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The FREE PRESS Printing Office is now in the new building adjacent to Mr. Matthews' Store, which has been expressly fitted up for us.

Subscribers who have been in the habit of getting their papers at the Acton Post Office will please call for them hereafter at the printing office.

The Ontario Legislature opened in Toronto on Wednesday, when the former-Speaker, Mr. R. M. Wells, was re-elected to that post. Hon. M. C. Cameron stated in the House that the name of Mr. J. S. Hedges would have met with greater approval from the members on both sides of the House, but there were no other nominations. Speaker Wells took the chair. The disqualified members whose cases had appealed, Messrs. Neelon, Clisholm, and Miller did not take their seats. The Lieut. Governor's address was delivered yesterday.

The Income Franchise.

Considerable discussion has recently taken place on the question as to whether persons assessed for income only, under the Income Franchise act have a right to vote at municipal elections. Those who contend that persons so assessed have not the right in question, base their argument on the following section of the Municipal Act of 1873:

"In case of municipalities which are divided into wards or electoral divisions, the clerk of the municipality shall, before the polls are opened, prepare and deliver to the returning officer for every ward or electoral division, a list in the form of schedule 'C' to this Act containing the names, arranged alphabetically, of all male householders and householders rated upon the then last revised assessment roll for real property lying in that ward or electoral division to the amount required to qualify them to vote at such election, and shall attach to such list his solemn declaration in writing under his hand, and in cities, towns, incorporated villages and townships, which have passed a small clause from such lists such persons as shall have been returned to him by the Treasurer, and in default of not having paid their municipal taxes respectively on or before the fourth day of December preceding the election."

That persons assessed for income, to the amount of not less than \$100, have a right to vote at municipal elections is proved beyond dispute by the 1st clause of the "Act to extend Elective Franchise," passed during the first session of 1874, which reads as follows:

"In addition to the persons hitherto entitled to vote at elections to the Legislative Assembly or Municipal Councils, the right of voting shall hereafter belong to every male person residing at the time of election, in the local municipality in which he tenders his vote; having resided therein continuously since the completion of the last revised assessment roll of the municipality; and possessing the qualifications and performing the conditions required by the laws heretofore in force and not subject by the said laws to any disqualification, except as to property. Provided that, he derives an income from some trade, calling, office or profession of not less than four hundred dollars annually, and is assessed for such income in and by the last revised assessment roll of the municipality."

Clause 3 of the same act enacts that in making out the list of voters, both for parliamentary and municipal elections, the clerk shall include in such list all male persons assessed for income of the value of \$100. There can therefore be no doubt as to the vote of persons so assessed.

We had intended to have published the FREE PRESS this week on Thursday instead of Friday; but owing to certain circumstances, were delayed. Next week, and in the future, Thursday will be our regular publication day.

The Bombaste of the Herald.

The Guelph Herald publishes a number of articles presumably genuine, to prove that Mr. D. B. Hay, M. P. P., really did make the corrupt offer he was charged with making to the people of Mount Forest—that if they voted for the Government candidate the Government would make Mount Forest the county town. Our friend of the Herald is not unlike the politician who was never to be found in an engagement but did more boasting than the whole army after the battle had been decided. The Herald has offered an opportunity of producing these affidavits in a place where they would do some good—at a public meeting where Mr. Hay was prepared to step down and out of public life if they were forthcoming. And failing to do so, produce them it finds it expedient to do its war-paint, and feathers, after the public meeting has condemned it, and with the timbrawl of political morality, and the scolding knife of truth, proceeds to carve Mr. Hay up by piecemeal. This has but increased the blood, for we are persuaded that the whole question will be laid before the Legislature, just as though Mr. Hay's scolding from the belt of the Herald man was not glory enough. Our contemporary has registered a vow in heaven that he will not pause until he has destroyed Mr. Mowat's Government, and wiped it for ever out of existence. We wish the Herald on the track of the Ontario Legislature and his fellow annihilator of the West Durham News, being thunderbolts of destruction at the Dominion Government, life must seem a soul-disappointing mockery to the Reform party. But the Herald is probably right in its plan of action to be destroyed by the Government en masse, although most people would have been content to kill off one politician at a time, particularly when that one travels all the way to Mount Forest to undergo the operation!—Toronto Star.

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The dangers amid which Stanley pursues his investigation in Central Africa, and the uncertainties attending postal communication with the outside world, are illustrated by the fate of the messenger who started with two letters which have just reached London from the explorer. The letters are dated respectively April 11 and 12, 1875, and were despatches from the northern shore of Lake Victoria Nyanza. Mr. G. Debellford, an officer who belonged to the Khelvi's force, sent into those parts under Gordon. On his return, to his commander, Debellford and thirty-five of his soldiers were massacred by the natives. Four only of the company escaped to report the fate of their commander, and follows. Gordon's soldiers found the bodies buried under the feet of the wallflowers' person Stanley's letters, stained with the messenger's life blood, were found. They were then forwarded by couriers to Cairo.

The night of the 19th closed the meetings of Moody and Sankey at the Brooklyn Risk. Fifteen minutes after the door opened the building was jammed. The choir held a meeting in the North Reformed Church, where, after singing a few hymns, ex-Mayor Lambert, in their behalf, read an address of presentation to Mr. Sankey, signed by its members, and accompanying it with a very handsome time-piece. Mr. Moody then addressed the audience, taking for his text Acts 11:14. Inquiry meetings held afterwards were crowded with people. After the services numbers of people flocked around the Evangelists, and with tears in their eyes bade them adieu and God speed. The services in Brooklyn will be continued under the auspices of the clergy, arrangements so that effect having been made.

THE "HERD LADIE."—In denial of a statement, originating in the Scottish American, which has been the subject of the Canadian Press, that Mr. Willie had met his match in Mr. McGregor, of Vermont—the two having played equal, the "Herd Laddie" writes to the Scottish American saying:—"My record with Mr. McGregor stands eighteen wins, one loss, and ten draws. Several of the draws were made by himself when pointing out to him how such could be accomplished. It is not any part of my nature or purpose to underrate the ability of Mr. McGregor, or any man with whom I have played in this country; but I must in truth say that during my extended tour I made in America, I have met a number of much better players than Mr. McGregor, and I am surprised that such claims could be put forward on his behalf. If, however, Mr. McGregor, or his friends, believe he is my equal at draughts, I respectfully invite him or them to make good the assertion by a match for one or two hundred dollars a side; and by way of encouragement, I will allow all 'draws' made by him to count as 'wins'."

Dr. Clark, of Princeton, has been appointed Superintendent of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum in Toronto. Dr. Clark had no opinion in experience, but he has studied and written on the subject of insanity, and is possessed of so much ability that he will, we trust, be able to master the difficulties of a very trying position.

A Farmer Murdered.

It is understood that no opposition will be offered to the return of Mr. Doolin for Montreal Centre. Mr. Blannett has been elected to the Chambers for Belcheweis over two hundred majority. There has been a very severe snow-storm in Prince Edward Island. Three hotel keepers in Ottawa have assigned, the proprietor of the Russell House owing \$170,000. The Star Base Ball Club, of Scarborough, last season played 13 games, of which they won 11. Though the Mark Lane Express predicts a rise in the price of wheat, the market still rules low and is falling. The immediate cause of Vice-President Wilson's death was apoplexy. His brain weighed forty nine and a half ounces. Near Cobourg, on Monday night, two children while asleep lost their lives by the burning of their father's house.

GEORGETOWN.

FOUND DEAD. Robert Harwood, who has for the last twelve years been an employee of Barber Bros. paper mill, was found dead in his bed Saturday morning. He had been afflicted with a literary cough for some time past, but on leaving work at night he told his fellow workmen that he was feeling better than he had for some time. About 12 o'clock his wife was up, when he asked her what she was doing. His sudden demise is much regretted, as he was highly respected, not only by his employers, but by all who knew him. He leaves a widow and family of small children to mourn his untimely end.

CORNWALL.

ROBBERIES ARRESTED.

CORNWALL, Nov. 20.—Three young men, "tramps," yesterday broke into the dwelling house of Mr. Charles Smith, adjoining this town, during the absence of the family and stole a large quantity of wearing apparel, jewelry, &c. They were arrested in town within an hour and all the booty recovered; also a large number of white shirts, two pairs of pants and several neckties, which were stolen elsewhere, but which have not as yet been claimed. They were tried before Police Magistrate Allen today and sentenced to eighteen months at hard labor in the Central Prison, Toronto.

Mr. James Alexander, of Brampton, has sold his house and two lots of land to Mr. John Aikens, of Malton, for \$3,700, and Mr. Alexander has bought the next lot to the above from Mr. Jas. Fleming, barrister, for \$1,200, which Mr. Fleming bought a few years ago for about half that amount. This tends to show how Brampton is prospering. Mr. Hamilton Row has sold his house, on 11 Toronto, to Mr. Joseph Switzer, of Trafalgar, for \$1,800.

A foot race for the championship of Ontario between Jas. Dobson, of Barrie, and Wm. McCull, of Galt, came off at the former place on Wednesday. The distance was 150 yards, and the stake \$100 a side. McCull won by about five yards. Time—16 1/2 seconds. The result disappoints many in Barrie, as Dobson was considered the fastest runner, having beaten his rival on two former occasions.

A Mormon disciple in London, Ont., named Harvey lost two fingers by an accident while cutting a friend's hair in Dumfries with a garter snake he keeps for the purpose. A surgeon was sent for, but Harvey, owing to religious scruples, refused to allow him to amputate the fingers or dress his wounds, preferring the services of a brother disciple named Cornish, who severed the wounded fingers with a jack-knife and bound up the bleeding hand.

Mr. Henry, of Deverly, has hit upon a novel plan of destroying rats. He tried the experiment in a friend's house in Dumfries with an entire success. He does it with a garter snake he keeps for the purpose. After getting it up to the hunting pitch by warning it at the fire, he took it to the cellar and set it at liberty. One after another, it went into every hole in the wall, and frightened out the rats; who were finished off with the aid of some specks and a terrer. After getting through work it was boxed up as before.

ENCOURAGED BY A BIRD.—Speaking of the fire in Virginia City, Nev., the Enterprise of that city relates this incident: "Yesterday, after the Consolidated Virginia and Ophir works were in full blaze, a gentleman whose residence is east of the Ophir shaft, and which residence had been on fire several times, had finally given up that the house must be lost, and had ceased further exertion. Suddenly he was surprised to see a mountain quail light at his feet. In a moment the bird flew up to his breast and lit on his vest. The man unbuttoned two buttons of his vest, when the bird ran beneath it and nestled close over his heart. He buttoned his coat over the bird and then said to himself, 'The means that my house can be saved, and I want to work again. Just then the uncertain wind changed, the volume of smoke was turned another way, the house was saved, and now next to the children, the bird is the highest prized treasure in that house.'"

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The Quebec Government have decided to send five hundred barrels of flour to the people of Magdalen Islands, who are without their winter stock of provisions owing to the wrecking of a few days ago of the vessels on which they were being conveyed to the islands. The new Town Hall, in Guelph, is rapidly approaching completion, and will be opened on the 10th December by a concert, ball, and supper got up under the auspices of St. Andrew's Society. Mr. Kenney, the Scottish vocalist, will give the concert. Mother Stewart, a leader in the Ohio temperance crusade of two years ago, has induced a large number of mothers in the State to notify saloon keepers not to sell liquor to their sons.—The law there compels obedience of such notices.

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One of the most interesting persons in the procession which will take place at Lucknow when the Prince of Wales is there will, it is said, be the identical State elephant that carried the Marquis of Hastings when he visited Lucknow as Governor General a century ago. The work on the tunnel under the British Channel to unite England and France is proceeding rapidly. It is estimated cost in over \$400,000,000 and the time required for its construction over a quarter of a century. When done it will be the greatest monument of engineering skill in the world.

A meeting of the mortgage bondholders of the Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway was held in Toronto on Tuesday—the interest on a portion of the bonds being in default. A committee was appointed to report as to the best means of dealing with the bonded debt of the Company. Mr. A. C. Osborne, of the Wingham Times, has instituted an action for libel against Mr. James Fleuty, of the Wingham Advance. The ground of action is a paragraph in the Advance, in which Mr. Osborne is referred to in connection with a stolen line theft and a hen-roost robbery.

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The Ward Will Case.

(From the Chicago Tribune, Nov. 17.) Eber B. Ward, when twelve years of age, was a cabin boy on a lake schooner; at twenty-three he was a captain; at thirty-eight a citizen of Detroit, with a fortune of \$250,000; at sixty-three an epileptic hospital with liabilities of \$1,000,000, and resources of \$5,000,000. About eleven o'clock on the morning of January 2, 1875, he fell dead in the streets of Detroit. The news was carried home before the body was two of the dead man's sons jumped into a wagon, and drove down town. Another wagon passed them on the way. It held the corpse of their father. They did not stop, but drove straight to a lawyer's office. These two were the sons of Captain Ward's first wife. He had by her five children, including two illegals, before 1839. In that year he compelled her to sue for a divorce. Two months after it was granted he married another woman. This present Mrs. Ward has two children, a boy and girl. When the will was opened it was found that the bulk of the property was left to her and her children; about \$100,000 was set apart for legacies; and the remainder was vested in trustees for the benefit of the older children. The condition attached to the trust gave the holders an almost unlimited power to beggar the heirs. They were never to pay them more than \$200 a month apiece, except in case of sickness, and might give them as much less as they chose. This, the most stringent of the provisions, was added in a second codicil, dated March 18, 1874. Milton D. and Charles Ward, the oldest sons of the Captain, decided to contest the will. Mrs. Ward offered to pay them \$200,000 and compromise the matter, but this was declined. The case opened Sept. 21, 1875. After the failure of an attempt to quash the will on technical grounds, the contest was narrowed down to the question of insanity or undue influence. The establish one of both of these points, evidence was introduced to show the dead man's belief in Spiritualism. The judge ruled that such a belief was no evidence of insanity, because Spiritualism was merely one of many religions prevalent in this country, but he held that testimony of this sort might be produced to show undue influence. A number of noted mediums were on the witness stand. One of them was a Mrs. Martin, who finds room with her ample frame for seven spirits among whom are those of Dean Richmond, the railway king, ex-Senator Howard, of Michigan, and a German geologist with the unpronounceable name of "Cabbage John." C. J. was a great favorite with the capitalist. He instructed him in various business matters, and said unkind things about a certain Michigan statesman who was then running for re-election to the Senate, and who was opposed by Mr. Ward. The successful speculator asked "Cabbage John" about railroads, about mining on Lake Superior, about glass-making in Missouri, about all manner of enterprises. The spirit of the noted Indian, "Red Jacket," who materialized in the shape of a red-faced merchant of Detroit, notified Capt. Ward of his impending death, and the latter afterwards said that the Indian had told him to "keep his blankets gathered up, for they would chill him before the dewdrops blooded again." Most of the spiritual guides were consulted about the half-dozen different wills which were drawn up by Mr. Ward. While he seems to have taken or rejected the business advice of his goblins according to his own precious views of the matter, he followed ghostly counsel quite implicitly in the matter of his will.

The trial, which lasted fifty days, was fruitless. Nine-two witnesses swore to various pros and cons. Nine lawyers earned big fees by examining the witnesses, by trying to bully each other, and by roaring sonorous sounds at the jury. The trial retired Nov. 10. After four hours of disagreement, it was discharged. Eight jurors wished to break the will, and all of them agreed that the codicil ought not to stand. The case is to come up next January, unless it be settled by agreement before then.

SCALDED TO DEATH.—We regret to learn that a little boy, aged three years and six months, son of Mr. Henry Pearen, Elin Township, met with his death under very distressing circumstances. On Monday evening his mother took off a large pot full of boiling water, and set it down at the back of the stove. The child came in with a little sled and some wood, and in going behind the stove he stumbled and fell into the pot backwards. The right arm and the whole body from the shoulder down to the ankles were terribly scalded. Dr. McCullough, of Rockwood, was at once sent for, and did all he could for the poor child's relief, but the shock to the nervous system was so great that though conscious to the last, and apparently insensible to pain, he gradually sunk and died about 18 hours after the accident. The deceased was a bright, little boy, much beloved by his parents, who have the sincere sympathy of their friends and neighbors in this hour of their distressing bereavement.—Mercury.

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New Flowers, New Feathers in endless variety in the Millinery Department, up stairs. Thousands of Clouds, Scarfs, Shawls, all being sold decidedly cheap.

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M. E.—We were awarded all the first prizes over all competitors at the late County Fair at Milton, Oct. 13th and 14th, 1875.

G. W. HILL, Photo. Acton, Nov. 26, 1875. 22-3m

DOMINION HARNESS SHOP

The subscriber begs to announce to the inhabitants of Acton and vicinity that he has commenced the harness business in the

Old Post Office Building, MILL STREET, ACTON, where he is prepared to turn out work second to none in the Dominion, as cheap as the cheapest, and on the shortest possible notice. I have on hand a large and well selected stock of:

Horse Blankets, Wraps, Brushes, Combs, Trunks, &c.

Repairing promptly attended to. Give me a call and be convinced. J. F. DEMPSEY. Acton, Nov. 25, 1875.

STRAY HEIFER.

Came on to the premises of the subscriber, Lot 15, 5th con. Nasagawaya about the 1st of October, a white Heifer, 2 years old. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses and take her away. W. DREDEGE. Nasagawaya P.O., Nov. 15, 1875.

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WEAVING.

Carpet weaving, stripping, filling, and all kinds of home-made work to suit farmers and others, promptly and properly attended to, at my residence, near Dublin church, about a mile-and-a-half from Acton. HUGH BELL. Residing, Nov. 16, 1875. 21-3c

STRAY SHEEP.

Came on to the premises of the subscriber, Lot No. 15, 4th con. Nasagawaya about the middle of August, let one Ewe and one Lamb. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take them away. W. M. J. GORDON. Nasagawaya P.O., Nov. 15, 1875.

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