

# The Standard.

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American papers have the news from Ottawa that American speculators are negotiating with the Canadian Government for the purchase of several Islands in the St. Lawrence between Brockville and Gananoque. They propose starting summer resorts next season.

From New York comes a curious proposition for the solution of the over-producing problem. Governor Hill proposes to make Saturday a legal holiday and thus reduce the working capacity of all the working classes by onesixth. He would have five days of labor, one day of recreation, and one day of religious observance in every week. This would also effectually solve the Saturday half-holiday question.

Two North-West Towns, Portage La Prairie and Minnedosa, borrowed so freely during the "boom" that now when things have got down to hard pan, they find themselves in financial straits and have adopted the expedient of dissolving their municipal government and telling their creditors to collect their claims. This is simply repudiation and it will seriously hurt the credit of all North-West municipalities.

The Statistical Abstract and record just issued by the Dominion Department of Agriculture looks the most practically useful blue book published by the Dominion Government. It is a compilation of useful figures and facts with reference to the areas, history, Governments, population, produce, finances, commerce and general statistics of Canada. It contains in a handy form information published in greater detail in the other Departmental Reports. Yearly editions are promised.

At the Methodist Conference a communication from the Anglican Provincial Synod announced the appointment of a committee to confer with similar committees appointed by the religious bodies as to the possibility of a union of the Protestant churches in Canada, was warmly applauded. The idea has also been cordially endorsed from the pulpit by eminent Congregational and Presbyterian ministers. What one of these pronounced to be one of the first essentials to a union, i. e., a strong desire to exist.

It is estimated in Chicago that half of the wheat crop raised east of the Rockies this year has already gone forward, and with the best effect on the trade of this country. The reason assigned for this unusually early movement is that the large number of producers who held on to their grain last year lost money by so doing, and determined not to be caught again. It was a needed lesson. The farmer who holds on for rising price generally burns his fingers, and at the same time checks the natural flow to the volume of trade. He cannot afford to gamble in his own wheat—to bet on higher prices—for the previous exchange gamblers can rake off his pile every time.

## EARLY CLOSING.

The end of the term for the early closing of stores has arrived; and now some of the clerks pertinently remark that, "the fall and winter months is the proper time for early closing," giving the following reasons:—That there is but little shopping done during late hours; that it encourages loafing in the stores; that the young people thus kept in until a late hour are deprived of an opportunity of improving their minds, by night schools, reading, &c., and furthermore, that it is a great waste of fuel and light to the proprietors which would not be necessary in the event of keeping open an extra hour in summer time, besides being a great

accommodation to farmers and others, who prefer making their purchase in daylight. The above reasons appear quite plausible, and worthy of consideration. What say our merchants?

## Correspondence.

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

### Flesherton.

From our own correspondent.

The annual Fall Exhibition of the East Grey Agricultural Society was held in this village on the 23rd and 24 inst; during both days the weather was all that could be desired and thousands visited our enterprising village. Flags were hoisted at too mast and considerable bunting was displayed; the shops and business places had on their prettiest dress and everything and everybody bright and cheerful. The first day attendance on the exhibition grounds was small; the new feature this year of horse racing the first day, so far as we have heard, did not prove to be a popular movement and if repeated, is likely to prove damaging to the fair. The second day attendance was good the gate receipts equal to that of former years about \$200.00. The number of exhibits we thought not as large as on former years; from the exhibits a good idea can be obtained of the capabilities of the country and the value of its products. The exhibit of this year did not do justice in that respect to the East Riding of Grey.

ON THE FIELD:—The live stock exhibits were very good—1st Horses—Some fine animals were shown in the ring. Messrs Trimble & Pickell showed some fine Draught Colts and brood mares (imported) which seemed to attract the attention of many.

2nd. Cattle.—In imported cattle, Durham, Devons and Ayrshires, were exhibited by W. O'Brine, R. Oliver and A. Carns—3rd Sheep—The display was small but very good quality, some very fine Leicesters, Shropshires and Cotswold were exhibited by W. J. Shepherdson, T. Ellis and A. Cairns. 4th. Swine—Some fine breeds were exhibited, Suffolks by J. Holly and Berkshire by T. Ferguson and Sinson. 5th. Poultry—The display was large and contained some fine specimens of the different varieties. Impiment and Carriages—The exhibit rather small. J. H. Herd showed some very fine work.

In the Exhibition hall.—One entire side was set apart for ladies' fancy work, paintings, pencil and crayon work &c. The other side for grain, roots sewing machines, harness and other manufactured goods! The Centre was well fitted with Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, &c. A magnificent display of Flowers were shown by James Beecroft from the Flesherton green house. The north end devoted to dairy products, Butter, Cheese, and honey. As one entered from the south the thing to please the eye was the very large and magnificent display of gold and silver ware and plated goods, especially that shown by our enterprising Jeweler, J. G. Russell, of this village, of Gold and Silver watches, Rings, Pins, sets and fine Plated goods far surpassed anything ever shown in this place before. W. A. Brown, Esq., Jeweler of Markdale had also a fine display of goods in his line some valuable and pretty goods but he, did not secure as good a position as his competitor consequently his exhibit did not show to as good advantage. Mrs. Bulmer's very fine collection of Photo's was proof positive that she was well up in the Photographic Art.

Fancy Work—Curtains, quilts, shirts, needle and ornamental work in great variety and would compare favorably with much larger and more pretentious show. The exhibits in worsted embroidery, braiding in Cotton, Arrasine work, Ornamental needle work, and leather ornaments were well worthy of notice. Some choice wax flowers, showed by Mrs. Armstrong, and paintings by Miss Richardson and Miss Damude, all of this village, were very fine and much admired. Mr. Moffat of Markdale has few equals on scroll and ornamental wood work. His display attracted much attention. In Harness, Messrs J. Gordon and D. Clayton each showed some very fine work. In Boots and Shoes W. Barnhouse showed some fine work.

GRAIN.—The specimens showed were very good in every respect, we did not think the display large. The sample of barley was much better than that of last. J. Brodie and T. Kells were the principal exhibitors in that grain. Some good samples in Fall wheat were shown. In Spring wheat the sample not so good; Oats were plump and good, equal to anything shown in previous years, and Peas very choice surpassing former years. Vegetables—In Potatoes a great variety shown, fifteen different kinds; the Early Rose seemed to be the favored. J. Fawcett of Euphrasia and James Ferris of Proton carried off the prizes. A few fine Tomatoes were shown, the display was small. Onions, Beets, mangels, Carrots, and Celery were shown in large quantities.

FAIR.—In apples a great variety, some good large specimens were shown, Crab apples in abundance. The show of pears, was small also that of Grapes, not so good and the latter rather inferior in quality. Plums in abundance and quality good.

BREAD.—About last but not least, the staff of life. Home made bread, the exhibits were all good. Among the dairy products there was some sweet Roll butter, and some very choice dairy in ferkins; also some we consider very poor. A limited quality of home-made cheese were shown, some very fair. Now, Mr. Editor, no doubt there was many things unnoticed by your reporter, but you will please pardon my youth and inexperience. At the close of the exhibition on the second day we were not able to be present to hear the oratorical from the grand stand by the president of the Society, Mr. T. Kells, consequently are unable to report the same to you. Notes on fair day—The Brass Band played for the Ladies' Aid Society they looked well and played well: Constance Cooney did his duty well. It is said the President made a fluent speech, that the Agr. Society moved a vote of thanks for the band that there was no boy seen drunk on fair day, and that W. A. Brown has a big auction sale of Watches and jewelry after the fair.

FATALEY INJURED.—On Thursday evening last, Mr. W. Radley of Osprey, while at

Flesherton Station for a load of coal, in the act of assisting to shunt some cars, was caught between the coupling, injuring his spine and inflicting other terrible injuries. The unfortunate man was at once carried to A. Hannah's Hotel, Dr. Carter of this place was immediately summoned, but the sufferer's injuries were beyond medical remedy! he passed away in about three hours. He remained conscious until the last. He leaves a wife and one child to mourn his loss. Being a member of the Volunteer force, his remains were laid away with Military honors on Saturday afternoon last.

During the days of the fair the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church here served dinner and held a Bazaar in the Town Hall; the dinner was good and well served. In the Bazaar the articles for sale were numerous, of various kinds and colors; some very pretty things indeed. The Ladies' received a very liberal patronage. They well deserved it, for they engaged the services of our Brass Band for the entertainment of the public. Some very nice music was discoursed during the day. A grand concert, under the auspices of the above Society was given in the Town Hall on the evening of the 24, when a good programme, consisting of vocal and instrumental music was gone through. Mr. Richardson, Esq., occupied the chair.

Owing to the illness of the Rev. Mr. Ayers the pulpit in the Methodist church was filled last Sabbath morning by J. P. Nicholson, and in the evening by the Rev. Mr. Hosking of Markdale; as the hour for service passed and Mr. Hosking had not arrived Rev. Mr. Ayers being able to be present bearing upon his staff and the desk commenced the service and had got fairly into his Sermon when Rev. Mr. Hosking came, Mr. Ayers stopped and said "Now, that is short metre, I'll give you the balance some other time." The Rev. Mr. Hosking entered upon his subject at once and delivered a very interesting sermon.

A very pleasant evening's entertainment and concert was held under the auspices of W. G. T. W. of this place in the Temperance Hall on Monday evening. The evening was very wet consequently there was not a very large turn out. Refreshments were served by the ladies and a short and spicy program gone through; Dr. Christie in the chair. At the close of the entertainment Mrs. J. E. Moore, in a few well chosen words, presented A. B. Fawcett, Editor, with the badge of an honorary member in their Society, thanking him for the use of the columns of his paper in assisting them to push forward their good work.

The grain market is again booming in our town. Richardson & Co. are again on the market and Mr. Hogg and others are reported coming, so we notice there will be keen competition in that line here.

### To the Editor of the STANDARD.

Sir,—Who has more people to please, or more masters than the Public school master? Evidently no one. The minister of the Gospel I think ranks next. They claim to have more, but the point is disputed, so let it remain for the present, that is not what I'm going to argue now. The teacher is beset one day by a parent who says "my boy is severely dealt with at school, he is a nervous boy, we have to humor at home, and I would like you to be lenient with him." Another says "How is it you show partiality in school, you thrashed my boy yesterday and Jones' boy was just as much to blame as he was." Jones is the man who owns the nervous boy. Again another says, "you dont thrash my boy enough, whenever he does what is wrong thrash him, and I'll thrash him when I get him home." However this class of parent is lamentably too small.

Now, a boy gets into mischief and in consequence gets "thrashed," but it happens to be Jones' boy, by mistake as an ordinary teacher cannot keep in mind the advice of fifty or sixty parents. Jones comes down to the teacher (who is secure in the belief that he chastized the child of parent No. 2) demanding fifteen minutes of his time on the kings highway and he will "larn" him how to teach a child. Still another says "My boy Tommy was not promoted at the last examination, how was that? And when that unlucky teacher intimates in a kindly way that Tommy has not paid enough attention to his books or that Tommy's head is too thick for an idea to enter, that parent flies off at a tangent, and declares that his boy knows more than the teacher, and wants to fight. The naturally quiet or undecided teacher thinks he has mistaken his calling and ought to be a preacher or corpse or probably a parent. A teacher who is any judge of human nature will in, say six months or a year become acquainted with the dispositions of the various pupils under his charge. But by this time he sees the school trustees have advertised for another teacher, and when he is getting along very well with the pupils, takes this hint that he has to leave, and so on in his next school, and so on to the end of the chapter, who wont condescend to drop a tear over the much tried and sorely afflicted yet innocent and hardworking race.

A. HASBEEN.

### New and Renewed Subscription since last report.

R. Johnson, Markdale, (New) Jan 88  
H. A. Harris, " Aug 85.  
Thos. Wiggins, " Jan 87.  
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C. A. McMillan, Dundalk, Oct 86.  
J. Erskine, Rocklyn, Oct 86.  
E. E. Hicks, " Jan 87.  
J. W. Knott, " (New) Jan 87.  
Thos. Sargeant, Berkeley, Aug 87.  
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