



**Markdale Standard.**

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**ALLEN'S SINK HOLE.**

In reference to the dangerous place in the public highway, known as 'Allen's Sink Hole,' Mr. Thos. Campbell gives a very wise suggestion and one which might be acted upon with good and economical results, viz—to make a deviation say ten or twelve rods to one side of the present road.

It is well known that since the gravel road was built, some 25 years ago, the road has continued to sink from year to year, and the result ascribed is, that the cutting of the ditches severed what held the road up, and then the hundreds of tons of stone and gravel, which has since been hauled upon that portion of the highway in order to fill up the sinking road has only tended to make matters worse, there being no apparent bottom. Now if a deviation was made and ditches cut, but simply lay the road several feet deep with cedar trees full length crossways and cover with gravel, the probabilities are that a permanent road would be the result. The idea is at least worthy of serious consideration on the part of officials.

**CROP PROSPECTS.**

The business prospects for Canada seems bright, if we may judge from the weather we may have enjoyed in this neighborhood. There was first the exceptionally heavy snow, then an exceptionally rapid drying of the ground. The leaves and herbage sprang suddenly into healthy and vigorous life, leaving all destroyers behind them. Plenty of moisture and plenty of heat have followed the good beginning and everything suggests a good harvest. Like conditions have not prevailed in large parts of the United States. Continued droughts in Kansas, Nebraska and the central tier of States, have reduced the expectations of the farmers to a minimum. Such a set-back will be serious for our neighbors as they are at present indulging in utterly unexampled expenditures. Thousands of millions are being spent in buildings and railways. In fact, while the United States seems to be at the very summit of its decennial boom and the crest of its wave of prosperity seems in danger of breaking into foam, Canada has not reached that point of danger toward which business prosperity inevitably tends.

—The gross net debt of the Dominion on the 30th June was \$225,025,762.

—The Ontario Government have ratified the scheme in connection with Toronto University.

—It is expected that by the end of the present season there will have been at least one thousand new buildings erected this year in Montreal.

—A land slide at Zug, Switzerland, occurred last week in which a portion of the town sank into the river drowning some seventy persons and leaving six hundred homeless.

—The C. P. R. and Grand Trunk freight and traffic receipts are netting them again of from \$20,000 to \$40,000 a week in excess of corresponding period last year.

—The new postoffice division, with headquarters at Stratford, will consist of the Counties of Perth, South riding, and Huron, and the township of North and South Easthope, in Oxford County to be detached from the London division; North Perth, Wellington and Waterloo, to be taken from the Toronto division; and the Counties of Bruce, South Grey and North Grey, to be withdrawn from the Barrie division. Mr. Hopkirk, late private secretary to Sir Alexander Campbell, has been appointed inspector of the division.

—The union of the Dominion and Industrial Exhibitions this year at Toronto will have the results of producing probably the finest exhibition, with accompanying entertainments, that has yet taken place in Canada. An unusually large number of entries is already assured, and although over \$80,000 has been expended in new buildings, every inch of space will be occupied with exhibits. The attendance promises to be immense. Railway rates have been secured at a lower figure than heretofore. The special attractions are advertised as ahead of anything heretofore.

**Osprey.**

From our own Correspondent.

The Salvation Army continues to hold forth at Feversham with considerable success. Capt. Rowe leaves this week but his place will be supplied.

Mrs. Chas. E. Neil is dangerously ill with an abscess on her jaw, also erysipelas.

Hay is the great rush and a fine crop it is. Harvest will follow it close, barley and fall wheat being now coloring. Prospects never were better for an abundant harvest.

**Flesherton.**

From our own correspondent.

Monday last our township fathers met for council business in the Town Hall. The improvements lately made on the council chambers make it a more desirable place to spend the day in.

Monday was also fair day. There was a large turn out of bovines; a good number changed hands.

Some thousands of people assembled in Flesherton on Tuesday last, the 12th of July, to celebrate that memorable day. The town was gaily decorated; bunting was displayed in abundance; shop fronts gaily decorated, and flags floating in the breeze from almost every house top. The rather sickening looking twin arches, erected on the square looked as if they had scarcely come to maturity. If left up they may grow and present a better appearance next 12th. Nine lodges of Orangemen were present. About 11 a. m. those from the South and East had arrived and assembled on the square; after waiting some time for others to arrive, and the day being very warm, they were dismissed for dinner; and not until about 12 o'clock did the several lodges from the North arrive, being led by the Markdale Brass Band. All soon found comfortable quarters; and after dinner and some time to rest, there was a general muster on the square again, and from there marched to the Park where several speakers held forth for some time. We cannot now give a synopsis of what was said, but the speeches of the day were of an exceedingly high order. Special praise has been given to Mr. Jansen, the Berkeley Presbyterian student, a young man of rare ability. The speakers were Rev. S. J. Corcoran, D. D. G. M.; Thos. Watson (Baptist.) A. Wilson (Presbyterian.) Jansen (Presbyterian,) and J. W. Shilton (Methodist). After hearty and loyal cheers for Queen and Country, the very large assembly marched back to the square in the village, when all were dismissed and the several lodges started for home after spending in our village a very pleasant and enjoyable day.

The Ladies' Aid of the Presbyterian church purpose holding a garden party on Mr. S. Damude's lawn on Friday evening next. All are welcome.

To Bro. JOHN SHEA:— We the members of L. O. L. 1045, feel that it would be quite beyond the power of words to express our true sympathy with you in the great affliction you have sustained in the death of your wife. But, dear brother, our hearts go out to you in this your dark hour of sorrow in true heartfelt sympathy. The hand that has so long ministered to your wants and removed the thorns that may have fallen around your pathway has been stilled, and the music of her loved voice has been hushed, yet the agony of your bereavement will be somewhat softened upon the reflection that it is only a brief separation and soon there will be an ecstatic meeting with the friends we have loved and lost and whom we shall still love and never lose again. Let this be your consolation and God bless you.

Faithfully yours,  
L. O. L. 1045.

**COMMERCIAL UNION**

—BETWEEN—

Canada and the United States,

is now being largely discussed throughout the Dominion with the preponderance of public opinion in favor of union; whether union with our cute Yankey Brothers would cure the ills we labor under or not, McFarland sayeth not, but he does most decidedly say that if you want to reap the greatest advantage from your cash or produce you must (if you have not already done so) form a union with McFarland's Immense Establishment, where you can get the choice of largest stock of choice goods at close prices, North of Toronto. This week I have opened out and placed in stock. New Grey Dress Goods; New Cream Dress Goods; New Black Dress Goods; New Olive Green Dress Goods; New Browns Fawn; Eclectic Blues & Fancy Dress Goods, with Trimmings and Buttons to match.

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