

A MIGHTY CONFLAGRATION AVERTED.

On Tuesday last while we made our regular morning call at the Post office about 8 o'clock, smoke was discovered by Capt. Richards issuing from the hardware department, and the alarm of fire was given. The Captain, not being able to discover anything but smoke in that quarter, cried: "It must be in the cellar!" when he, accompanied by Lieutenant Smythe and Colonel Bowes dashed for the lower flat while Major Bigger and Private Steyens waited in breathless suspense the arrival of particulars from the supposed origin of the increasing smoke. The Milliners stood in amazement while our nervous form—well, we cannot find words to express our feelings. The General himself, as also a number of the sub-officers, had not yet returned from breakfast. Suddenly, however, the Captain and his willing men returned without having discovered the devouring element. "Where can it be?" snouted the Captain, and he makes a desperate dash through the blinding smoke into the crockery and hardware, when, lo! a tu pail of ashes was found in which there had been live coals and considerable rubbish, causing the above smoke. No damage, except perhaps nervous prostration on the part of some of the more excitable witnesses like ourselves.

SIR D. L. MACPHERSON.

Sir D. L. MacPherson's physicians have advised him to give up office at once. His health is reported to be extremely precarious, but it is not at all certain that the knight will take his medical advisers advice.

Flesherton.

From our own correspondent.

On Wednesday evening last a very sociable gathering of the Sons of Temperance and their friends was held in their new and commodious hall in Dr. Christoes block. After the large gathering of about one hundred and twenty five had assembled, and all had for some time enjoyed themselves, some in groups discussing the topic of the day (War News), and others busily engaged in the various games and amusements provided for the occasion when in due time order was called and the usual blessing sang, when the waiters appeared with trays laden with good things. After all had satisfied the inner man, our genial friend Mr. M. Richardson, who always feels quite at home on such occasions was voted to the chair, and performed his duties there in a most happy manner, when a very pleasant and interesting programme was gone through. Miss Hopkin, a reading in her usual able manner, Mr. Walter Woods, a song which was loudly enquired, A. R. Fawcett, a reading, after which the Misses Bellamy sang, Dr. Christoe, a reading, Miss Maud Richardson, a song, J. Blackburn, a reading, Miss Bella Christoe, a song, after which the Rev. D. C. McDowell gave a short address, when the company all joined in singing "God Save the Queen," and the company separated after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

The cause of Temperance still prospers in our midst, the Flesherton Division of Sons of Temperance is in a most flourishing condition.

We noticed our old townsman and respected friend Mr. J. B. Anderson, in town on Monday last paying some of his old friends a visit here. Come again friend A., always welcome.

Honor Roll S.S. No. 8, Artemesia.

Second Class—Total 478.—Elmer McKee, 489; Eleanor McKee, 410; Hanson Badgerow, 249.

Third Class—Total 581.—Maggie Parliament, 474; Hannah Stafford, 374; Charles Stafford, 342.

Fourth Class—Total 478.—Bella Thompson, 414; Alice Nicholson, 391; Merion Badgerow, 284.

BLAIR INVERAS, Teacher.

A THROAT CURE.

A cure for Croup. There is no better remedy for Croup than Hagyard's Yellow Oil taken internally and applied according to special directions. This is the great household panacea for rheumatism, stiff joints, pain, inflammation, &c.

GREAT SALE of HARDWARE

W. KOUGH

Having decided to give up Business, is now offering his immense stock of SHELF & HEAVY HARDWARE, PAINTS, OILS, GLASS, &c., AT COST.

This is a genuine Clearing out Sale. Call early and secure Bargains.

W. KOUGH, OWEN SOUND, SIGN OF THE "BIG AXE." 240-53

THE NORTH-WEST.

An anxious week and poor progress.

GEN. MIDDLETON WAITING FOR SUPPLIES.

FATHER FOURMUND MUDERED.

THE WEATHER.

During the past week the weather has been generally fine with temperature ranging from 30 at night to 60 in mid-day.

SEEDING.

A large amount of seeding has been done and many of the farmers have finished grain sowing, and some have their potatoes planted. The weather in Manitoba Province has been quite open since the 20th February.

SUSPENSE.

The whole country is in a state of anxiety and suspense owing to slow progress being made towards surmounting the gigantic difficulties, and the apparent impossibility to procure reliable information as to the actual state of affairs and progress made by the forces.

WAITING.

The troops under Gen. Middleton are very impatient, and exceedingly anxious to go forward and face the enemy, but have had a long wait owing to the steamer Northcoote (on which supplies, ammunition and a Gatling gun were loaded) having been stuck on a sand bar. The water is now rising on this river (the South Saskatchewan) and a report is to hand that the steamer has been floated and has reached Clark's Crossing, so that news of an important character may be looked for forthwith.

WHY FATHER FOURMUND WAS KILLED.

Archbishop Tache has received information confirming the report of the killing of Father Fourman at Batoche. He was killed by the Indians for refusing them absolution for rebelling against the Government.

MAIL FOR THE TROOPS.

The Winnipeg Times says:—"An immense quantity of mail matter passes through the post office here for the troops at the front. The mail for the force advancing on Batoche's Crossing leaves Qu'Appelle twice a week, and that for the troops at other points is sent on without delay. The quantity handled may be imagined when it is known that all the leading newspapers of the Dominion gratuitously furnish each soldier with a paper; letters coming as they do from all sections are numbered by the thousands, and the mail clerk becomes appalled as he contemplates the work which requires hours of labor to sort. Mayor General Middleton receives by far the largest correspondence of any officer in the field, owing to the many communications which he gets from the Government. The Queen's Own evidently have left many valued friends behind, as the bulk of the letters which go to Swift Current as a mail clerk remarked to a reporter, it would seem that every member of Col. Otter's crack corps had at least

four lady correspondents in different parts of the Dominion."

WAITING FOR THE GAPS TO BE CLOSED.

The Montreal Garrison Artillery will leave that city as soon as the gaps on the C. P. R. are closed on the Lake Superior section, which will soon be complete.

DONATIONS.

Toronto people have forwarded two car load of various kinds of necessaries and comforts to the brave boys, who have gone to fight (and if necessary to lay down their life) for their country. These contributions have arrived in the North-West are in charge of Lieut. Hume, son of Hon. Edward Blake, for distribution.

Latest.

A BATTLE.

COL. OTTER ATTACKS POUND-MAKERS BRAVES AND FIGHTS SEVEN HOURS. SEVEN OF OUR MEN KILLED AND TWELVE WOUNDED.

WINNIPEG, May 5.—A dispatch from Saskatchewan, Landing, via Swift Current, per couriers, who arrived this evening from Battleford, brings news of a battle fought with the Indians at Poundmaker's reserve on Sunday, May 3. A fighting column of 800 men under Col. Otter attacked the Indians, 600 strong, at 5 o'clock in the morning. The fight lasted till noon. Poundmaker's reserve lies on the Battle river, between it and Eye Hill creek, near Manito lake. This chief has been joined by other bands under Red Pheasant, Moosomia, Strike-him-on-the-Back, and others, and was, now acting in conjunction with Big Bear, Little Child, and other chiefs operating further west.

Our loss was seven men killed, and twelve wounded. Col. Otter covered, including the engagement, 70 miles, fought the battle, and returned to Battleford inside of thirty hours. The men behaved magnificently. The list of killed and wounded is as follows:—

KILLED.

N. W. M. P.

Corporal Laurie.
Corporal Sleight.
Bugler Burke.

OTTAWA FOOT GUARDS.

Private Osgood.
Private Maynard Rogers.
"C" COMPANY INFANTRY SCHOOL.
Bugler Folkes.
Private Dobbs.
Total—7.

WOUNDED.

N. W. M. P.

Sergeant McLeod.
"B" BATTERY

Lieut. Pelhar.
Sergeant Gaffney.
Corporal Morton.
Gunner Reynolds.

"C" COMPANY INFANTRY SCHOOL.

Sergeant-Major Spackman.
OTTAWA FOOT GUARDS.
Corol-Sergeant Winter.
Private McQuilliken.

Honor Roll for S. S. No. 7, Mel-

land, for April.

4th Class—Jennie Irwin, 426.
Mattie Bailey, 371.

3rd Class—Ethie Irwin, 412; John Crowther, 339.

Senior Second Class—Jennie Jackson, 359; Willie Doyle, 311.

Junior Second Class—Carson Price, 302; Willie Fox, 212.

1st Part Second—John Tolford, 316; Maggie Campbell, 209.

Jr. Part Second—Thomas Kemp, 314; Johna Crowther, 300.

Part 1st—Thomas Spears, Mary A. Campbell.

Maxwell.

Not much news this week, but such as I have I give thee.

Farmers are busy ploughing and some have sown seed with the expectation of reaping a bountiful harvest. We hope they won't get disappointed.

The villagers are arguing the side walk question, and intend holding a meeting on that subject shortly.

One of the oldest residences of this place formerly occupied by the late Joseph Maxwell, has been torn down and is being replaced by his son's residence, which will present a better appearance to our town. Go ahead Dick.

Mr. John Kerton, Sr., is seriously ill.

Mrs. Jas. Crosby, of Stayner, is visiting friends in this place.

Miss Minte Radley of Toronto, is visiting friends in this neighborhood.

Mr. W. F. Kurton lost 12 fine ewes last week. It is thought that early shearing and exposed to the cold nights was the cause of their death. Still persevere Billy.

Mr. D. A. Holman of the big boot, and who has kept batch all winter, has given it up and made a change for the better. "I'll bet he wont batch it again."

Rev. John Chisholm, who for the past few years has been laboring in this locality, intends leaving for British Columbia in two weeks. The best wishes of his many friends go with him.

Shortly after noon on Monday the farm residence of John Miller, of Maxwell, was burned to the ground. Cause unknown.

Rev. A. Wilson, of Markdale, preached an excellent sermon in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday last and was admired by all present.

Business men report trade rather dull at present.

Scarcely any sugar making going on this spring. Barney is longing for a taffey pull but I think he will get left this time.

Yours, PHIZ.

DRIVE IT AWAY.

Drive away all poisonous humor from the blood before it develops in scrofula, or some chronic form of disease. Burdock Blood Bitters will do it.

The Illustrated War News.

The Grip Printing & Publishing Company, of Toronto, issued last week No. 4 of their fine illustrated newspaper, descriptive of events connected with the rebellion in the North-West. Each successive issue of this paper eclipses its predecessors, and we are pleased to observe that the publishers are meeting with the success which their efforts deserve. No. 4 contains the following illustrations:—Lord Melgund's Scouts surrounding three of White Cap's Warriors; The Winnipeg Light Infantry (81st Battalion) preparing for service. White Cap, the Sioux Chief; Trial Practice with the Gatling at Swift Current; Col. Otter's Brigade approaching the South Saskatchewan; The Nova Scotia Provincial Battalion at Montreal; Steamers at Medicine Hat loading Ammunition and Stores; Reading Battalion Orders in the Drill Shed, Hamilton; The Midland (Col. Williams) Battalion marching to the C. R. B. Depot, Winnipeg; Portraits of Officers at the Front, including Col. Quinnet, M. P.

No. 5, which will be issued on the 2nd May, will be an intensely interesting number, as it will contain, in addition to other fine illustrations, sketches representing the Relief of Battleford, and the Battle of Fish Creek. The price of the paper is 15 cents per copy, and it can be procured either from the publishers or from local newsdealers.


Notices of Births, &c., twenty-five cents.

Market Reports.

MARK

Wheat	36 to 38
Spring Wheat	36 to 38
Barley	36 to 38
Peas	36 to 38
Oats	36 to 38
Butter	36 to 38
Eggs	36 to 38
Apples	36 to 38
Potatoes	36 to 38
Hay	36 to 38
Pork	36 to 38
Flour	36 to 38

Victor Roller



MARK DALE

—THIS NEW—
Patent Process Flouring Mill

Is now completed at great expense on the
Most APPROVED
plans, and with the best machinery manufactured, making it, in every sense of the term, "**A Model Mill.**"

I am therefore in a position to give the public a Superior Article of Flour.

A fair trial respectfully solicited and I have no fear the result will be eminently satisfactory.

Cash paid for good hard Wheat Flour, Bran, Shorts, &c. for sale wholesale & retail.

ANGUS PLEWES.

SPRING ANNOUNCEMENT

The subscriber has much pleasure in intimating to the Ladies of Markdale and vicinity that she has commenced the

Dress-Making Business

In all its branches. Having graduated in the ranks of the best seamstress in the Dominion, she feels assured of giving satisfaction to all who may favor her with a call. The latest & best styles

London, Paris & New York Fashion

Strictly adhered to. She has on hand a supply of

FANCY GOODS

And a choice selection of the latest styles of

TRIMMINGS,

Which for beauty and rare design cannot be surpassed, if even equalled in Markdale.

Respectfully yours,
M. E. BENSON.
Markdale, April 7, 1885.

FOR SALE.

200 acres of land on easy terms, Lot 10, cont. 12, Holland township, 60 acres cleared, balance splendid timber, log house and barn; well watered with falling spring creek. For terms, apply to MAJOR, Port Perry, Ont.,

IMPORTANT.

When you visit or leave New York, save Baggage Express and Carriage hire stop at the Grand Union Hotel, opposite the Grand Central Depot. Elegant rooms fitted up at a cost of one million dollars, and at \$1.00 and upwards per European plan, elevator, Restaurant supplied with the best. Horse cars, stages and depot railroad to all depots. Families can better for less money at the Grand Union Hotel than at any other first class hotel in the city.

A SAD NEGLECT.

Neglecting a constipated condition of the bowels is sure to bring on health and great suffering. Burdock Blood Bitters regulate the bowels in a natural manner, purifying the blood and promote a healthy action of the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels.

Corresp...
the Editor of the...
DEAR Sir.—Sin...
my came to Mar...
we succeeded in...
I trust they m...
is much needed...
her hand, when...
been withdrawn...
or pretend to be...
ways of the Lon...
back to their forme...
der a serious que...
ould think well...
ced by excitement...
erts, I notice a few...
church door; one...
ave been in a chu...
ears. I think the...
lame here. Why...
and pray with him...
that erring brother...
with a view of lea...
more Christian like...
of the churches had...
There is much to be...
and I would advise...
p and doing. Th...
Army, who, I see, is...
orting with nearly...
going now what the...
to have done long a...
re will meet with...
from some, he will...
bringing others to...
know he has no des...
on go forward un...
calmly and serious...
are about to take...
not the case with a...
you hear people say...
get any good in th...
then, after attendi...
Army meetings, they...
on the following nig...
and tell the audience...
been saved, and are...
consistent with the...
character? "No," f...
same persons requir...
if they have never...
in the church, whose...
simply their own, a...
as ashamed to tell...
always grumbling be...
run things in the chu...
school as they choos...
ceive the grace of G...
unless they mend the...
tians should do all...
to help on with the...
Saviour, by showing...
Christ and working...
him, instead of grun...
to keep others back...
It would be better if...
never seen such joy...
they have the cheek...
minister's fault.

This is not written...
kindness—"God fort...
persons referred to...
will help on with the...
gun, then, I say, G...
to give them streng...
battle they are...
Thanking you, Mr...
space.

Meaford

(From our cor...)

Mr. W. J. Holly, I...
for some time with a...
inflammation of the lu...
recovering.

Mr. W. Hutchings...
three year old beifer...
Hutchinson has been...
spring with his, cat...
several head.

Mr. W. Gilbert...
Vandeleur blackmit...
misses. He moved in...

W. Cooley, son of...
with what might have...
accident last Thurs...
ing one of the belts...
and not caught...
resulting in a very so...
He is getting sound...

Mr. Day has the...
step up a new fence...
ground.

Mr. J. C. Fells, Du...
and my wife who ha...
and has been recom...
to give...
since tak...
a medical...
that...