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Agricultural Exhibitions.

Now is the season when our Agricultural friends have their annual gatherings and exhibitions of the fruits of their labors. We have no doubt that nearly every farmer has by this time learned the benefits of these annual reunions...

The St. Mary's Journal is the title of a new candidate for public favor. It is published in the town of St. Mary's by Messrs. Whitlock & Patterson, both of whom we personally know to be young men of excellent practical ability...

The Toronto Globe says both the Youngs ought to have been lenient. The Mail is of the opinion that Mr. Blake did right in commencing the sentence of one of them.

The Reformer of South Wellington held a meeting at Guelpi on Saturday to take preliminary steps towards the selection of a candidate for the seat vacated by Mr. Peter Gow. Delegates will be appointed on the 9th of October.

The Eastern Difficulties. The war news published in Monday's daily papers fully bristled with imaginary Lyons and we were led to believe that the fighting that had already taken place in the East was mere child's play to what was to come.

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Agricultural Exhibitions. Nassagawaya, at Haltonville, Sept. 29th. Esquating at Georgetown, Oct. 10. Halton County, at Milton, Oct. 12 and 13th. Punlich, at Aberfoyle, Oct. 12. Erin, at Erin Village, Oct. 17. Central at Guelpi, Oct. 3, 4, 5, 6. Calobin, at Charleston, Oct. 12th and 13th.

THE WHITESE MURDER.

STILL FURTHER ADJOURNMENT.

The adjourned inquest touching the death of Robert Whiteside, was again resumed at Clark's hotel, Silver Creek, last Saturday, before Coroner Bowman. Mr. J. D. Matheson, of Georgetown, appeared on behalf of the prisoner.

The Coroner held that it was quite right to ask for an adjournment when justice demanded it. Mr. Matheson expressed his willingness to have the inquest adjourned, but he protested against Henry Whiteside being held as a witness on such slight evidence as that which had been adduced.

The Coroner said the only duty which the jury had to perform was to enquire into the cause of death, and he cited the Bravo case in England as an instance of a jury having a protracted sitting before they could come to a conclusion.

Mr. Matheson again alluded to the unwarrantable delay, and suggested that if the coroner and the jury had a private conference they might come to a conclusion similar to that to which the magistrates arrived in the former cases.

The jury finally concluded to hold the prisoner in custody for a short time longer, and in the meantime the inquest was adjourned till next Saturday.

Execution of John Young. John Young suffered the extreme penalty of the law Friday morning at about 7:15. He was accompanied to the scaffold by the sheriff and County officials, and three clergymen. After the rope was adjusted by the executioner, and the cap drawn over his face, he was directed to kneel on the drop, and after two of the ministers had engaged in prayer with him, and while repeating the Lord's prayer, at the words "Deliver us from evil," the executioner took hold of the lever, and the chain attached to the bolt, not being strong enough, broke, and he had to get a sledge hammer to knock the bolt out in order to let the trap door fall.

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A Wealthy Prisoner.

Harrison P. Brown, who served three and a half years in the Eastern Penitentiary, for a daring attempt to enter the Corn Exchange Bank at Philadelphia, became free one day last week, by the expiration of his sentence.

The Directors of the Galt and Guelpi Railway have agreed to hand over the enterprise to the Great Western Railway Company, on payment of \$10,000, and so end all disputes between the corporations.

Since spring the Messrs. Brown, of Woodstock, have shipped to New York over 2,000 barrels of eggs. They are reported to have eight car loads in their cellars awaiting shipment at the present time.

At the residence of Henry Ward Beecher in Toronto on Sunday, both the Northern Congregational Church in the morning, and the Grand Opera House in the evening, were so overcrowded that many persons, principally females, were taken out in a fainting condition.

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Ontario Reform Association Rooms.

The Reform Association Rooms at 45 King street East, Toronto, were formally opened to the public last week.

The alleged Teumissett remains have been forwarded to Toronto and handed over to Professor Wilson, who has been deputed by the Ontario Government to report upon the alleged discovery. It is certainly necessary that there should be a searching examination, and strong proof of the identity of the remains before they are officially recognized as Teumissett's by the Province.

The Provincial Exhibition held at Hamilton last week, appears by the accounts given in the daily papers to have been one of the most successful ever held. The weather proved all that could be desired, and there was an unusually large attendance both of visitors and exhibitors.

PRIZES FOR CANADA.—A special front from Philadelphia says it is the duty of all good authorities that the judges will award to Canada, the first prizes for wools, furs and commercial wools. Awards will be formally announced on the 27th inst.

TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA.—The Dominion Government having decided to assist Canadian manufacturers and producers in forwarding a list of such specimens as they may wish to exhibit at the Exposition to be held there in April next, all intending exhibitors are requested to forward, on or before the 6th of October, to the Minister of Agriculture, a statement of the articles they desire to send, giving a full description of the same, with weight, bulk, and value; also stating whether they can be ready for shipment on a day not later than the 25th of October, in order to enable the Government to decide upon the best arrangements to be made for transportation of the same.

DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.—The Globe expresses regret that the sentence of James William Young has been commuted, as at the time of capture, it very strongly advocated the execution of both. Strange to say, the Mail approves of the action of the Minister of Justice, on the ground that James William did not strike the blow, and that he was led into the crime by his uncle.

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THE LION, GUELPH.

During the past season we have sold so cheap that The Lion is now known far and wide as The Cheapest Store in Ontario. We intend in the Fall months to increase our reputation. Our Stock is the largest west of Toronto. It has been bought direct from the producers at Bottom Prices.

The Lion never Asks for Big Profits, But puts down the Prices to suit the times and small harvest. 1100 Pieces Winceys Wonderfully Cheap. Dress Goods never so low before. Flannels 25 per cent lower than formerly. Large Stock of READY-MADE CLOTHING, LADIES' JACKETS AND MILLINERY.

Cheaper than at any other House. Best Cotton GRAIN BAGS, \$3.00. A Dollar spent at The Lion will buy more than at any other store. J. D. WILLIAMSON & CO. Guelph, Sept. 26, 1876.

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