous flood is repaired, so that the farmers on 9th and 11th lines St. Vincent, who used to go to Meaford, have to come here.

A community, however small and insignificant, whose members are all of one way of thinking, I believe can hardly be found. The remark is applicable to this place. Mr. Wm. McQuaker dissents altogether from the doctrine of the eternal fitness of things and theory of compensation. He thinks it is bad enough to be forced into this brief and miserable existence without our knowledge or consent, but to make a fuss over it, or glory in it, as if some great boon had been conferred on us, is infinitely worse; and he views, with supreme contempt, the frantic struggle for the attainment of wealth, power and distinction, in which so many of the human race are engaged. It is to be hoped that the above gentleman's views are confined to himself, as they seem too absurd to be entertained by any one.

Dr. McLellan is putting up a new building on one of his village lots. It was first intended, I heard, for a blacksmith shop; now that report is contradicted. Hard to say what it will end in. Can't be a kirk or a mill anyway.

Dundalk.

From our own correspondent.

The funeral sermon of Mrs. Thos. Robinson was preached on Sabbath evening last by Rev. T. J. Snowdon. The service was very impressive.

Immense quantities of wood are being teamed in, but the prospects of sale are not bright.

The contract for the building of the new school house has been awarded to Messrs. Marshall & Moran. Messrs. Cornwall & Large of your village were in Dundalk last Saturday, but their tender was considerably higher than the one accepted. The ratepayers are called together for Saturday next to vote supplies. When completed Dundalk will have school buildings that will be second to none in the County.

Proton feels relieved by the statement of the Attorney-General, that no legislation will be enacted this session with reference to the new County of Palmerston.

It is well that person who prophesied a mild winter does not live here. Wherever he is his reputation as a weather prophet is below par.

Scott Act matters very quiet.

Mr. Irish is at work at his planing factory, and expects to have it in operation early in spring.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths

[illegible]

BIRTH

ROWE—At Harkhead [illegible] the wife of Mr. W. J. Rowe, a son.

PLEWES—In Markdale on the 7th inst., the wife of Mr. Angus Plewes of a daughter.

MARRIED

MCMULLAN—VAUDNIE—On Feb 4th, at the residence of the brides father, by the Rev. D. McLeod, B. A. Mr. Archibald McMullan, near Flesherton Station, to Miss Margaret Vaudnie, daughter of Mr. Cyril Vaudnie, Priceville.

Market Repo

MARKDALE.

Fall Wheat	$0 73	to	$0 75
Spring Wheat	0 75	to	0 76
Barley	50	to	67
Peas	54	to	57
Oat	28	to	00
Butter	15	to	17
Eggs	20	to	00
Apples	50	to	75
Potatoes	18	to	20
Hay	7 00	to	8 00
Pork	5 00	to	5 45
Flour	3 75	to	4 25

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230-44 Williamsford P. O.

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T. S. SPROULE.

MONEY LOST.

IN Markdale or on the road home by way of Thibaudeau's corner, on Wednesday, 4th inst, a pocket-book containing $90 in bills, and silver change. Any person finding and returning the same will be suitably rewarded.

THOS. DAVIS,
Artemesia, Markdale, P. O.

SEALED TENDERS

ADDRESSED to the undersigned will be received until noon Feb. 23rd, either in bulk or separate, for the erection of a brick church at Markdale, Ont. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of W. A. Brown, Jeweller, Markdale, on and after the 16th inst., and at the office of M. B. Aylesworth, Architect, Collingwood, Ont. 150,000 red brick and 15 cords of quarried stone furnished at the site by Committee. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

G. S. BOWES,
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" "	60 "	38 "	"
" "	59 "	37 "	"
" "	58 "	36 "	"
" "	57 "	35 "	"

with offal in proportion to amount of flour.

I find the average weight of new wheat to be 60 lbs. to the bushel, and the most of it, if properly cleaned, would weigh 61 or 62 to the bushel.

John W. Ford.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Subscriptions received at this office for any of the following papers to the end of 1885 for one dollar in advance each, viz: Markdale STANDARD, Toronto Weekly *Mail*, Weekly *Globe*, Montreal *Star*, Montreal *Witness*, or the Farmers, *Advocate*. Now is the time to subscribe and get the balance of this year free.

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