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SALUTATORY.

In establishing a new paper, the editor is expected to define his position, and, in the case of a local sheet, to identify his personality. This we propose to do briefly. Our views of the duties and responsibilities of the editor of a local newspaper may differ somewhat from others, but they are not those of a novice—if years of practical experience have any value. As already intimated in our prospectus, we propose that the FREE PRESS shall not be devoted to the interest of any political party or faction; that it shall at all times, and under all circumstances, be free to discuss matters of public policy on their merits, and upon this basis we are prepared to stand—let come what may. While admitting the necessity of political parties, since without them free parliamentary government cannot well be carried on, and granting the usefulness of party newspapers in instructing our growing youth in matters pertaining to the political affairs of the country, we have no desire to place ourselves under a yoke which we believe would be burdensome. We have a high respect for party men, and for the conductors of party newspapers, but we cherish no wish to be of their number—or to submit to the necessary discipline. Having for a number of years conducted an independent local newspaper with satisfaction to ourself and to our patrons, we feel assured of our position. Experience is presumed to be a good teacher and safe guide, and we propose to profit by her lessons. The field being so ably and efficiently occupied by the metropolitan journals, wherein party politics is a specialty, and wherein every facility is afforded for fulfilling their mission in the most satisfactory manner, the village paper may well be content to let them do the heavy work of the craft. Why try to ape their style and only succeed in venting an exceedingly thin little squeak? What matters it whether we howl against the Tories, or shout ourselves hoarse in reviling the Grits? Who cares? It seems to us the village newspaper can devote its energies to better advantage by giving the larger share of its attention to matters of local import—affairs in which the local community feel an interest. Believing this to be the correct view, we launch our little craft into the big ocean, and christen her the FREE PRESS. May she never belie her name! As she glides from the stocks her form looks fair and well-proportioned; the coast seems clear, and the sun shines bright o'erhead, though rocks and snags may loom in the distance.

Sail on, good ship, and keep clear of the barnacles! Let neither Tory nor Grit cling to thy skirts, lest their fondlings may founder thee. Storms and tempests, strifes, elections, bribes, and other ills, may cross thy pathway—heed them not! Keep taut thy sails and ride the waves. Thy cargo precious, and the beacon brightly on yonder shore. Steer well thy course, turn not to right nor the left. Be true to thy mission. Bear glad tidings to the world, and echo the comings and goings of thy social sphere.

Bonus to Manufacturers.

At a meeting of the ratepayers of this village, held recently, it was unanimously agreed to request the Council to offer bonuses for the establishment of manufactures in our midst. The Council are now advertising such offer to parties operating a business which does not conflict with any already established here.

We have no doubt this will be the means of inducing a number of capitalists to visit us and see for themselves the advantages afforded by the locality. The splendid opening for many lines of manufacture is so apparent that we fancy it only requires to be known to be taken advantage of.

MONTHLY FAIR.

A number of our villagers recently put their heads together and determined upon having a monthly fair here. The committee have exerted themselves faithfully to make its establishment a success, and it now only remains for our agricultural friends to second their efforts. We believe the benefit will be mutual, as it will undoubtedly be of great convenience to those having stock to dispose of. We hope to see a very large gathering here on Thursday next, the 8th inst., and to be able to record large business transactions. Parties selling or buying stock will confer a favor on the editor by reporting to him the sales, for publication.

ACTON.

For a number of years this village exhibited but comparatively slow progress in growth, and its business was done in an easy-going, jog-trot sort of style. Of late, however, a decided improvement in every way has been perceptible. Two years ago it was incorporated with a barely sufficient number of inhabitants. Since then it has continued to grow and prosper in a ratio more in keeping with the modernized ideas of younger mushroom villages. Still there is an abundance of room for improvement, and we have faith to believe that the impetus which has recently been given will continue to exert an influence that will carry it forward with very rapid strides. We hope to be able to record before another year that its ratio of increase, both in population and manufacturing enterprise, has been not only greater than any of its local contemporaries but that its onward march has even outstripped many of the larger and more vigorous towns of the Province. We expect to do our humble share towards effecting this end. Business is now done on a better system than formerly, and our merchants of to-day are energetic, enterprising men—thoroughly alive to the value of keeping such articles of merchandize as are required, and selling at such prices as to encourage an extensive trade. Our manufactures are of continually growing importance, and can even now vie with many towns of much greater pretensions. Indeed Acton is no longer an infant; she has thrown off her swaddling clothes and commenced to walk alone. Very little coaxing and but few sugar-plums are now required to assist her onward march.

What a wonderful effect the recent rains have had in brightening up the visage of our agricultural friends! Two or three weeks ago, long faces and gloomy aspects were the order of the day—and there was good reason for it. The prospect for the growing crops was indeed enough to make us all feel decidedly gloomy. But the rain came in time to revive the drooping vegetation and our drooping spirits. The outlook for a good harvest now seems encouraging, and the probabilities favor the hope that prices for grain will shortly advance—the reports from many parts of Europe indicating that an unusually short crop will be gathered there.

☞ Remember, the FREE PRESS is only one dollar a year, payable in advance—free of postage.

DEATH OF THE TORONTO "LIBERAL."—We were very sorry to read the announcement the other day of the sudden demise of the Toronto *Daily Liberal*. During its brief career it won the esteem of a large portion of the reading public by its spirited style and general excellence of its editorials. It requires an immense capital to float a daily paper over its infantile days. We presume the *Liberal's* purse was not deep enough.

☞ We send copies of this issue of the FREE PRESS to many parties who have not had an opportunity to subscribe, trusting they will allow us to continue it. We should be pleased to hear from them soon.

LOUIS RIEL, the murderer of Thomas Scott, feels himself deeply injured. He thanks the electors of Provencher, Manitoba, for having again elected him as their representative in Parliament, and declares that he was unjustly banished. If he had been hanged, as he should have been, we would have heard nothing more of him.

QUITE a number of heavy failures have taken place in London and other cities in England during the past few weeks, and others are expected. Those houses which have gone down are mostly engaged in the East India trade. Their liabilities in most cases are large, and their failure will bring down others more or less dependent on them. Altogether there is a general feeling of disquietude in business circles, and serious apprehensions exist that the worst has not yet been reached.

CHRISTIAN LIKE.—The congratulations received by the Presbyterian Church in Canada, within the past few days, from various religious bodies, are at once eminently encouraging to the new Church, and indicative of the possession of a divine charity and true Christian feeling by those from whom the congratulatory resolutions came. In the laudable display of kindly, charitable sentiments it is pleasing to observe that the initiative was taken by the Anglican Synod, a body that has been by some considered too proud and stubborn to move first in such matters. May the liberal and enlightened spirit which has just been evinced, continue to animate all Christian bodies in their dealings with each other.

THE CRISIS AND ITS CAUSES.—The Sherbrooke *News*, in an article upon the subject of the present depression, says:—"The charge that the Government is responsible for the difficulties in the money market is so contrary to the facts and to common sense that we are surprised that its author should have allowed the public to take it as serious. We all the more regret these attacks against the Ministry, inasmuch as they do the mere harm to the Conservative party in proportion as they are false and absurd. The monetary difficulty is too serious, aside from any political predilection. To accuse the Government of it, in face of a proof to the contrary, which defies all contradiction, is too low an artifice, and shows too much of the partizan to be generally believed in."

POLITICAL ITEMS.

—The North Victoria election trial is postponed till 5th of August.

—Mr. Dymond was re-elected for North York, on Tuesday, by a majority of 378 over Mr. Boultbee.

—Judgment in the South Norfolk (Commons) case will be given at Osgoode Hall on 5th July.

—The trial of the petition against the election of Thos. Scott, M.P.P. for North Grey, commenced on Tuesday.

—Mr. James Fisher was unanimously chosen as the Reform candidate (Commons) for North Perth at the Reform Convention held at Milverton last week. Mr. A. Monteith (unseated) is the Conservative candidate.

WEST ELGIN.—The formal proceedings in this election case took place before the Chancellor, at St. Thomas, last week, when the learned Judge decided that Mr. M. G. Munroe had not only been unseated, but that Mr. Thos. Hodgins, Q.C., was duly elected M.P.P. for West Elgin.

NORTH WELLINGTON.—The trial of this election before Mr. Justice Gwynne, closed Saturday night, and resulted in the election being declared void. Mr. McGowan being unseated. The case was conducted by Messrs. Hodgins, Q.C., and Guthrie for the petitioner, and Messrs. Robinson, Q.C., and Drew, Q.C., for Mr. McGowan.

The Financial Stringency.

It is said, that the Hon. Mr. Cartwright's visit to Montreal has resulted in an arrangement with the Bankers which will go far to allay the general alarm in regard to the financial outlook. He is to draw lightly on the Banks during the summer, and interest on debentures, and Provincial subsidies and expenditures on railways and canals, will be met by drawing upon funds in England. We understand, that there is something like seven millions to the credit of the Government there—part of the product of the recent loan we presume. It is to be hoped that the rumored arrangement may turn out to be a fact, in which case the Banks would no longer have any excuse for curtailing legitimate discounts. Whatever blame be attachable to the Government for the existing financial stringency, we shall be ready to accord it full credit for such steps as it may take to restore confidence. Though there is nothing disastrous about the present crisis, it is sufficiently grave to demand special action on the part of the Government and we trust that such will be, if it has not already been, taken.—*Leader*.

—All kinds of Oils, Paints, Turpentines, Varnishes, Japans, &c; &c., at Secord Bros., Acton.

—If you want to build cheap, buy your hardware at Secord Bros.

—All kinds of millinery and straw goods at unprecedently low prices at Christie, Henderson, & Co.'s, Acton.

—Cash customers will save money by purchasing from Christie, Henderson & Co., Acton. Remember the 50 cent tea.

Temperance Convention.

The County Convention of the Sons of Temperance was held in Cumminsville, on Friday, 18th ult., and, notwithstanding the wet day, was attended by a number of delegates from all parts of the County, including Bros. J. Secord, J. Speight, E. Nicklin, and R. Crane, from Acton; Bro. McMillan, from Nassagawega; Bros. G. Kennedy and T. Rose, of Georgetown; Bro. Henderson, of Omah, and others. After the business of the day was gone through with, a lecture was delivered in the evening by the Rev. Mr. Mason, of Ottawa, on Prohibition, and was in every way a success. The Cumminsville Division have an excellent string band, composed entirely of its own members, and is in a very prosperous condition.

COUNTY POOR HOUSE.—At the recent meeting of Halton County Council the question of a county poor house came up for discussion, and a committee was struck to visit similar institutions in the Province and report at the September meeting. Some members favored the idea of a union with the County of Peel in an institution of this description.

HALTON COUNTY ASSESSMENT.—At the late meeting of the County Council a by-law was passed, levying the following rate:—Trafalgar, $2,923.05; Esquesing, $1,959.83; Nelson, $1,315.44; Nassagaweya, $888.74; Oakville, $140; Milton, $100; Georgetown, $100; Acton, $75; Burlington, $75, which is precisely similar to that of last year.

CUMMINSVILLE.

PRESENTATION.—Last Monday evening the members of the Kilbride Methodist Church assembled at the residence of the Rev. Jas. McAlister, and presented him with an address, accompanied with a purse containing $68, as a token of esteem. Mr. McAlister very warmly replied. A very pleasant evening was spent. Mr. McAlister leaves for Hespeler this week, and carries with him the best wishes of the people in this neighborhood.

Toronto Wool Market.

The market for combing fleece during the past few weeks has been fairly active, with sales of round lots principally at 34c, at which considerable changed hands to-day. The feeling is now easier, however, and buyers less inclined to buy at the current price.—*Globe, June 30*.

Crop Prospects in Europe.

LONDON, June 29.—The *Mark Lane Express*, in its weekly review of the breadstuffs' market, says:—"Owing to the floods in France, and unfavorable reports from America, the market is hardening. Northwestern Europe has been favoured with plenteous rain, while the east and south portions of the Continent are suffering from drought. The prospects are variable, and general abundance is not to be relied upon. Germany and England have the best prospects, and Russia, Hungary, and France the worst.

GUELPH MARKETS.

Fall wheat, 90c to 95c; treadwell, 90c to 93c; spring wheat, (Glasgow), 83c to 89c; spring wheat (red chaff), 80c to 82c; oats, 42c to 44c; peas, 70c to 75c; barley, 65c to 70c; eggs, per dozen, 10c to 12c; butter, dairy packed, 16c to 17c; potatoes, per bag, 70c to 85c; wool, 35c to 36.

Mr. Gladstone on the Church of England.

LONDON, June 29.—Mr. Gladstone has written an article which appears in the *Contemporary Review*, and is entitled "Is the Church of England worth preserving?" After summing up arguments on both sides, he answers the question strongly in the affirmative. He reviews the divisions which have taken place in the Church and the attempts made to maintain conformity by penal proceedings. He declares enforcement of arbitrary rules fatal to the Church.

—Recent advices from the lumber districts on the Upper Ottawa state that the bush fires have destroyed fifteen hundred acres.

—A destructive tornado passed over the north-western part of Detroit city last Sunday evening at 6:15. Its path was about 500 feet wide. Some thirty houses besides outbuildings, &c., were demolished. Four persons are known to have been killed, and many others injured, some of them seriously. The total loss to property is at least $25,000.

—The Huron and Quebec railway project still holds out, and begins to assume a tangible shape. A stock book has been opened, and more than $100,000 has been subscribed in Peterborough, with the intention of electing a Board of Directors from the shareholders. A meeting of the shareholders for the election of directors has been called for the 15th July at Goderich.

MR. JAMES FAHEY, of the Guelph *Herald*, was presented, by his friends and admirers, with a purse containing over $1100, a few days ago. He is leaving for California for the benefit of his health.

LISTOWEL.—The recent assessment of this town shows the total value of real and personal property to be $353,089, being $12,000 in excess of last year.

HEAVY FAILURE.—Messrs. J. & J. Woodley, of Quebec, one of the most extensive boot and shoe manufacturers in the Lower Province, have suspended payment. The contraction of credit by the banks and refusal to discount the firm's paper has led to the failure. The liabilities are heavy. The firm of Benson, Bennet & Co., Quebec, is also in monetary difficulties. It is stated on good authority that they have actually suspended. Their liabilities are estimated at $1,042,000.

THE STORY IN THE WEST.—Reports from numerous points in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, and Southern Illinois, indicate that the storm which passed over that section, lasting from Saturday till Monday night in most localities, did great damage, killing a considerable amount of live stock, tearing down houses, barns and fences, inundating whole farms and injuring crops to some extent. Railroad bridges and culverts were swept away in some places and many persons were injured, and several are reported to have been killed.

ODDFELLOWS IN ERIN.—A new Lodge of the I. O. O. F., was instituted recently at Hillsburg, by D. G. M., John Craig, of Fergus, assisted by members from the Guelph, Georgetown, Brampton, Orangeville and Fergus Lodges. Altogether over fifty visitors were present. The silver cornet band in connection with Orangeville Lodge was also in attendance. The following are the officers of the new Lodge:—A. McArthur, N. G.; N. Currie, V. G.; J. Carmichael, R.S.; and B. Franklin, Treasurer. After the Lodge was closed the brethren partook of a supper served in excellent style at Kirk's Hotel. A pleasant time was spent.

ORANGE CELEBRATION.—The Orange Celebration in Guelph on the 12th promises to be a great success. The Hamilton, Brantford, Acton, Georgetown, Elora, Fergus, Alma, Rothsay and Brussels Brethren have signified their intention to be present and join in the demonstration. The Railway Companies will carry passengers on the Great Western for a single fare, and on the Grand Trunk for a fare and one third, to Guelph and return. The Great Western will also run special trains.

CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.—At a recent meeting of the Canadian Press Association held in Toronto, it was decided that the annual meeting should take place on the 20th July, at Hamilton. The excursion will be from Hamilton across the lake to Niagara, thence on Thursday morning to the Falls, where the party will spend the day; afterwards they will visit Buffalo and remain all night. On Friday they will be conveyed by boats to Chippewa, and connect with trains on the Canada Southern to their several destinations.

LOCAL MATTERS.

—FREE PRESS office on Mill street, a few doors from the post-office.

—Great quantities of lumber and shingles are now being shipped from Acton station.

—The monthly fair in this village, on Thursday next, promises to be a great success.

—New sidewalks are being laid down, radiating in all directions, from Secord's corner.

—Mr. R. Fisher has commenced tinsmithing in his new shop on Mill street.

—The Sons of Temperance of this village have recently purchased a $175 organ.

—Sell those ungovernable fence-breaking cows at the fair next Thursday.

—The next meeting of the Halton County Council will be held on the 14th September.

—Our Milton friends will soon revel in the luxury of a Bank. We hope they have lots of lucre to deposit.

—Remember the great clearing sale at Christie & Henderson's. Goods are said to be selling regardless of cost.

—The Sons of Temperance held a strawberry festival in the drill-shed, on Dominion Day. Particulars next week.

—The Rev. Mr. Owen, of Grace Church, Milton, preached his farewell sermon last Sabbath. He goes to Oshawa.

—Rev. Mr. Brown, of the Methodist Church, Milton, preached his farewell sermon on Sabbath evening. His leaving is regretted.

—Rev. Mr. Cameron, the newly inducted minister of the Presbyterian Church, preached his first sermon here on Sunday, 20th ult.

—Dr. McGarvin is erecting a commodious two-storey brick dwelling on the site where the old one was burnt a few weeks ago.

—Town Fathers I hope that all the rubbish be cleaned from the streets without delay. Don't let those old planks mar the beauty of our village.

—Mr. Agnew, of the Dominion Hotel, is now on a visit to the "Ould Sod." A letter lately received from him indicates that he is enjoying himself immensely.

—Messrs. W. H. Storey & Co., our extensive glove manufacturers, are engaged in the erection of a new tannery, for the dressing of all kinds of kid leathers, etc.

—Mr. R. Agnew has recently erected a large addition to his fine hotel, making it now one of the largest, as well as one of the best kept hotels in the country.

—The residence of Joseph and James Brown, 2nd line of Erin, was totally destroyed by fire on the 14th ult. Loss, about $1,000; insurance, $400. They are rebuilding.

—All kinds of iron cistern and force pumps at Secord Bros., Acton.

—Sidney Smith, Esq., purchased a handsome thorough-bred cow, at the late sale of imported stock in Toronto, at a cost of $550, to add to his already fine stock of thorough-bred cattle and sheep.

—Messrs. McLeod, Anderson & Co., of Georgetown, avail themselves of our columns to announce a grand clearing sale of dry goods. Read what they have to say about it.

—The Grand Trunk people have done an excellent thing by removing that great unsightly wood-shed from the station. They have the thanks of our townspeople. We hope there will soon be a first-class sidewalk in that vicinity.

—Our esteemed friends, Messrs. Dickson & McNab, have lately commenced the general dry goods business, in connection with their old-established clothing trade. They keep a nice assortment.

—Our Nassagawega neighbors are building a new Town Hall at Easterbrook. The Hall will be 52 x 34 feet, and the ante-room 18 x 24. It will also be used as a Temperance Hall. Mr. W. Martin, of Eden, is the contractor.

—The sittings of the Fourth Division Court of this County, will be held in Matthews' Hall the balance of this year, as follows:—July 12th, September 13th, and November 9th. Those interested had better bear those dates in mind.

—There is no doubt about it, but Acton is one of the most pleasantly situated, prettiest, and tidiest little towns in the Province. We have a beautiful pond, or lake, upon which a pleasant row of two or three miles can be had by following the shores all round it.

—Messrs. Kennedy Bros. have disposed of their grocery department, and intend in future to confine themselves exclusively to the boot and shoe business. They have secured the valuable services of Mr. Thos. Edgar to superintend the ordered work. See their advertisement.

—Our enterprising neighbors, Messrs. Secord, have just purchased a force pump, and had it placed in a large tank at the rear of their premises, for protection against fire. It will throw a stream of water over the whole of their buildings. They also keep a Babcock fire extinguisher constantly on hand for protection. Nothing like being well protected.

—Don't fail to read all the advertisements in this paper.

—Some of the finest livery rigs in the country are kept by Mr. J. P. Allan.

—Mr. Matthews announces his intention of shutting down on the old-fashioned long credit system, and doing a more strictly ready-pay business. That's right. Let others follow suit. Read his big advertisement.

—The early closing movement has fallen through in Georgetown, and the stores are now open as usual until late at night. This is all wrong. They should close at seven o'clock. So should our Acton merchants. It can be done very easily, if you only think so, and unite in so thinking.

—The other night, several unruly cows disturbed a number of people in their slumbers by unlawfully breaking down a fence and plundering a garden. They—that is, the cows—were promptly arrested, and imprisoned, but before morning they effected their escape, and have not yet been recaptured. Catch 'em and sell 'em to the butchers.

New Church.

The members of the Wesleyan Methodist Church have decided on the immediate erection of a new brick church, to cost about $4,000, the old one having become too small for the congregation.

Masonic.

At the regular communication of Wilkes Lodge A. F. & A. M., at Acton, on Monday evening, 14th ult., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Bro. Caleb Chase, W.M.; Bro. Hugh Walker, P.M.; Bro. Wilson Irwin, S.W.; Bro. Donald Kennedy, J.W.; Bro. John Secord, Chaplain; Bro. Fred. Secord, Treasurer; Bro. Thomas Kennedy, Secretary; Bro. Jas. Ryder, Tyler.

The Acton Plow Company.

A joint stock company, comprising Messrs. Wm. Stephenson, S. Smith, G. S. Smith, and E. Snyder, of Acton, and Mr. A. Woodyatt, of Guelph, has been formed for the purpose of carrying on the manufacture of plows on a large scale, in this village. The machinery has been ordered, and the building is now nearly completed. Manufacturing will commence in a few weeks. The Company will be known as the Acton Plow Company.

Accidental Drowning.

A young man named James McGuire, in the employ of Mr. J. Speight, while bathing in the mill-pond, with a son of the latter, on Tuesday evening, 22nd ult., was drowned. It is supposed he took cramps, as he disappeared suddenly. The young man who was with him, being unable to swim, could render no assistance. A large number of villagers soon assembled, and searched for the body till after midnight, but it was not found till the following morning. An inquest was held, and a verdict rendered of "Accidental drowning while bathing." Deceased was held in high esteem by those who knew him, and especially by his employer, who feels much regret at the sad occurrence. His parents reside at Salmonville.

Acton Council.

This Council met pursuant to adjournment, on Thursday evening, 24th ult., the Reeve in the chair. Members present—Messrs. McGarvin, Speight, and Nicklin. Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Mr. Speight moved, seconded by Mr. Nicklin,—"That leave be granted to introduce a by-law to appoint fence viewers for this municipality for the season of 1875." Moved by Mr. McGarvin, seconded by Mr. Speight,—"That the by-law for the appointment of fence viewers be read a first time." The by-law was then read a second and third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Nicklin, seconded by Mr. Speight,—"That the sum of Two Dollars be granted as aid to John McPhee."

Mr. McGarvin, Chairman of Committee on Finance, submitted the following accounts, and recommended the same to be paid:—T. J. Starret, printing, $2; Thos. J. Campbell, keeping travellers, $1.80; J. & A. Nicklin, sidewalks, $47.80; S. Zimmerman, streets and sidewalks, $245.40; D. Galloway, charities, $4.44; Mrs. Hannah, charities, $3.49. Total, $306.93.

Moved by Mr. McGarvin, seconded by Mr. Speight,—"That the accounts submitted be paid, and that the Reeve issue his cheque for the same."

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet again on Thursday evening, 22nd July, at 7 o'clock. JAS. G. HILL, Clerk.

—It is a fact beyond doubt that we have in our midst the largest and positively the most beautiful hardware, grocerice, and crockery store in this western country, Guelph, London, or Toronto not excepted. Every traveller knows this to be a fact. The proprietors are Secord Bros.

—We would direct special attention to the fine productions of photographic art now being turned out of the photograph gallery of Mr. J. G. Hill, and would strongly advise all who wish a real artistic picture to give him an early call. He has secured the services of one of the best artists in the Dominion (for a limited time only), as will be seen by advertisement in another column.

—Mr. Beckam, of Guelph, appreciates the value of printer's ink. Read what he has to say on the fourth page of the FREE PRESS.

—Tea! Tea! Only 40 cents per pound. For flavour and strength our 40 cent tea excels anything in the market. Don't fail to secure a few pounds. Christie, Henderson & Co.

News Items.

—Sir William Logan died in England on the 26th ult.

—The jury in the Boucher case have not rendered a verdict yet.

—Galt has been created a port of entry and a warehousing port.

—Chicago speculators lost about $700,000 in four days recently, by a rapid decline in the prices of corn, wheat, and oats.

Several English and Russian ships of war are about starting on river voyages of exploration to the interior of China.

—We learn from London that the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise intend making a tour of the United States.

—The American riflemen, now in Ireland, have again defeated the Irish team. This second victory of one of which the Americans may well feel proud.

—Messrs. Needler & Saddler's planing mill, at Lindsay, was completely destroyed by fire on Saturday morning. Insured for $1,000.

—Buy your boots and shoes from Christie, Henderson & Co., Acton, and save 25 per cent. One pair ladies' prunellas and two extra stockings for a $1 bill.

—Grasshoppers, or red-legged locusts, are very numerous in many portions of Dunfries, and are doing something to diminish the crops.

—Grasshopper news from Westbourne and Palestine, in Manitoba, present rather a dismal picture, but still the settlers are not without hope.

—Gents, give Christie, Henderson & Co. your order for a suit or pants. The neatest, cheapest, and most stylish clothing establishment in the Dominion. A fit guaranteed or no sale.

—Mr. B. Williams, of Glanwilliams, has again had the misfortune of having part of his premises destroyed by fire. This time it was confined to the dye house. Loss about $500.

—A Parkhill rowdy (Robert Bates) threatened to horsewhip the editor of the *Gazette* the other day. The latter merely said, "come on," when the former got scared.

—Potato bugs in New Jersey, grasshoppers in Iowa, toads in Missouri, locusts in Kansas, and measuring-worms in Pennsylvania, are doing a terrible work of destruction.

—Immense reduction on prints, dress goods, etc., at Christie, Henderson & Co.'s. Prints for 10c worth 14c; for 12c worth 16c. Decided bargains in all lines to reduce stock.

—A story reaches us from Ontario to the effect that some raftsmen captured a swordfish in that neighbourhood on Thursday which weighed 458 pounds. We would like to see that fish weighed.

—Always foremost in the army of progress and enterprise, Messrs. Secord have just imported the largest stock of groceries, teas, sugars, syrups, coffees, tobaccos, fruits, etc., etc., the product of every land and clime, ever shown in Acton.

—A new Congregational Church and Parsonage is to be built at Acton. The new church is estimated to cost about $3,000. This speaks well for the liberality of the congregation.

—The rails are now laid on the Port Dover and Lake Huron Railway, from Dover to Simcoe, and an excursion train was run between the two places on Dominion Day.

—The base ball match between the Ennas, of Detroit, and the Tecumsehs, of London, resulted in a victory for the Canadian club, by a score of 15 to 6.

—A credible person informs the Oshawa *Vindicator* that in a fight near Harmonyon on Sunday morning last, a square stand-up fight took place between two young women. They were, we are informed, backed by a brother of each, and the fight lasted till fifteen minutes.

—A herd of sixteen short-horn cattle were shipped to England the other day, from New York, for the neat little sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, duty having been paid for the animals. One bull cost $30,000 and a heifer $18,000.

—Early on Friday morning a male infant was found on the steps of Mr. A. J. Norris' residence, Guelph. It was apparently about two or three weeks old, respectably dressed, and with it was a nursing bottle which seemed to have been very recently used. There were no marks on the clothing by which the parent could be identified.

CROPS.—The Orangeville *Sun* says:—"Crops of every description except the potato, which is being devoured by the Colorado bug, look well in the township of Amaranth. Mono, Orangeville, Caledon, Albion, Toronto Gore, Vaughan, Etobicoke, Trafalgar, Esquesing, Nelson, Nassagaweya, Oakville, Milton, Georgetown, Acton, Guelph, Eramosa, Puslinch, Garafraxa, Farmers are thankful for the bountiful crops of the past year, and are in glorious spirits. Present prospects point to an abundant harvest."