

THE ACTON FREE PRESS Published Every Thursday Morning. J. H. HACKING, Proprietor. \$1 Per Annum in Advance. Acton Free Press. JOSEPH M. HACKING, EDITOR. THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 26, 1877.

War in Europe. The Czar of Russia has issued a formal declaration of war, and already large numbers of his troops have entered Turkish territory. The sound of battle will soon be echoed throughout the civilized earth. But this is only the commencement of a struggle the end of which no man can foretell. Every nation will undoubtedly feel the effects ere it close. Germany and Austria will no doubt soon fall into England's strong arm will also be forced to respond to a call for assistance. Turkey will fight well and bravely, but she is weak in war material and money, and cannot long resist the onslaughts of her powerful antagonists.

The Czar in his manifesto, says: "Wishing to essay every possible means of conciliation in order to persuade the Porte, we proposed to the other Cabinets to draw up a special protocol comprising the most essential conditions of the Constantinople Conference, and to invite the Turkish Government to adhere to this international act, which states the extreme limits of our peaceful demands. But our expectation was not fulfilled. The Porte did not defer to the unanimous wish of Christian Europe, and did not adhere to the continuation of the protocol. Having exhausted pacific efforts, we are compelled by the haughty obstinacy of the Porte to proceed to more decisive acts, feeling that our equity and our own dignity 'enjoin it.' By her refusal, Turkey places us under the necessity of having recourse to arms. If the bravest battalions are going to prevail in the war between Russia and Turkey the Czar will have a comparatively easy victory. Russia's forces (on paper) are as follows:

Table listing military forces: Regulars 800,000, Reserves 600,000, Cavalry of the Don 175,000, Other irregular troops 621,000. Total 2,210,000. Turkey's forces on the other hand are less than one-third of that colossal number.

As regards navies, the Turks are superior. They have 128 men-of-war, of which 49 are iron-clad, of modern pattern. Russia has 187 men-of-war, but only 26 are iron-clad. Should England be drawn into the contest, she would cover the Russian waters with her fleet, but as a matter of fact, Russia is not exposed to any serious danger from sea attacks as the Crimean war showed. England could probably place 100,000 men in the field, but if she made a draft from the Mohammedan population of India, which will doubtless sympathize with their Turkish co-religionists, she could raise a force practically countless.

Belford's New Books. A copy of each of the following named new books has just been received from the publishing house of Messrs. Belford Bros. Toronto: THE STARBUCK; A Scotch story, by the late Norman MacLeod, D. D. A handsomely printed and well-bound volume of 362 pages. An interesting book in that well-known author's best style. OCEAN TO OCEAN. Sanford Fleming's expedition through Canada in 1872. By Rev. G. M. Grant, of Halifax, N. S. 300 pages. Handsomely illustrated with numerous fine engravings; containing also a map of Canada between Lake Superior and the Pacific Ocean. THE PEAKS (in large); His sayings and doings, with authentic illustrations by Uncle Consider. 248 pages. MESSMARTIN. We have received from the publishers, Messrs. Lovell & Co., Montreal, a copy of the new edition of 'Sage's' simple exercises in Mensuration, a book which has attained a high position in our public schools. This is the fifth edition, and is free from all errors that have been discovered in former editions, it having been carefully revised by the author.

Farmers' sons who are entitled to be put upon the assessment rolls, according to the Act of the late session, ought to lose no time in seeing that their duty in this respect. If they have not already requested their names to be put upon the roll they should do so immediately without delay, and save any further trouble, and thus entitle themselves to vote at next election, which may take place—and in all probability will be placed—under the rolls now being made.

Pen and Scissor Selects. Brockville has a population of 6,868. The population of Mitchell is 2,379.

The London Conference of the Methodist Church, of over three hundred ministers, will meet in Guelph on the first Wednesday in June.

The monopoly of the use of the entire water of Niagara Falls, upon the American side of the river, with canal, etc., is to be sold at auction May 1st.

A son of councillor Gowdy, of Guelph, playing with a revolver on Tuesday afternoon shot himself in the right side. The ball has been extracted and the lad is doing well.

After a most minute inspection of the Suspension Bridge by competent engineers, a satisfactory result has been arrived at, and Friday afternoon the first passenger train since the 7th of March passed over it.

The Markdale Examiner says:—On the 2nd inst., the wife of a respectable farmer living in the neighborhood of Flesherton gave birth to twins, his cow had twin calves, two ewes had twin lambs, and one of his hens laid a double yolked egg.

The writ for a new election to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons, created by Mr. Currier having forfeited his seat, has been dispatched to Sheriff Powell, of Ottawa. The nomination is fixed for Wednesday the 2nd, and the election on the 9th proximo.

The Grand Trunk Railroad Company has contracted for 180,000 tons of coal for use during the present year, of which 10,000 tons will come from England, 24,000 from Nova Scotia, and the remaining 146,000 from Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan.

A man named Samuel Wilson, of Point Edward, died suddenly of apoplexy Sunday morning. At six o'clock he was in apparent perfect health, nursing one of his children, and at seven o'clock he was a corpse. Sudden deaths have been very numerous of late.

Miss Smith's fancy store at Princeton, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday night. The contents were almost totally destroyed. Damage to goods, about \$2,000. Insured for \$1,200. The building, owned by F. Galbraith, was considerably damaged, but covered by insurance.

While some workmen were digging a well in Gravenhurst, on Thursday, they discovered very fine specimens of gold in nuggets. The indications are so encouraging that Mr. Smalley, one of the proprietors, is about to sink a shaft. Great excitement prevails. Offers of \$2,000 have been made for village lots in the locality of the well.

REGISTERED LETTERS.—Postmasters are now instructed by the Department to stamp all registered letters twice on the back with their office stamp. This will prevent letters from being opened or tampered with by officials, or at least they cannot be without its being discovered at what office it was done.

G. T. & G. W. R. AMALGAMATION.—A London Cabaret to the Globe says the Times to-day announces that it is understood Mr. Childers will become president of the amalgamated Grand Trunk and Great Western Boards. It has been agreed that the receipts of the two railroads shall be pooled, the Grand Trunk receiving 65 per cent and the Western 35. A terrible casualty befel a sugaring party near Sherbrook, Que., a day or two ago. They were landing from a boat when a man, in getting out, pushed the boat off, and one of the girls fell into the water. In trying to save her, the rest upset the boat, and the result was the loss of three lives—two sisters named Esquith and a young girl named McDonald. A short time ago a lady residing at Clifton, England, having an income of £5,000 a year, was so struck by the devotion of a young crossing-sweeper to his mother that she proposed to him, placed him in the hands of a tutor for a couple of months, and when he had been intellectually nurtured and polished married him at Wells Cathedral. The experiment was not a success, and the lady is now suing for a divorce.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

Declaration of War.

50,000 RUSSIAN CROSS THE PRUT.

The First Shot Fired.

LONDON, April 24. An official despatch has been received by the English Government from St. Petersburg announcing that Russia has declared war against Turkey. In the House of Lords Earl Derby stated that 17,000 Russian troops crossed the frontier last night. Earl Derby said:—'Through-out the negotiations I have found the object of the Russian ultimatum, created by the Russian ultimatum, that it was to protect the railway bridge at Barbossa, where the first collision is expected. If the Turks succeed in destroying the bridge, the Russians would have a difficulty in procuring supplies. A Constantinople despatch states that Safve Pasha will go through the form of addressing a note to the signatory Powers protesting against the rupture by Russia as a breach of the Treaty of Paris. It is reported that a few shots have been exchanged between an advance guard of Russian and the Turkish armies in Asia.

St. Petersburg, April 24.—Prince Gortschakoff's circular despatch communicated to the Powers yesterday states that in seeking to obtain by arms what Europe vainly endeavored to secure by peaceful means, Russia believes she pursues European interests.

VIENNA, April 24.—The Russian advance guard, which commenced crossing the Rhaetian mountains yesterday, numbers 50,000, half cavalry, half infantry. They are taking the direction of Galatz. Five other divisions, with forty cannon, are stationed at Kovel. They will advance towards the Danube, to the Ismail, Kilia, and Villof. The companies of sappers who have already passed through Bucharest are going to Giurgovo to throw up defenses against Turkish raiders.

50,000 Russians are said to be marching from Turtucaia in the direction of Galatz, as well as the 50,000 who are crossing the river at Kenez, Goltzchi, Leowa, and Ughesani.

BELGIS, April 24.—It is stated that the Porte has asked Russia to prevent the Russians crossing the Danube and entering Servia.

Gortschakoff has sent a note to the Turkish Charge d'Affaires at St. Petersburg requesting him to inform his Government that from to-day Russia considers herself in a state of war and dissolves diplomatic relations with Turkey. Gortschakoff has also sent a note to the members of the Ottoman embassy with passports, and says Ottoman subjects residing in Russia are at liberty to leave their country unmolested. Those preferring to remain may consider themselves assured of the full protection of the laws. The Turkish Charge d'Affaires has written to Gortschakoff taking leave.

Stealing a March on the Hotel Napoleon, April 24.—In view of the action of the hotel keepers in closing their houses, a few of the leading temperance men yesterday hunted for three years one of the hargest, and Mr. Potter, a thorough temperance man, at once entered into possession, and will run the place on strictly temperance principles. It is now said that the liquor sellers intend to keep open houses for a time. The travelling public will, therefore, be offered larger and cheaper accommodation in consequence of the passage of the Dunkin Act.

Lighting Fires with Coal Oil. TWO WOMEN BURNED AND A HOUSE DESTROYED BY IT. Last Friday morning a Mrs. Kidd of the village of Aylmer, was putting coal oil on the fire from a five-gallon can, when it exploded setting her house on fire, also the clothing of Mrs. Kidd and another woman named Heliker, severely burning both of them. The house was consumed. Mrs. Kidd died the same evening, and the other woman is not expected to live.

THE MONTREAL WITNESS.—The Daily Witness is soon to be enlarged to an eight-page paper. A fine press has been shipped from New York to the Witness Office which will print 16,000 papers per hour. The Witness is one of the most prosperous papers in the Dominion, and with its improvements, will no doubt obtain a much larger circulation.

Table listing market prices for various goods like Flour, Old Fall Wheat, etc.

Don't Spend a Dollar until You have tried this. Wood's Improved Hair Restorative is unlike any other, and has no equal. The Improved has new vegetable tonic properties; restores grey hair to a glossy natural color; restores faded, dry, harsh and falling hair; restores, dresses, gives vigor to the hair; restores hair to prematurely bald heads; removes dandruff, humors, scaly eruptions; removes itching, itching and itching. No article produces such wonderful effects. Try it out for Wood's Improved Hair Restorative, and don't be put off with any other article. Sold by a drug-gist, or by the proprietors, Dr. J. C. Wood & Co., 170, Piccadilly, London.

WATERBURY'S PATENT. In connection with the above, the undersigned would announce that they have entered into partnership to carry on the business of the late firm under the style of Fife & McNab. All liabilities of the late firm will be discharged by us, and we will collect all outstanding accounts.

3 YEARLING SHORTHORN BULL FOR SALE. 'ROYAL BEAUFORD'—red; got by imported Royal Oxford Gwynne 21795 (35396), dam imported Lady Barnea. 'BUZZ'—red; got by Duke of Springwood (2087), dam Maggie Belle, by Constance Duke (1144) 7753. Acton Fair—red and white; got by Zephyr (4209), dam Princess Louise, by John A. (1857). For price and particulars apply to C. S. SMITH, Acton, April 3, 1877. 40-1m

HORSE BILLS. Parties requiring Horse Bills this season should send their orders to the Free Press Office. Where they can have them executed in a workmanlike manner and at reasonable rates. A number of splendid Cuts to select from. Bills printed while you wait.

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SPEYSIDE Shingle, Stave and HEADING MILLS. Any parties wanting Shingles would do well to give us a call. We will always have on hand a good supply of 1 and 2 Shingles. Best quality No. 1 Shingles \$1.60 per square. No. 2, 70 cents per square. L. & H. SAYERS, Speyside, Dec. 15, 1876. 24-6m

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1875. RE MRS. MARY MCNAIR. Notice to Debtors. The account books belonging to the above named estate, having been obtained by the assignee, all parties indebted to the estate are hereby notified to make payment forthwith, otherwise the accounts will be put in court for collection. W. ALLAN, Assignee. Acton, April 19, 1877. 42-2

HOUSE AND LOT. In the Thriving Village of Acton, TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION. The Executors of the estate of the late Mrs. Ann Clark will offer at Public Auction, On Friday, April 27th, That desirable property on the corner of Church and John streets, consisting of one Village Lot and good Frame Dwelling House, beautifully situated near the business part of the village, which property has rarely been offered to the public. For terms and particulars apply to Christie & Henderson, or to the Executors, JOHN WARREN, ROBT. FISHER, Wm. HENNING, Auctioneers. Acton, April 17, 1877. 40-2

DAY SHOWS THE LARGEST STOCK OF WALL PAPER. Ever shown in Guelph, all New and Choice and prices lower than ever. 21 Children's Carriages To be sold off cheap, at Day's New Bookstore. Nearly opposite the old stand. Guelph, April 24, 1877.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Dissolution of Partnership. The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, doing business as clothiers, under the style of Dickson & McNab, has been dissolved by mutual consent, Adam Dickson retiring on account of failing health. ADAM DICKSON, PETER MCNAB.

JOSEPH FIFE, PETER MCNAB. Acton, April 10, 1877.

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BARGAINS!

STILL AHEAD AT THE ACTON TIN AND STOVE DEPOT. WILSON & JOHNSON. Plain, Pressed and Japanned Ware, which they are selling cheaper than ever.

BEHAVIOURING A SPECIALTY. Call and see us before purchasing elsewhere, as our prices cannot be beat in the county. Being practical workmen, most of our stock of Tinware is made up by ourselves, and we feel satisfied that we cannot be undersold.

Repairing and Jobbing promptly attended to. WILSON & JOHNSON, Acton, April 3, 1877. 40-3m

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TO FARMERS. Now is the time to improve your stock. The first prize bull, Sir William Temple (2286), got by Sir William Temple (2286), dam Diana by Red Prince (662), will serve cows on the premises of the undersigned during the season. Terms—Through-bred cows \$4.00; Grade cows \$1.50. JOEL LESLIE, Lot No. 5, 1st con. Brin. April 4, 1877. 40-3m

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Please call and examine our plows before purchasing elsewhere. AGENTS FOR Sharp's Self-Dumping Hay and Stubble Rake. Acton, Feb. 13, 1876.

DRESSMAKING. MRS. BARBER takes pleasure in announcing to the public generally that she has started dressmaking in the house of Mr. John Kennedy, on Main street, and would respectfully solicit the patronage of the ladies of Acton and vicinity. Acton, April 10, 1877. 41-1m

FARM FOR SALE. The undersigned offers to sell his farm, being No. 26, 4th con. of Esopus, comprising 100 acres, about 90 acres cleared and under cultivation. Good farm barn and shed on the premises. For particulars apply to the owner, on lot 13, 8th con., Esopus Post Office. PETER MILLER, Esopus, April 6th 1877. 41-m

EAST END CLOTHING STORE.

The undersigned in tendering their sincere thanks to their numerous patrons for the liberal support with which they have favored it, would beg leave to call attention to their

Which this year is larger and better assorted than ever, comprising a large assortment of

TWEEDS—Scotch, English and Domestic Manufacture. The patterns are the choicest in the market. Our stock is

HATS AND GENTS' FURNISHINGS. It is well assorted and at low prices. Cottons, Prints, and Staple Dry Goods. At prices that cannot fail to satisfy everybody. We respectfully invite an inspection of our goods.

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McNair BANKRUPT Stock. Will run off the whole lot at Half Cost Price, at McNair's New Store, Acton. This Great Chance of Buying your Goods for one-third the Usual Price will last for One Month Only.

HURRY IN—AT ONCE. The Slaughter will commence to-day, Thursday, 12th April. J. D. WILLIAMSON & CO. Acton, April 11, 1877.

UNDERTAKING, PAINTING AND Paper Hanging. The undersigned is prepared to do all kinds of Undertaking in the best manner, and on reasonable terms. Residence corner of John and Queen streets, Acton. W. H. WALKER, Acton, Feb. 14, 1877. 33-2

TO BREEDERS. The Thoroughbred Durham Bull 'Zephyr' will serve cows on the farm of the undersigned, near the Grand Point station, Acton. Terms—Durham \$1.00; Grade \$0.50. Zephyr (1868) bred by E. W. Stone, Guelph, got by Imported Sheriff (22965), dam Superior 10th. C. S. SMITH, Acton, Feb. 14, 1877. 33-1

DRESSMAKING. MISS MANN respectfully announces to the ladies of Acton and vicinity that they have commenced business as Dressmakers in the house recently built by Mr. Edward Matthews, near Nicklin's bakery. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. Dressmaking in the best manner and most fashionable styles. MISS M. & M. S. MANN, Acton, March 21, 1877. 33-3

SEND 25c to G. F. ROWELL & CO. New York, for Pamphlet of 100 new and interesting designs of 3000 new styles of clothing, showing cost of manufacture.