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Councillors or Ratepayers. Our Georgetown cotemporar reads the FREE PRESS a moral led ture for daring to insinuate that our municipal councillors are in any way responsible for the dis graceful condition of the highway and by-ways of this county, At satisfying himself that we have committed an egregious act of dis courtesy and have treated our pub lie servants with unperdonable disrespect, he sets himself to the task of pointing out that the whole blame should be foisied upon the defenseless shoulders of the poor farmers. An attempt is made to show that the whole difficulty is chargeable to the "unpardonable " indolence of the ratepayers when "working out their respective shares "of statute labor." The people, he

sava "who are so indolent as to "do only half-a-day's work in a day, " on the highways, should be censurness is a grand humbug, and we believe that if the whole thing was entirely done away with, it would be far better for all concerned. In the earlier days of the country when money was exceedingly scarce to pay a portion of their taxes in ty of 511. the shape of road work. But nowa-days, there can be no such excuse for allowing the system to continue If the practice were adopted of commuting the statute labor at the rate of even fifty cents a day, there is no question but the aggregate sum could be expended to much greater sary to have an act of parliament

deal with things as we find them.

sent the interests and welfare of the see that such is immediately repaired. The Herald man will perhaps pardon us for respectfully intimating that no private individual has any right to expend one cent or one hour's labor in repairing any of the public highways of his own " repair a job which might be done is empowered with certain limited authority to effect repairs requiring Nevertheless the public seldom think of looking to him to effect , any important improvement in the leading thoroughfares. And look? They are supposed to be the representative men of the municiauthority, our thoughts naturally the possession of his seat. revert to them as the proper par-

As to the main question of roads, Railway. the subject is a very prolific one,

imagine be would wish he had em-

ployed his talents on some topic

THE ACTON FREE PRESS schemes of improvement, it is most 'THE EASTERN MUDDLE best authority that the Czar's | Guelph is adding to her other inassuredly the duty of every ratepayer to second their efforts by lending both moral and pecuniary 81 Por Annum in Advance assistance cheerfully and intelli gently. This county can offer no excuse of inability to have good Turkey asks for preliminary guarroads on the score of poverty. It antees. is one of the wealthiest in the pro vince, and notwithstanding the arge sums given to railways, it has a plethoric purse. The ratepayers upon any scheme which might not give undue advantages to one secion over another. Is it not possible to evercome this long-standing difficulty! "Where there is a will reading. What are the guarantees among the inhabitants there, and there is a way." Suggestions are which the Czar has in mind | Are they are forming a scouring party always in order.

Death of the Hon. John Hill-

yard Cameron. head of the common law branch of the legal profession in Ontario. He "ed, and not their representatives in has been representative of various "council." Well, we will readily constituencies, and at the time of grant that the statute labor jousi- his death was member for Cardwell in the House of Commons.

it was doubtless a great convenience | date, a total of 59 votes, while Mr. for the ratepayers to be permitted Mills has 570, being a clear mejori-

RISE IN SUGAR. - The Globe of order, however, to render this ef- which sold at 91c rose to 12c dur- nople, the prospect is a gloomy one charge it on the following morning. fectual, it would be almost neces- ing the day. Dark qualities were firmer; but the supplies here are small. Throughout the day all de- Friday last has had a depressing ef- the afternoon of Friday Mr . Gage cussion of the system, we have to three months hence.

Councilmen are elected to repretion in the doubtful Southern Damascus and Aleppo pass through charge from the gun having entered highways are kept in a reasonably States. Both parties are still as Constantinople daily en route for the back of her head, scattering the safe state of repair; to levy a rate persistent as ever in presenting Schumla. away," we conceive it to be the far as to say that the Republicans Vienna.

imprisonment for life, has died in Russian propositions for the occu- place, and the trigger having got their weight on her conscience any ston. A medical examination of pretext for aggression, and taking result was as we have described. accord, but that it is perfectly right the skull of deceased was made by our stand on the Treaty of Paris and proper for any ratepayer "to four professional expents, who un we are prepared to resist invasion "appeal to the council for aid to animously agreed that Ward must of Turkish territory." The para- Case. - A few days ago, when the and freehave suffered from mental derange- graph continues as follows : "The Court of Assizes was held in Cayument. This proves the entire question at issue, however, if all go, the county seat of Haldimand, "in half-a day." A pathmaster propriety of the course of the Ex. parties are truly bent upon a peace- a case was brought up and the isappointed by the council, is of ecutive in commuting the punish- ful solution, ought to be capable of sue tried of a most unusual and course a public officer, and as such ment of the unfortunate man to being dealt with in a spirit of con- extraordinary character. The facts. imprisonment for life.

immediate attention in his section. Eastern Townships in regard to the foregoing is printed in what is usu- promise of marriage against a man reported Fenian movements in that ally considered a semi-official form. 86 years of age. She was a great

It is stated that Germany posiwhom but the council should we tively declines to participate in the Exhibition of 1878.

Judgment was vesterday given pality, and in the absence of any in the Charlevoix election case, other corporate body having public sustaining Hon. Mr. Langevin in

Peel County Council has agreed ties upon whom to either cast re- to submit the Dunkin Act to the liminary Conference, Turkey havproaches for delinquencies or show- vote of the ratepayers. The vote | ing repeatedly declared that the er praises for meritorious acts. If will be taken on the 18th December. About forty ladies were in- confined to her rebel provinces. our Georgetown contemporary troduced by the Rev Mr Learovd would think for a moment of the to the Council, when Mrs. David. ridiculous attitude in which he has Smith said a few words in support territories, but Europe will super placed himself in order to have a of the petition. "drive" at the FREE PRESS, we !

A full engineering staff is emploved surveying the "right of way" under Mr. John Caddy, bewith which he was better ac- tween Georgetown and Barrie, for the Hamilton and North-Western

and is at all times open for sugges | the India House authorities state | special reports that in the highest provement. It is a subject in sia, the Government could, in a fort situation has not become less patives to initiate and carry out their old foes, the Russians,

Further Prospects of War.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 13.-The ence of Powers is still unsettled, as

LONDON, Nov. 13-The Pull Mal Gazette says :-- Once more darkness has fallen over the prospects of peace. That it will lift again wo may hope, but the news that comes are mainly in good circumstances, both from St. Petersburg and Conbility who arrived by the morning and can well afford to expend large stantinople gives us warning that sums in highway improvements, what is called feeling may yet con-The main difficulty seems to to in quer wisdom, and that a certain in his neighborhood, stating that the people being unable to unite threatens to creep into the judg. lege. They procured a house and ments of those on whom depends moved several suspicious looking the tremendous issue of peace or articles into it, which, along with war. The speech of the Czar is other movements, and the large innot the most alarming incident of flux of able-bodied, tramps from the time, but it is far from pleasant | Vermont, caused a general alarm

they such conditions as the Porte to go and make an examination of will grant? There lies the whole the place this evening. question; and if we are to rely upon this morning's news from who was in Montreal on Friday. Constantinople, the question is not said that all was quite in his neigh-After a very brief illness, the likely to be answered to the mind borhood, and he believes the above-named gentleman died at his of the Czar. Turkey hesitates, we mians, though they may be hoverresidence in Toronto on Tuesday are told, to accept a Conference and ing round the frontier, do not inafternoon, in the 59th year of his the Grand Vizer has telegraphed tend a raid this year. He says his objections to the English Go. Rev. Father McEvoy, of Hinchinage. Mr. Cameron was one of the vernment. Moreover, in another brooke, has warned his people to most prominent lawyers and poli- report, professing to come from have nothing to do with the Feticians of our country, having for a | Constantinople, we get what would | mans, and to aid in driving then long period been recognized as the seem to be the substance of the objections thus referred to. The Turkish Government, who are said much interested in the prospect of to be deeply stirred by the injustice a brush with the enemy, and the

return of moderation, are stated to munition to the frontier. The Monhave telegraphed instructions to treal Battery of Artillery is getting their representatives abroad to the everything into perfect order await following effect : "We desire peace | ing an emergent notice. The contest in Bothwell yester- with or without a Conference, but | day has resulted in the re-election | we must have guarantees for the in- | says : The Department of Militia of Hon. David Mills by a sweeping tegrity of our territory before we have received information from St. can admit recommendations or real Albans to the effect that arms and quests. We consider it an evil if ammunition are being concentrated not a fatal precedent to accept a there by Fenians. Major-General Conference upon the internal (Smyth is taking every precaution affairs of the Empire. If Europe to have the volunteers in readiness has propositions to make to us let in case of emergency. the signatory Powers of the Treaty

of Paris make them collectively and A Little Boy Shoots his Sister. Monday says that a private tele- we will reply yes or no." Such is A son of Mr. Nelson Gage, of gram from Glasgow received in the account given of the attitude of Bowmanville, accidentally shot his Toronto on Saturday stated that the Turkish Government, and if it sister on Friday evening, 3rd inst. the market for bright vellow sugar be correct it is needless to dwell The Statesman gives the following has advanced not less than seven No comment could enhance the graupon the seriousness of the news. particulars of the sad affair :shillings per 112 pounds since yes- vity of so critical a situation as it terday. The market in Toronto reveals. If the temper too plainly ing, and coming home late, laid the advantage by having the road work became excited when this informa indicated in this haughty message gun upon the sideboard, as he suplet out in legitimate contracts. In tion was received. Bright yellow, is really dominant at Constanti- posed, carefully, intending to dis-

The Czar's speech at Moscow on it was left where it was laid. On repealing the existing statute labor scriptions of sugar were in great de fect on the Stock Exchange here. went from home, and returning to act, and there is no present proba- mand. This state of matters is | VIENNA, Nov.-13.-The Politic ward the evening, her little loy bility that such will be hal. And, said to have been caused principal- cal Correspondence publishes intel- Charlie, of ten years, and Fanny without further entering into a dis- ly by prospective short supplies, ligence from Constantinople that of six, accompanying her, the two and relief is not anticipated before the Turkish forces in the neighbor- little ones ran on ahead for the purthe arrival of the new crop, say hood of Erzeroam will shortly num- pose of lighting the fire for their ber 120,000. A camp will be established at Schumla for the ther, who was approaching the THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION .- corps now stationed at Nisch and house, heard the report of a gun municipality. It is their legitimate The latest despatches throw little 150,000 men of Dervish Pasha's and rushing in saw, his beloved business to see that the public new light on the result of the elec- army. Battalions from Yemen, daughter weltering in her blood, the

of taxes sufficient for such purpose, their claims, but the indications are Loxdon, Nov. 14.—The Stand- top of her head. Little Charlie and to see that the money is proper- stronger than ever that the Demo- ard's despatch from Berlin says the bore back the sad news to his mothly expended. When a "bridge is crats have carried the day in more failure of the Conference project is er, how that little Fanny (who but than one of these States. A considered there as almost certain. a few moments before left her side ancient dame presenting herself and tion, tiching and scaly dryness. No

> the Rockwood Asylum at King- pation of Turkish territory as a caught, or struck on something, the longer. She must pay up. ciliation. We cannot but hope, of the matter may be briefly stated therefore, that an issue may be thus: A woman 85 years of age There is nothing new from the found which may avoid war." The brought an action for breach of direction. All is reported quiet at It is noticeable that several an grandmother, and he was a great nouncements recently made by the grandfather. The old lady claimed Post in a similar manner have that she ought to be allowed her

> > The Vienna correspondent of the the breach of contract. Both par Times says Russia's acceptance of ties were about equally matched as England's conference proposal to the possession of worldly goods. seems as complete and unreserved The jury awarded her \$100. as could be desired.

The Times' correspondent at Berlin; on the contrary, asserts that all the Powers have agreed to the precontemplated reforms cannot reply has been given that the Sultan may extend the reforms to other vize their application only in Bosnia, Bulgaria and Herzegovina. The Times' Berlin despatch says

Russia's war! preparations are too public to cause alarm. A despatch from Belgrade to the Daily News says the Russian Consuls are being withdrawn from the

interior of Turkey. The Whitehall Review says that The Daily Telegraph's Vient tions looking to their possible im- that, in the event of war with Rus- quarters it is considered that the which we are all interested, and on night, call to the ranks in India citic. The Sultan will not refuse owing to his inability to prosecute what severely on the case, refused which we are all interested, and on some 500,000 Meslem soldiers, all his assent to a preliminary meeting the case in Delaware county, damages, and hinted that it would the day of sale, whe trained men, who would be only too of the ambassadors, and the con- whither it has been transferred, and be in the interest of the public if ance will be given. While we look to our representa- glad to serve in Turkey against ference will follow in due course, to leave his business to attend the more farmers treated more pedlars The writer adds: "I hear on the trial in that district.

tional movement out of the Slavonic Societies, and not as a monace Other special correspondents

The Fenian Scare.

10th says: A gentleman of credi-

train from the lines states that

about 25 or 30 young men arrived

it was their intention to go to col-

Major J. Breadnor, of Athelstan,

The volunteers in Montreal are

An Ottawa despatch of the 16th

It appears that on the day previ-

This however, was neglected, and

mamma. In a few seconds the fa-

winter's wood as compensation for

done to their nation and by the ill militia authorities are moving amu-

war is resolved on.

take gloomy views of the state of The Post's Berlin despatch renorts that the Bussian journals say

of glass a few days back. Lockjaw set in, and on Saturday he The Montreal Witness of the

are working energetically to secure the passage of the Dunkin Act.

Assizes of wife murder, has been commuted to imprisonment for life Messrs. W. Bell & Co., of Guelph, have just shipped half a dozen organs to England. The Bells ap

The yellow fover epidemic at Savannah is declared to be ut an end and absentees are notified that

Senate in the room of the late Hon, John Robertson, The building of the Wellington County Poor house at Kinnettles, has been let for \$10,000, which is

Nelson Newcombe, of Kincardine committed suicide on Thursday night week by taking two ounces of laudanum. The cause is attributed to intemperance.

Election contests for seats in the House of Commons are

President of the G. W. R. accompanied by Miss Childers and Mr. Peas John Fell, one of the directors of the company, arrived in Hamilton | Potatoes, per bag on Thursday. They are the guests | Butter of Mr. Broughton, the General Manager of the G. W. R!

ing remarks : I will back, or where | well fortified with pure blood and a prony daughter to produce, againstlany (25 years of age, in the whole county | Chemist, 48. Threadneedle Street, and of Huron, for any sum from undred to one thousand dollars not less than four specimens from each of the following domestic employments :- Laundry, cooking meat or poultry, fancy cakes, confection ery, fruit preserves, fruit wines, and not less then twenty varieties

The Custom officer at Paris, Ont. was surprised the other day by an more, scaly eruntions; removes tritta broken down or a culvert sweet Charleston despatch even goes so The same impression prevails in full of life and beauty) was dead, insisting on paying the duty on a and that he had shot her. The number of spoons she stated she bounden duty of our councillors to concede South Carolina to the The Post publishes a paragraph shrieks of the poor mother on re- smuggled into this country some any other article. Sold by all drugg sts Democrats. If this be the case the in a very conspicuous form confirm- ceiving the tidings were heartrend- twenty years ago. There was no in this place and dealers everywhere. election of Tilden is placed beyond ing the news that Russia is about ing, and the scene in the house mistake about it. Those silver Trade supplied at manufacturers' prices to mobilize her army. The follow- made the stoutest heart ache. How spoons had troubled her dreams for the United Sintes and Canadas, and ing sentence is a striking feature of the gun was discharged seems a from that day to this, and lately, by LYMAN BROS, & Co., Toronto. Ward, the Caledon wife murder- the paragraph. "It is no secret that mystery, but it was supposed having got religion and joined the er, whose death was commuted to public opinion here has viewed the Charlie was trying to put it in its church, she felt she could not leave tariff of charges to her satisfaction CURIOUS! BREACH OF PROMISE and she went forth with light heart

ROBBERY ATWELLINGTON SQUAR -The carriage shop of Jas. Allen was broken into on Tuesday night. the shop of Mr. George Rushbrook tailor. An entrance was affected by the back door, and three coats hich were left for repair were stolen. They then broke in at the rear of Mr Chas. Magee's harness shop and stole about lifty dollars worth of whips of Canadian and New York manufacture. One of Mr. Allen's chisels was found at the tailor shop. No clue as yet to for sale. Apply to

A case came before Judge Sinclair at the Dundas Divisio VENNOR WEATHER. - Several Court, which is | interesting | farmers have expressed themselves in the public, and may serve as favor of Mr. Vennor and his weathlesson to such Sewing er probabilities recently, and now Machine Agents as have been over that his firedictions have come to endowed with persistency in pushpass, some of them are becoming ing sales. In the case referred to a anxious to hear from him again. sewing machine pedlar offered to Farmers particularly have benefited sell a machine to a farmer, who de very much by the present mild fall | clined to purchase; but the pedlar weather, their cattle being now requested permission to leave the nearly three weeks on pasture more article, thinking, like Sam Slick, than last and several previous years that by the time he returned, the thus saving much valuable feed. machine would have become a ne Ploughing and other outdoor work | cessity, and that he could then effect is also in a forward state of prepar- a sale. Well, he returned but ation for early operations next found the farmer in exactly the spring. This state of affairs, same frame of mind as when he left coupled with the satisfactory prices him. The agent was directed to farmers are receiving for their pro- take his machine away; but finding | 22nd November, that valuable property duce, should have the desired effect | that it had received some scratches, of diminishing the hard times cry. he sued the farmer, who had been The Moulton Beecher suit has the unwilling custodian, for dam- barn. Also some fruit trees. been discontinued by the plantiff, ages. The Judge commented some- TERMS, One third of the purchase

carneting and ingrain A Brantford merchant is sonding

consignment of eights to Britain, the first of the kind from the Dom-A lad named Ryan, of London, very interesting conversation while Ont., cut one of his feet with a pieco the other by means of a ladder

The temperance men of Hiron viewed from the ground, to be

The sentence of James Ryan A raid is proposed on another house convicted at the last Peterboro shortly, for the purpose of securing a partner for No. 2. Parties in the village should beware and not

pear to be working up quite a trade is organs in the mother country.

Mr. James D. Lewin, President of the Bank of New Brunswick, is residence of Mr John Burgess, Emily reported to have been raised to the Francis, eldest daughter of Chris. T

\$1,000 less than the architect, Mr. Victor Stewart, estimated the cost.

pending in three Provinces!: Bothwell, Ontario; Jacques Cartier, | New Fall Wheat Quebec; and Queen's, Prince | Spring Wheat, Glasgow .

The Right Hon. Hugh Childers, Barley, No. 2

At the Nassagaweva Division Court, held on the 6th inst., John Shields sued Duncan Morrison for loss sustained in paying \$108 for a of the natural laws which govern the mare at his sale, which was warrant. operations of digestion and nutrition, by the auctioneer to be sound, and the animal turned out to have a Epps has provided our breakfast tables disease in the left fore foot which | with a delicately flavored lieverage caused lameness. The jury awarded | which may save is many heavy doctors \$10 damages. Farmers cannot be bills. It is by the judicious use of such too careful in allowing auctioneers to warrant any animal at any sale to resist every tendency to disease,

.Two bachelors in the village of poech was intended to take the na- dustries the making of damask stair Dundalk, who have been studying! "Courtship made Easy" for the past few months, finding the practice very unsuccessful, resorted to rather a novel method of procuring partners. A few days ago one of them kept a family engaged in a mounted to the window of a room in the second story and took therefrom what was supposed, when very beautiful young lady, but upon a close examination proved to be s large wax doll with a broken head

> expose wax dolls on the window. The island of St. Thomas was visited by a hurricane on the 13th Sept. On e yessel is reported lost

Near Acton, on the 9th inst., wife of Mr. Thos. Elliott ; a daughter.

In Hamilton, on the 7th inst. at the and Helen Denroche, in the 16th year of her age, formerly of Acton. In Toronto, on the 12th inst., Mr.

John O'Connell, of Esquesing, aged 44

AUCTION SALES.

Wednesday, Nov. 22-Sale of house and two lots in Acton, estate of the late Samuel Worden. W. Hemstreet.

[Parties getting sale bills printed at the PREE PRESS office, may have a no tice similar to the above free of charge.]

ACTON MARKETS. 1 00 to 1 04 0 55 to 0 72 0 14 to 0 15

and by a careful application of the fine be gradually built up until strong enough CLOTH AND HEAVY CANADIAN TWEEDS

A correspondent writing to the there is a weak point. We may escape Clinton New Era makes the follow- many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves armer's daughter of not more than JAMES Errs & Co., Homosopathic

> Aftend to Your Head and Hair -Don't Delay Using This.

Wood's Improved Hair Restorative The Improved bas new vegetable tonic natural color; restores faded, dry, ta:sh and falling hair; restores, dresses, gives vigor to the hair; restores hair to premaarticle produces such wonderful effects

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Acton, Nov. 15, 1876.

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DINE TIMBER FOR SALE. Sealed Tenders will be received by he undersigned up to the 20th inst. Esquesing, Terms, one-half cash, balance in three months, properly secured. CHRISTIE, HENDERSON & Co. Acton, Nov. 1, 1876.

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This Week offer Decided Bargains in Seasonable Gcods:

Men's Overcoats from \$5.00 up. Men's Shirts and Drawers from 50c up. Men's Stoga Boots from \$200 up. Ladies' Fur Sets from \$3.00 up. Ladies' Dress Goods from 121c up. Blankets, white, per pair from \$3.00 up.

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