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MARKDALE, JULY 16, 1897

**GENERAL NOTES**

Sir Charles Tupper and Hon Wm. Patterson are addressing political meetings in the by-elections in Huron county this week.

The chronicler returned a verdict of murder against Benjamin Parrot of Hamilton for so foully wounding his mother that she died.

The Markdale Hotel and Northern Pacific Railway buildings in Winnipeg were destroyed by fire last week, the loss being estimated at \$10,000.

Ninety-five per cent of the telegraph lines in the west are under government ownership. This is the matter with Canada and one of our customs.

Mr John Tamm of Grafton was instantly killed by a three-hundred-lb machine pistol on him, and Major Hoover was instantly killed in a tank by a tree falling on him.

The widow and only child of the late A. Carey, a wealthy citizen, who was killed at the rear of his disorder on the 1st of June, got \$1,000 damages and \$300 costs from the railway company.

The magnificient residence at Mountreal of the late Sir George Abbott, one time Premier of Canada, has been purchased for \$100,000 by a syndicate of wealthy gentlemen who will convert the house into a political club room.

Mr Archibald Chapman, B.A., the well known Canadian poet, died at his home in Ottawa on Friday last, aged 33. Harriet, his wife, and the Century Magazines have published some of his choicest efforts. Mr Chapman said he had just finished a new volume of poems bearing the title of "Alcyone," which will appear shortly.

Mr James Fraser, the representative of the Tottenham and Teetow division in the Simcoe County Council has resigned. A protest had been entered against his election on account of one of the deputy returning officers refusing to allow several non-residents to vote. Mr Fraser, his former opponent, Mr Funnell, it is said, will again contest the division.

The following list of the colonies of the various nations, recently prepared by the Mail & Empire from official sources, showing, etc., that Great Britain owns more than half of the territory held as colonies, and rules three-fifths of the colonial population, is an interesting bit of information just now.

Country	No. of colonies	sq miles	population
United Kingdom	45	21,620,132	31,650,122
U.S.A.	82	3,473,707	22,000,000
Germany	8	1,020,707	10,000,000
Neutrals	3	102,463	33,911,714
Portugal	5	212,575	250,000
Spain	5	60,160	936,207
Italy	5	23,232	1,000,000
Austria-Hungary	5	8,631	114,229
Denmark	3	93,530	5,891,000
Dussia	4	56,160	17,489,000
Turkey	4	102,500	14,000,000
C. I. O.	5	102,500	14,000,000
Other States	4	102,500	12,177,000

For a bonus of \$500 from taxes for ten years, the Canada Co. offered to establish a Smelting Works on an output of less than 100 tons per annum. A public citizen voted in favor of the law to effect this.

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A destructive fire occurred at Halifax last week recently been put out and the fire will go to the financial loss of the corporation. Losses are said to have amounted to \$100,000. The fire was started by a man who had been drinking heavily in that day; about four of their noses and ears.

It is rumoured that Blaikie is likely to be elected to the Irish Nationality Times, London, discloses that, judging by his fitness and experience, he would be selected to be party in danger of being up. It would hardly appear a significant speech by a leader from a slate at the London that he is going to tie his party to a party of any party, regardless of his association with them.

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Miss Hawkes was able to resume her school duties last Wednesday after having been ill with the grippe for a short time.

Mr Will Hutchinson was up in Owen Sound a short time ago delivering a horse that he had disposed of. Rather a cold time of the year for such a ride.

Mr Cuthbert Stannards who has been laid up with influenza for some time is on the mend.

The Klondike is, we hear, frozen up these days.

Mr Reed of Markdale spent part of this week with E.W. Hart.

Mrs Farnham has been very sick of late.

Mr Thos Townsend desires to express his gratitude to those who so kindly assisted in digging his daughter's grave last Monday.

Zionites are making ready for another service to be held on the 1st inst.

It has been excellent weather for farming ice, as well as enlarging cans and nasal organs, hence several of our busy dairymen are staying up a season's supply this week.

The mill yard is nearly full of very fine logs.

Five months ago Tom Blair left home for the Manitoba harvest. After harvest and threshing, he went over to Minnesota and visited relatives there. He arrived home on Friday and looks fine after his trip.

Two of our bachelors were wedded last week. Mr Will Connor was united to Miss Maggie Moran on Monday, of which happy event the Glebe church will give partners; and Mr. Thomas Morrison, one of Glebe's best-known men, lost Miss Heffernan of Ruel to the altar. We've not heard any particulars as yet. We voice the wish of the vicinity in wishing these young people a truly prosperous and happy future.

Mr C. Price attended the county meeting of the Orange association in Markdale last week.

Rutherford started their mill work last Friday for the first this season.

Mitchell Gas have their mill yard almost full of logs and still want a lot more. They are running steadily every day and have shipped several car loads of rollers and splices already.

Mr James Smith has never had so much to do with his barns to put up this season, among them for Mr Wm. Johnson.

Scene 1: St. John's young gallant trudging off with a horse and cart to take the best out of the land to make a cabin, cutting up a log to fit into a hole in the ground, and then lighting a fire to dry his clothes.

Scene 2: A young girl, half-grown, trying to get down from the bank for Bogart where they intend to remain for a few days.

Scene 3: Alice and Peter, both longing for home sweet home.

Scene 4: The clock crew, getting the logs, the "old" above all, can't help no one, but we're not too bad off.

Mr John Clark is spending a few days with his son, Mr. Clark.

Our good friend Mrs. Clark, the wife of Mr. Clark, has been to Peck's to reside. On Sunday last we were pleased to see her come home together with her young husband. We welcome them with their happiness through the course of life.

Mr and Mrs. Stevenson will remain for a short time among friends here, returning to their home in Warner.

From the "Central Canadian" published in Cariboo, B.C.: "Miss Bradley head Sunday night the ladies' collect at 8 P.M. She will take vocal and instrumental music as specialties, but will also sing in the general fountain, wishes her all success."

Last week Mr. Wm. Thompson narrowly escaped with his life, being struck by a high-tid in a horizontal position necessitated his shooting his head in his decent. He himself again.

The dredge ship is working north toward Mr. Howard Clark.

We are glad to hear Mr. Lewis is on the mend.

Mr. John Faulkner of the 9th is visiting at Mr. Dan Walker's.

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The addresses of the delegates were listened to attentively.

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The Orange tea is night the 10th.

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Last Wednesday evening our mail carrier could not make the delivery from Epping Friday found him at any drug store.

The result of his suspension.

Indomitable will and tenacity of energy are not found where stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bowels are out of order. If you want these qualities and the success they bring, use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They develop every power of brain and body. Only 25 cents at any drug store.

Bismarck's Iron Nickel

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