

# The Standard

MARKDALE MARCH 11 1886

## FIRE IN MARKDALE.

Grant & Co's Planting Mill in Ashes.

On Sunday morning, about quarter past three o'clock, the alarm of fire was sounded, when the greater portion of our residents awoke from peaceful slumbers to see the lurid flames leap and play magestically over and about this large building.

The fire must have originated in the second flat, and spread with great rapidity, defying even a hope of staying its progress.

The upper flat was used as a work shop in one end and furniture show room at the other, and there was no possibility of saving anything up stairs, even the tools of Mr. Grant, as also those of Silas Hill were burned. A portion of the machinery on the first flat was saved, and part of a load of furniture which had been brought in a few days previous.

The heat was desperate, endangering J. H. Hull's dwelling, about 80 feet distant, and also Trimble's large stables, across the street, about the same distance, but by a liberal application of water, both were saved.

Grant & Co. are heavy losers as the insurance was light, only \$1,700. The total loss is not less than \$4,500, with about \$500 worth saved.

The origin of the fire appears a mystery as there was no appearance of fire in the premises at ten o'clock the night previous.

Mr. Grant is a particularly careful man about the factory; he is also a man without an enemy, so that no person could be suspected of committing the dastardly act.

We are glad to know that the mill is to be rebuilt again at once.

## CENTER GREY FARMERS INSTITUTE,

HELD AT THORNBURY THE 24TH AND 25TH FEBRUARY.

We are pleased to see so much interest taken in the various meetings of our Farmers' Institute and have no doubt that the results will be valuable and permanent.

At Thornbury the President, Mr. Gilray, was in his place—and it would be remarkable if he were out of it—Mr. A. Turner of Markdale, the Secretary, was absent through illness, and Mr. S. Goodfellow was chosen to fill his place. The first important question discussed was "Seed Grain." Mr. Thos. Kells read a paper on this great want, which was warmly discussed and strongly favored, as it was also at Markdale, and Owen Sound. At Thornbury, however, Messrs. D. J. Hunter and Thos. Kells were appointed to wait on the Minister of Agriculture for the Province of Ontario, which they did the following week. They were received with courtesy, being introduced by a letter from Prof. Brown of the Ontario Experimental Farm, who also strongly favored the scheme. This being the only county which has yet applied for assistance in this respect—though others are preparing to do so—the Minister of Agriculture could not give any encouragement, at least for the present season, though he quite agreed with the reasonableness and importance of the project. The assistance required and asked for, is a grant of say \$500 for each riding which would go to pay the freight from place of purchase to two points in the riding for distribution, and to pay the expenses of two persons appointed by the Institute to select the seed, thus enabling farmers to procure a change of seed at a nominal cost or about the home market price. We hope to see the project followed up, and another year crowned with success.

Mr. T. B. White of Collingwood also read a paper on Forestry.

### A PUBLIC MEETING

was held in the evening, when the program rendered was of a general literary and musical aspect, and was quite enjoyable.

### THURSDAY'S SESSION.

The President again took the chair. Mr. Cresman, an ex-student of the Experimental Farm, read paper on manures which was practical and very interesting and valuable.

### IN THE AFTERNOON

Mr. Malcolm read a paper on home. We regret not having space to give a

full report of the interesting meeting, and the several papers in full. We must however be content, for the present at least, with a brief outline, hoping that these meetings may be continued another season but with even greater interest.

## OBITUARY.

Captain John Murdock, a highly respected resident of Euphrasia; passed away to his reward on the 1st January, 1886. Capt. Murdock was born in the Island of Islay, Scotland, in 1820, emigrated to this country in 1840 and was twenty years sailing on lake Ontario, many years of which he was captain of the City of Toronto. He afterwards removed to Wellington County where he remained until the year 1869, when he again moved to Euphrasia township, Grey Co., where he resided until his demise, he leaves a widow and nine children, a very respectable family, to mourn the loss of a loving husband and kind father.

## Correspondence.

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

### Independent Newspapers.

To the Editor of the STANDARD.

SIR,—Anent this subject, the editor of the *Advance* is fairly and completely cornered. He cannot deny the facts referred to in my last, because the evidence exists and he knows it. The only loop hole he uses is to refuse to reply to an assumed name. I cannot understand what difference it can make, whether the writer be a good man or a bad one—a wise man or illiterate, as long as the facts—the bare facts be stated! He says to me "let him father his epistle if he dare, and we will cross swords with him, as all honorable men should."

Just listen, "we will cross swords with him." Why, Sir, I flatter myself that I could whittle two such young men, editors, to nothingness before breakfast, and then wouldn't consider, much had been accomplished. Politically—the subject under discussion—he must write more cleverly, and evince some degree of knowledge of the politics of his own country to prove himself to be any thing but a mere nonentity therein.

If words would make him a victor, meaningless and rabid, I admit he would easily carry off the palm. Those are not, however, all;—consistency and truthfulness are necessary ingredients.

One would suppose that the *Advance* never groaned under anonymous articles, upon reading the vehement indignation of its editor? But he hoists himself on his own petard. Who is the *Agricultural Editor*? who is *Muggins*? who is *Deacon Snuke's*? but A. R. Fawcett! When persons or circumstances, are attacked, sometimes very unreasonably, the editorial columns is avoided, and they catch it pell-mell, slap, dash over those assumed names. So that of all men, he has the least to complain of, if facts are stated regarding gross improprieties, of his political course, under an assumed name.

The gam must be but momentary to any man, who has not the fortitude of his own convictions, oscillating and unstable he cannot excel. A dog that is owned by nobody, will be kicked by everybody; and as a friend and staunch Conservative I advise him, to be at least considerate.

Even last week, his denunciation of Revising Barristers, was at least for him entirely injudicious. He certainly does not understand the Franchise Act; but, in order to curry favor with a certain class, or some other influential paper which is grieved because no pap comes to its sanctum, the whole thing is bad, and the fable of the fox and the grapes is repeated.

I give every man the utmost freedom in his political creed, but claim that same privilege myself, believing that Conservatives and Conservative papers need be proud of their party and party leaders.

Yours,  
CONSERVATIVE.

### AN AGE OF DISCOVERY.

We certainly ought to appreciate the fact that we are living in an age of progress and discovery, this is especially appreciated by all persons that have been afflicted with Rheumatism, as West's World's Wonder or Family Liment, is a positive cure for Rheumatism. It is invaluable for Cuts, Sprains, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, and all diseases requiring external application. Sold by A. Turner & Co. Price 25 cents and 50 cents per bottle.

To the Editor of the STANDARD.

SIR,—Your correspondent "Farmer" or "Anent School Inspectors," evidently piques himself as an authority on this question, and would so impress your readers, if expansion or diffusion could be a factor, but unfortunately for him the depth is not there. A statement is easily made and it is one thing, but its logical accuracy is another and quite a different thing. Notice one or two things. "The Dr. says they, the Inspectors, are mere fossils of a receding age," and then he formulates, "will not this apply to old Doctors, old Lawyers, and others as well old Inspectors?" and after giving this sally, he adds, "but with this we have nothing to do." If Doctors, &c., were salaried officers, there would be some force in the question; but the one is sustained in position by statute and can only be dismissed by a statutory course. The others, the Doctors, &c., old or young, are employed or rejected at the will of their individual employers. The farmer eager to catch, failed to notice the difference. Then take the sentence of the Minister of Education, "that water cannot rise above its level;" upon which over forty attenuated lines are written to show that the Minister of Education and myself are wrong in our deduction, for he says, "it is regulated by forced laws, that it is material, but mind is immaterial, so to attempt for a moment to compare a material substance with that which is immaterial, is out of the question, and no wise man will ever seek to do it. As is the teacher so will be the scholar," &c.

This little flourish no doubt tickles our Farmer immensely. To have annihilated the Minister of Education and the Doctor, with one flourish of his pen, is huge, but unfortunately for his logic, it is very bad, and is a sad comment upon his Biblical studies which abound in illustrations, to say nothing about our best scientists, or evidences of every day life.

Comparison and elucidation of immaterial subjects, within the bounds of finite minds must necessarily exist, in use of those things, which are tangible, seen and felt; they may be approximate, fallacious, specious or correct, but nevertheless necessary. Our ideas of size, capacity increase, beauty, light or darkness as applied to mind are gathered from the sources named, and by the Farmer's own argument therefore, he cannot be a wise man!

He says, "many of our most learned men never were taught by man." In this statement he evidently gives no credit to eminent teachers who have written their thoughts in books, from which the pap of Farmer's "learned men" has been abundantly drawn and so successfully digested.

It will appear to the most superficial observer, that regarding the quotation of the Minister of Education, Farmer has floundered in a maze of incomprehensibles, and that it is, after all, logically true.

The careless, impunctual, indifferent, lazy, ignorant Teacher or Inspector, begets to the schools the same habits, and visa versa.

In some other things mentioned by this Farmer, I can very readily agree with him. Our whole system needs reformation; we have too much rapturism. The governing principle is being rapidly taken from the people. The only parties now that can reach the ear of the administration are the Teachers' Associations. The Trustees are merely instruments, through which the behest of the authorities are carried out.

As to the representation of farmers and kindred subjects I leave with him.

I merely adopt the principle, if we must have Inspectors and pay them, let us have the best article, but that their utility is questionable, I admit.

DR. CHRISTOPHER.

## Advertise in the STANDARD.

### BIRTHS.

CARTER—In Artemesia, on the 22nd inst., the wife of Mr. Wm. Carter, Jr., Cooper, of a daughter.

RICHARDS—In Markdale, on the 1st inst., the wife of W. G. Richards, architect and builder, of a daughter.

### Market Reports.

#### MARKDALE.

Fall Wheat.....	\$0 70	to	\$0 80
Spring Wheat.....	0 75	to	0 80
Barley.....	40	to	65
Peas.....	55	to	65
Oats.....	30	to	31
Butter.....	10	to	12
Eggs.....	16	to	00
Apples.....	40	to	60
Potatoes.....	31	to	25
Hay.....	10 00	to	0 00
Wool.....	5 00	to	0 00
Flour.....	4 00	to	0 75
Wheat.....	0 75	to	0 80

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