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THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 25, 1876.

Mr. Sturton has resigned his seat for South Wellington and accepted the postmaster's office of Guelph.

Mr. Hilliard Cameron is to get \$2,000, it is said if he can prove the Ontario License Bill unconstitutional.

A By-law is now before the rate-payers of Elora to grant a loan of \$10,000 to the Carpet Factory in that village.

Count Andrassy, in a speech at Prague, said the peace of Europe was assured, and that the Herzegovinian insurgents were willing to accept the reforms proposed by him.

Provision has been made for twenty-three thousand volunteers being trained during the coming summer.

The elections of Listowel, on Saturday, voted \$15,000 to the Stratford and Huron Railway.

The Rev. John Potts, of the Metropolitan Church, Toronto, made a very sensible announcement the other Sunday when he declined to read any more intimations from the pulpit of lectures, sermons, meetings, &c.

Rev. Mr. Savage, a U. S. clergyman, delivered a sermon on national corruption, delivered recently expressed himself forcibly regarding things as they exist across the border.

The Turkish Treasury is said to have received a contribution of \$750,000 from the Sultan's private exchequer, which was to be appropriated to the payments of officials.

Some Toronto ex-Russellers who failed to obtain licenses are forming clubs so as to stiffen their necks against the law.

The Toronto Telegram publishes a long array of figures which show that the total value of property in Toronto is \$1,500,000.

RATHER FUSKY.—An American paper has got sadly mixed over the Presbyterian difficulty at Toronto.

The Wool Trade.

The following circular has just been received from one of the largest dealers in wool in Canada.

As our Canadian wool clip is shortly to be marketed, and a very large proportion of those dealers who buy every summer do not give you any attention from one season to another, and may not be posted on the actual state of affairs governing the value of that commodity, and as our constant connection with the wool market, gives us every facility for being informed of all changes.

Reports from all manufacturing centres show, that since its inception, the worsted trade was never in such a depressed condition; and as the goods manufactured from Canadian, combed and other like wools, are superior and costly fabrics, and more of a luxury than a necessity, and manufacturers, both in England and the United States, have found it impossible to dispose of their productions, the result is that the market is heavily overstocked with goods, and a large proportion of worsted machinery.

As a consequence, a deterioration in value of 51.62 per cent, or 10.62 per cent, Canadian money in the Liverpool, and London, and 9.62 per cent, in U. S. markets, for combed wool, has occurred.

Hitherto the entire English clip of combed has been required in England, while the Canadian clip has been too large to meet the requirements of United States manufacturers; but now, owing to the universal depression of trade and stoppage of so much machinery, both the English and Canadian clip will be in excess of the demand, and prices low.

Consumers in the United States—where the greater portion of our clip finds market—express their firm determination not to purchase any Canadian wool this season, except at figures fully 10c to 11c per pound less than last year, and even then they would limit their quantities.

Should the market open and rule high, the usual large buyers will refrain from locating agents at all desirable points, as heretofore, and wait until the clip is out of the growers' hands, and buy later in the season from country dealers at a value, as was the case a few years since, when country dealers were obliged to accept a loss of 6c to 10c per pound, on their summer purchases.

Farmers will have to exercise unusual care to tag their sheep thoroughly before putting them in the water, and then wash them well and keep them in good clean pasture until ready to clip; and the shearing should be done the moment the wool is dry on the sheep's back. They must endeavor to bring their fleeces to market in good order, as it is always the case, when the demand is light and prices low, that buyers are unusually severe in selecting and grading the wool.

School Law Reform.

It is understood that the new Minister of Education is engaged in revising and consolidating the educational laws of the Province. It would be difficult indeed to mention any kind of reform more urgently needed at the present time. As it now stands it is quite safe to say that the school law is unworkable by any means. Cases have occurred in which deputations have gone to the Normal school and after having heard Dr. Ryerson's construction of doubtful clauses, consulted some eminent Toronto barrister, and found that his reading of the same clause meant something entirely different. It is expected that the next session of the Ontario Legislature will be completed by the next session of the Ontario Legislature.

Two Railway Men Killed.

Some section men were fixing a piece of track on the Great Western railway, near London, and while doing so went a little distance for some iron, the section boss, undisturbedly leaving the switch open. An express train came along at full speed, ran off the track; the locomotive upset, and the steam chambers burst, scalding the engineer and fireman so badly that the former died in great agony, and the latter died two days after. A verdict of manslaughter has very properly been given against the section boss by the coroner's jury, and it will be well if the serious results of his thoughtlessness lead other persons on whose care many lives are depending, to be more careful, and also if it makes those who place men in responsible positions more careful as to whom they select for them.

Loan to Manufacturing Companies.

The Hon. Oliver Mowat having been asked to give his opinion as to whether municipal corporations have the power to grant aid, by way of loan, to manufacturing companies, replies as follows:

Mr. G. R. Elliott of Norfolk, who was arrested a short time ago by a detective, in Toronto, on the charge of forgery, was acquitted in Brantford on Wednesday of last week.

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Sunday's Thunder Storm.

DAMAGE AT BRAMPTON.—TWO BARS AND LIVE STOCK BURIED UNDER BRIDGES CARRIED AWAY—MAN BADLY BURNED.

BRAMPTON, May 22.—On Sunday morning about one o'clock a very heavy thunder storm accompanied with torrents of rain visited this locality swelling the Eobicoke and smaller streams so rapidly by as to inundate the town. During the storm the chimney of one of the frame houses was struck by lightning, the fluid passing down through the house into the cellar, demolishing the chimney stove pipe. About the same time a barn near Malton was struck and destroyed. The storm did not pass over this town until about 3 p.m. About 6:30 the Etobicoke water began again to rise, and before 8 the lower part of the town was completely submerged, cellars flooded, bridges, culverts, and sidewalks carried away, and much other damage done. Many bridges in the township were also carried away, so that quite a number of people who were attending church here were unable to get home. At three p.m. the barn of Wm. Gray, No. 28, 4th line East Chingacousy, was struck by lightning and totally destroyed, together with a quantity of wheat and farming implements. Five calves and a bull were killed at the same time and one of the horses stunted. A young man was badly burned in saving the horse.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY IN THE STATES.—The 24th will not pass unnoted in the neighboring republic. The town of Petersburg, Virginia, has made special preparations for the event, which will be honored by a grand reception of visitors on the 23rd, and an address on "British Colonization in Virginia," delivered the 24th. All the British residents in the State and elsewhere have been invited by the Mayor and the President of the Celebration to be present in order to mark the glorious brotherhood which in the nineteenth century has been established among English-speaking nations, and to add one more link to the golden chain of affection which binds together the citizens of the United States and the British people.

The Eternity of Punishment.

We observe that the Toronto Telegram has taken up the subject of the eternity of future punishment, and has been interviewing the clergymen of the city in order to ascertain their views on the subject. A summary of the result of the Telegram's labors may possibly be interesting to our readers.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

COW STRAYED OR STOLEN. From the residence of the subscriber, about the 30th April, a Brown Cow, with white streak along the body; medium size; about 8 years old. Any one giving such information as will lead to her recovery will be suitably rewarded—by N. MCGARVIN, Acton, May 10, 1876.

CHEMICAL MANURES. Proved to be equal for all crops to Barnyard Manure. The Brockville Chemical & Superphosphate Works, Brockville, Ont. ALEX. COVYAN, Manager.

Having postponed removal in order to clear out his stock of Pork, offers at a reduced rate Superior Smoked and Unsmoked Hams, Cumberland Cuts & Bacon. cured by himself, and which will be found unsurpassed in quality. Try it and be convinced. In future, meat will be found in the shop partly occupied by G. M. Scott, Main Street, Acton. CHAS. CAMERON, April 26, 1876. 44-3m

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GEORGETOWN. Implement Warerooms AND FEED STORE. The subscribers beg to announce to farmers and others, that they have opened a ware-room on Main Street, Georgetown, next the hay scales, where they will keep always in stock the most desirable kind of— J. C. DEVEREAUX, ALLAN MOORE, Manager. Georgetown, April 12, 1876. 44-3m

THE Rock River Company Patent BUILDING PAPER. Indolorous Sheeting Paper 5 1/2c a lb.—one pound to a square yard. Prepared Plastering Board 6c a lb. Tarred Sheeting 4 1/2c a lb.—1 1/2 lbs. to square yard. Moth Proof Carpet Lining 7c a lb.—one pound to a square yard. Call and Examine the Stock at Day's Bookstore. Day Sells Cheap.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. SMALL FARM FOR SALE. Adjoining the Village of Acton. The undersigned offers to sell the property belonging to the estate of the late Thomas Burns, comprising 45 acres of land, most of it under cultivation, situated a few rods from Acton station. A branch of the Credit river runs through part of the property; good cedar timber along the creek; log house and frame barn. Apply to May 22. ALEX. BURNS, Senr., Rockwood, P. O.

VILLAGE OF ACTON. COURT OF REVISION OF 1876. The Village Council will hold its first sitting as a Court of Revision, on Assessment Roll for 1876, at a Saturday, the 27th day of May, inst., at the City Hall, at 12:30 P.M. By order, JOHN ROSS, Municipal Clerk. Acton, May 15, 1876. 47-2c

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to the first of June for a new Brick Store and Dwelling House, in the Village of Acton, for the various works required in the separate trades, (viz.)—excavation, stone work, brick work, carpenter and joiner work, plastering, painting, and glazing. Separate or full tenders will be received for the whole. Plans and specifications will be seen at the residence of Mr. McNair, Acton. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted unless otherwise satisfactory. D. MCNAIR, Acton, May 3rd, 1876. 45-4c

MILLINERY.

MANTLES, DRESS GOODS, GENERAL DRY GOODS. A very handsome stock just opened out—all new and beautiful—

M McNAIR'S MILLINERY AND DRY GOODS EMPORIUM, ACTON. Our stock of Millinery is not surpassed by any house in Halton county. Our sales during the past two weeks have been extraordinary—larger than any first class milliners kept exceedingly busy from early morning till late at night attending to the wants of our customers. Everybody highly pleased with the neatness, beautiful styles, superior quality and cheapness of our millinery. There is no longer any necessity for going to Guelph or elsewhere to get fashionable goods.

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