

The following lines are by a Minister of Halton County; the scene near Acton.

THE STATE OF THE WIFE AND CHILD. There is a good spot, Now present to my eyes, To which my soul in sorrow turns— Where my loved RANNA lies.

Near by the little church, That hallowed spot I see, Where stands a small white tablet, Where drops a willow tree.

Beneath that weeping willow, Lie wife and child asleep; While I a weary wanderer, Am left alone to weep.

I bless the gracious Power, That long has been my stay; And pray the same merciful hand, To lead them all the way.

And soon no tear will fall; My weary wife and child at ease, And I, with wife and child above, Shall rest in perfect peace.

A Peace divine shall fall, O'erflowing like a flood; Peace, constant, calm, and ever true, Peace, brought with Jesus' blood.

Scottish Ascendancy. The Hamilton Times has a well written article on this subject, which is continually in the mouth of Mr. Boyle of the Irish Canadian.

It seems to be the whole object of Mr. Boyle's life to advocate the interests of his (in his own estimation) down-trodden countrymen, and what he terms "Scottish ascendancy."

The Times shows the fallacy of the Canadian's arguments so clearly that we copy the following extract: "But where is the evidence of this Scotch ascendancy? We look around and fail to find any proof of it."

It is in the Dominion Cabinet that Scotch are in the ascendant. That can hardly be, for there is but one Scotchman in it, the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie.

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The flax crop has yielded well this season, while in almost all others there has been a deficiency. The cultivation of this crop has been continuously increasing.

As the rose tree is composed of the sweetest flowers and the sharpest thorns—as the heavens are sometimes overcast and sometimes fair, alternately tempestuous and serene—so is the life of a man intermingled with hopes and fears, with joys and sorrows, with pleasures and pains.

Fat Sheep for Heavy Fleeces. A writer in the Country Gentleman says: "There is much said about ewes being fat to breed well. In my experience of twenty years I have never seen anything that led me to think so, providing the flesh was put on with good pasture during the summer, and a few roots with hay during the winter."

The fattest sheep becomes under the circumstances the more valuable I consider them. There is no time to the year when it pays better to feed a small allowance of grain daily than in the autumn after the food gets frozen, and it is not necessary to bring the flock to the barn. It is an old saying that sheep well November are half wintered. Keep the ewes fat, and the lambs will be fat and the fleeces heavy. I do not say that it is better to have lambs come early or late; but whether early or late they are saleable. All ewes that, with good care, will not raise a lamb and shear four pounds of washed wool, should be sold. I have them in my flock that shear nine pounds and raise a pair of twins, and it takes no more to keep one such sheep than a sheep that shears but three pounds. I think that no one will bear the man who keeps his flock in this way, complaining because his sheep are all run out, and do not pay him, and the like. Picks must be kept out of the flock; they are the worst enemies of the sheep. If they are not killed, they will destroy the sheep. For killing them I have tried nothing better than tobacco juice.

Instead of beating impatiently against the inevitable, compose your overtaxed faculties so as to see and be able to gather the real benefits that arise from these commissions. From this we wisdom and power derived. For these "benefits" are experience.

Phnygraft. Best size for a man—Exercise. The cheese is milder than the pen. A distasteful ration—Botheration. The noisiest body of water—A sound.

How to keep up in the world—Never get down. Women should study to be smart but never shrewd. Impenious animals—Those who haven't a cent.

One of the most important rules in the science of manners is an absolute silence in regard to yourself. It pays to make people happy, and it can be done on small capital. A little skandal now and then is relished by the best of men.

Pounded ice, if allowed to stand too long is not what it is cracked up to be. A pocket rule—Take care of the cents and the dollars will take care of themselves.

How does it come that when two men exchange hats inadvertently, as it were, the fellow that gets the worst one is the first to find out the mistake.

ORIGIN OF INDIAN NAMES.—The Sioux Indians name their papooses after events transpiring at the time of their birth. An illustrative of this peculiar trait Red Cloud is known to have taken that name from the fact that the western sky was overspread with red clouds at the moment of his birth, while the bringing of a captive horse with a spotted tail gave the now great chief the singular cognomen of Spotted Tail. Sitting Bull received his name because a buffalo bull was by a lucky shot, thrown upon its haunches in plain sight of his father's tepee at the natal hour, while the coverings of a fractions pony furnished a name for the redoubtable Crazy Horse.

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TO BREEDERS. The pure bred Berkshire Boar "Black Prince" will be kept for service on the premises of the subscriber, during the season. Terms for the season \$1, strictly cash at the time of service. Black Boar will take a prize at the Central Exhibition this year. He was bred by Royal Britton, imported by John Shell, a young Boar from the Model Farm, will also be kept for service.

ROBERT SIMS, Lot No. 30, 24 con. Enniscorthy, October 23, 1876. 17, 2A

Grand Slaughter AND Tumbling Down IN PRICES OF NEW DRY GOODS MILLINERY

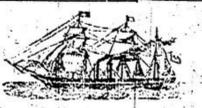
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