

—Seventy-four hotel licences have been cut off in Toronto.

The first Canadian Pacific freight train to leave London will start on Saturday.

—The contract for the extension of the Northern Pacific railway from Dakota to the Canadian boundary has been let.

—The Government telegraph line in the North-West is being built west from Battleford to Edmonton with iron poles.

—Mr. Samuel Platt, ex-M. P. for East Toronto, died suddenly from heart disease early last Thursday morning at his residence in Toronto. Mr. Platt only returned from Bermuda on Tuesday, and was at his office on Wednesday in good health.

Mr. J. W. Bell, Conservative M. P. for Addington, has become violently insane, and has been placed in Rockwood Asylum for treatment. The doctors fear his case is almost hopeless.

—The development of the Pacific coast trade, since the completion of the C. P. R. is wonderful. The English consul stationed at Hiogo, Japan reports to the British government that four million pounds of tea were sent last year from that port to the Pacific terminus of the C. P. R. for transportation via Canada.

—The delegates to the colonial Conference are reported to be unanimously in favor of the extension of the Queen's title, subject to her pleasure and have suggested the following be adopted "Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the colonies and Dependencies thereof." The matter of the Canadian, highroads to the Australian colonies, the C. P. R. postal offer, and the Pacific cable also engaged the attention of the Conference.

—The completion of the Canadian Pacific telegraph from Vancouver B. C., overland to San Francisco, it is stated, will be a great advantage and remunerative to the company, as it opens up a new country which had not been heretofore penetrated by the telegraph. There will be great extensions of the company's lines throughout the Dominion during the summer now approaching. The local business is stated to be steadily increasing.

—The C. P. R. has made a proposal to the British Government to put five steamers on the route between Vancouver and China, and to build them on plans approved of by the Admiralty, so that in case of war they could be converted into armed cruisers. The proposal was discussed in the House of Lords a few days ago, and was received with approval by all who spoke. It is also approved by some of the leading papers, which see the great advantage to the Empire of having five first class cruisers available on the Pacific in case of war, besides the commercial advantage of the scheme. The Imperial Government have not yet announced what they will do.

—The Toronto Presbytery has dismissed an overture proposed by one of its congregations, declaring that it was embarrassing for the Church to discipline members for drunkenness so long as members sold that which caused drunkenness. The Presbytery of Toronto, therefore, continues to sanction liquor selling Church membership, a thing which it is safe to say the conscience of the Church generally does not do. The Toronto Presbytery might as well have accepted the overture with a good grace. If i,

certain that the matter will have to be faced before long, seeing that the Presbyterian Church is now, with one exception, the only important Protestant denomination which fellowships liquor sellers.

—The present year will mark an important era in the history of the higher education in the Province of Ontario. The University Federation Bill has become law. Victoria University Cobourg, under the control of the Methodist Church, will, in consequence shortly remove its headquarters to Toronto, the governing body of that institute have accepted the principle of confederation. Permission has been granted to the Baptist denomination to establish a new university. Important changes have been effected in the construction of the State-endowed institutions, Toronto University, University College and Upper Canada College. It has also been decided to restore to the Provincial University the teaching Faculties in Law and Medicine abolished in 1853. In addition to all this, Queen's University has begun a movement which will undoubtedly mark a new era in her history.

**Flesherton.**

*From our own correspondent.*

A large number of farmers were present at the Fair on Monday last, the show of stock was small; a few heads changed hands at good prices.

**NEW BARBER SHOP.**—All those requiring a clean shave or hair cut can now have it done in a most scientific manner by "Tonsorial" Smyth late of Walkerton who has opened out in that line in our town in a very neat and attractive shop next door to the Post Office.

Who are they that have wounds without cause, such as Dental Sutherland and Farmer Richardson who on Friday last got a little to much of the "O be joyful" and commenced hugging each other half in fun and whole in earnest until something like "John Gilpin's" horse, the squeeze became a quarrel soon, and as the two pets rolled in the dust the Dentist careful of his delicate hands applied his elbow in a most dexterous manner to poor Henry's face leaving several colored spots.

Our esteemed friend and citizen Mr. W. H. Elder with his family have again returned to our village. They arrived here on Friday evening last from Los Angeles, U. S., and were met at the Station by our Brass Band and a number of our citizens, and by them were escorted to the Munshaw Hotel when a hearty reception was tendered the party.

Public School Inspector Campbell paid his first official visit to the Flesherton Public School on Monday. The pupils were highly pleased and edified with the instructions imparted by the new Inspector.

A sad case of drowning occurred two weeks ago at Sault Ste. Marie; the unfortunate young man being James Connell who formerly resided here and went with his brother out there a few months ago. He was alone at work on the water when the accident occurred; his body was not found for over 24 hours afterward, deceased's brother had the body embalmed and on Monday last arrived with it in Flesherton. The funeral took place from the house of deceased's uncle "Geo. Swanton" on Tuesday last, the remains were interred in the Flesherton Cemetery with Orange honors.

**OPEN AIR CONCERTS.**—A scheme is now being agitated here and appears to meet with success and approval to have a handsome band stand erected centrally in the village and that our Band assisted by local talent give open air Concerts free every Saturday evening for the edification and amusement of all who wish to avail themselves of a pleasant evening's entertainment.

Our Band increases in interest and Volume. A New Circle Bass is to be added at an early date.

W. K. Flesher, Esq., is expected to arrive home here this week. We hope he shall appear amongst us alive to the fact that this is an age of progress, and the prosperity of our village lies near to his heart; that it may be evidenced by the adoption and pushing forward enterprises which lie in his power to carry to successful issue and which would no doubt prove beneficial to himself, to the village, and to the community at large.



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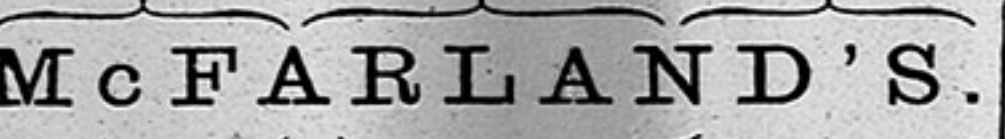
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**CLIPPINGS.**

A very important meeting is being held to day, Thursday, at Kimberly to be addressed by our member, Mr. Jos. Rorke, on the Government drainage act. The object of the meeting is to dredge the Beaver river at four places between Kimberly and Heathcote so as to make smooth water between the two places. It is estimated that about 4,000 acres of the best land in Ontario will thus be reclaimed. The four places in the river at which drainage and piling are to be done, are shallow and back the waters up over the land. The celebrated lot over which such a fuss is made about Mr. Fawcett, is in all seasons wholly covered with water so much so that in the driest times you can paddle a canoe over every acre of it. Money can be had from our excellent Ontario Government for the purpose at 4%, and any benefits accruing to the Government will be deducted from the principal. The apparatus used for the purpose is a portable dredge and pile driver. The dredge is such that it can work in two feet of water. The land when reclaimed, will be worth about \$20 an acre, and most of it is heavily timbered, and the soil is exceedingly rich. This work will be of great benefit in many other respects.—(Thornbury News.)

**PASSED.**—We are pleased this week to congratulate Mr. W. J. Hatton of Messrs Masson & Masson's office, in having passed his first Intermediate or third year examination in law—he having passed first on the list. This is the third time within as many years we have had the pleasure of congratulating studies from the same office on having obtained the highest number of marks in their respective examinations.—(O. S. Times. [Mr. Hatton was formerly a Separate School Teacher in Glenora and his many friends will be pleased to hear of his success, Ed S.]

**Church Notes.**

The corner stone of the new English church at Horning's Mills will be laid on the 24th of May.

Rev. T. Hall preached an able sermon in the Methodist church last Sunday to an appreciative audience.

Mr. Madill is expected to preach in the Presbyterian Church here next Sabbath morning and evening.

**FROZE HIS FEET.**—While out skating last winter, G. Varcoe, of Brandon, Manitoba, got his feet badly frozen. He rubbed them with snow, and then applied Hagyard's Yellow Oil, which speedily cured them, and saved him from being a cripple.