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THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 3, 1877.

Our Public Roads.

There is no labor or money spent which judiciously expended for the improvement of the highways. The cost of making a good road pays largely for business purposes. When the landholder wishes to go from home, it takes him less time to travel over a good road, and if he has hauling to do he can accomplish about as much more, with greater ease. And when persons wish to ride for pleasure they can forgo the need of driving some distance out of their way to ride over a good road. Besides these reasons for improving the highways, it is a well known fact that property always sells more readily, and commands better prices where the roads are kept in good order. Good roads leading to a town or village are the very best means of attracting trade to the place and increasing the amount of business done. In short, there is nothing of greater importance affecting the prosperity of a business community. The short-sighted policy of allowing the highways to get into a bad state of repair, in order to save a few dollars in taxes, is a very poor sort of economy. It is in fact a very great waste. The wear and tear of waggon, harness, and horse flesh more than counterbalance the saving.

The annual face of cutting up the highways under the statute labor system will soon be in full force again, and we can only hope that the overseers will exercise a little more discretion in the matter than they usually get credit for. The great trouble is that so few of the overseers have sufficient practical experience in the science of road making. They are changed too often. Two or three really good men, paid to superintend the work for the whole township, would be much more apt to have it done properly than twenty or thirty who have had no experience. It is not so much the fault of the men who are appointed, for they no doubt do the best they know how; but the great fault lies in the system. However, as the work is to be done in this way, it is well that it should be done as early in the season as possible. If it is deferred till hot weather, the road bed invariably grinds into dust and remains in that condition so long as the weather continues dry, and in rainy weather it is worked into mud and slush, frequently remaining so for a whole year. If the work is done before the middle of June the road invariably becomes hard, and the objections above alluded to are obviated.

Liquor Licenses for Halton County.

At a meeting of the License Commission, held at Burlington on the 19th ult., the following persons were licensed to sell liquors: Nussagawa—Henry Scingle, Esqueping—D. Hill, Ballinfaul, Elias Clark, Silver Creek, Thomas Beemish, Norval; Mary Willoughby, Norval; D. Lindsay, Hornby; D. Clark, Stewarttown; John Brain, brewer, (wholesale).

St. Stephens, Drunquin; G. J. Baker, Postville; J. E. Marlowe, Bronte Station; J. T. Burger, Palerme.

Nelson—R. B. Smith, Nelson Village; John Buntin, St. Ann's; John Nesbit, Lovville.

Acton—T. H. Campbell, Robert Agnew.

Georgetown—H. Speers, Thos. Clarke, B. Thompson, R. Bonnet.

Milton—John Wallace, Samuel Cook, D. Dewar.

Oakville—John Anderson, John Williams, Arthur Goring, D. Olliphant, C. W. Pearce (aliquo).

Burlington—Jno. Collins, P. T. Evans, Martha DeCarne, John Wray.

The following applicants for Licenses were refused, viz:

John McQuarrie, Acton; Ann Edwards, Georgetown; T. Garvin, J. O. Marshall, Samuel Armstrong, and John Alexander, Esqueping; M. Triller, Bronte; J. G. Heiter and J. Young, Oakville; J. Parton, Burlington; Alex. Nicl, Cumminsville; J. McDade, Lovville; Adam Halliday, Hatoonville; J. Kidney, Campbellville.

Mr. T. F. Robinson, contractor of the section of the H. & N. W. R., south of Cooktown, expects to have the five miles graded by the middle of June.

EASTERN WAR NOTES.

Turks Driven Back Before Kurs.

Service Neutrality to be Respected by Both Sides.

INDEPENDENT ACTION OF THE POWERS.

Naval and Military Preparations in England.

OPERATIONS ON THE DANUBE.

LONDON, May 1.—A despatch from Galatz says: The Turks are persecuting the Christians in the villages of Bessalia and Galatz. Fugitives are arriving here to escape persecution. Cosack (patrols) are being sent over the river. A Bucharest correspondent now estimates the Russians in Roumania at 60,000.

A special from Bucharest says: The Russian advance guard has reached Busaco, on the railway between Bucharest and Galatz. The Russians continue their movements in a leisurely manner.

Russia has declared the navigation of the Danube reopened, subject to certain local restrictions.

Berlin, May 1.—Russia, at the instance of Austria, has promised to respect the neutrality of Servia. The Turks have consequently abandoned the plan of occupying Glodova.

LONDON, May 1.—It is reported that in the fighting before Kurs the Turks were driven back.

A Vienna correspondent confirms the news that on both the 29th and 30th of April battles were fought before Kurs with strong detachments of Russians. The result is yet unknown.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE POWERS.

LONDON, May 1.—In the House of Lords this afternoon, Lord Derby said the Government had prepared an answer to the Russian circular. It will be sent out to-night and laid before the House as soon as possible.

A Vienna correspondent telegraphs that the British Government will possibly be the only one to return a regular official answer to Russia's representation that she is acting in accordance with the wishes of Europe. For the moment at least there is an end to anything like a concert of European policy, each Power being intent upon its own interest.

Recruiting has been progressing so briskly lately that nearly every regiment in the service is full.

Seven twelve-ton naval guns have been shipped to Portsmouth, and 400 tons of ammunition and arms are being shipped for Malta.

The despatch boat Salamis has been ordered to leave for the Mediterranean on Friday to take super-numeraries, and act as an extra despatch vessel to the Mediterranean squadron. The corvette Spartan has taken a quantity of small arms for the tower of Malta. The fleet is now embarking with shot, shell and batteries, for Malta. The Cadiz will shortly embark 300 tons of land service guns and iron shields for fortifications at Gibraltar.

A Berlin correspondent states that Germany insists that the Russians now in Turkey be allowed to remain there. Having undertaken their protection, Germany considers herself entitled to make this demand.

Paris, May 1.—The Chambers re-assembled to-day. The Duc Dezas stated that the policy of France in the Russo-Turkish war would be of absolute neutrality, scrupulously abstaining from interference.

Russia Good for a Long War.

St. Petersburg, April 30.—The newspaper statements that Russia has concluded a new loan are incorrect. Russia is prepared with means to prosecute the war throughout the present year and any extension on her sinking fund debt, the long negotiations preceding the war having given ample time for preparations in these respects.

H. & N. W. R.—The first of the new engines arrived at Milton last week. The Company has paid our county the compliment of naming it the "Halton." It drew a train of flat cars, loaded with telegraph poles, which were being distributed along the line by a gang of Frenchmen.

The brewers recently held a meeting in Toronto, and with charming disinterestedness recommended the use of whiskey instead of increasing the malt tax. They seem to have overlooked the fact that even with the present duty on spirits the temptation to illicit distilling is so great that no less than 20 stills were discovered and seized during the past year, and others are turning up all over the country. An increased duty would simply operate as an incentive to further violations of the law, and there are plenty of people quite ready to run a great risk when the profits are so enormous. As a matter of choice most people would prefer to see cheap beer rather than cheap whiskey, but the exigencies of the revenue take little account of individual likes and dislikes.

Pon and Scissor Selects.

The Dominion Parliament was prorogued on Saturday.

Toronto's Assessment this year is 19 1/2 mills on the dollar.

The Dunkin Act went into operation in the county of Frontenac on Tuesday.

Mr. James A. Miller, barrister, has been nominated to oppose Capt. Norris in Lincoln.

It is stated that agents of the French Government are purchasing horses in New York for light cavalry service.

An effort is being made to induce the Hamilton & Northwestern Railway to extend their line of railway to Port Rowan on Lake Erie.

Minnie Warren, the diminutive sister-in-law of Tom Thumb, who exhibited in Canada last year, died a few days ago.

Belford Bros. have secured from the English publishers the right to reprint the Fortnightly Review on this continent.

Mr. Alfred Reeves, a Toronto drover, has chartered five vessels to convey cattle to England during the present season.

The Guelph assessment roll for 1877, which has just been completed, shows a population of 9,677, an increase of 960 during the past year. The assessed value of property is \$2,913,820, an increase of \$423,330 over last year.

A despatch from Montreal gives the particulars of a terrible fire which took place on Sunday morning in that city. Said to relate, nine firemen lost their lives in their endeavor to rescue two others, while many more were fatally or terribly injured.

The Midland Railway engine-house, station-house, and store-house at Peterboro, with all the freight in store, four cars, a hotel, and three private dwellings were destroyed by fire early on Saturday morning. The loss is estimated at \$35,000.

Proceedings have been instituted against Rev. J. Roy, pastor of St. Brock's street Methodist church, Toronto, on several charges of false doctrine, based upon a pamphlet he has recently published, on the relation of Methodism to modern thought.

The trial of Dr. Lucas on a charge of abortion on one Matilda Willis, who died at Stratford last November, took place before Mr. Justice Galt at that town, on Friday. There was not a particle of evidence to convict, and Dr. Lucas was honorably acquitted.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GAME OF BASE BALL—St. Louis, Mo., May 1.

One of the most extraordinary games of baseball on record was played here this evening between the St. Louis "Browns" and the Syracuse "Stars." Fifteen innings were played without scoring a run on either side. The game was remarkable throughout for its heavy batting, splendid fielding, and the unusual brilliancy of individual players. It ceased only by reason of darkness.

VENOR AGAIN.—May will, on the whole, be more like a June month, just as April up to the 17th was more like May. Altogether the spring has been even more advanced than I predicted last November, and the "early dust in the roads" has been particularly well marked. I still hold to my views respecting a cool and wet midsummer, but now have pleasure in adding that the autumn of 1877 will again open fine, with a well marked Indian summer.

I. O. O. F.—The new Odd Fellows' Hall at Streetville will be dedicated on Thursday, 24th of May, by the Most Worthy Grand Master, J. H. Perry, Esq., of Whitby. A grand concert is to be given in the evening.

The Dunkin Act in Lennox.

NAPANESE, May 1.—The Dunkin Act went into force in the county today. Contrary to their agreement, the hotel-keepers are still keeping their houses and yards open. The temperance hotel, inaugurated by the advocates of prohibition, is now open, and has the largest share of public patronage in the county.

ELOPEMENT.—People on the Lake Shore are excited over the elopement of a fraudulent minister of the Baptist Church, Rev. Chas. Hamilton, who, after holding a successful revival at Rondeau, turns out to be a double dyed scoundrel. He started one day last week to go to Conference, but instead abandoned his wife and child for the company of a prepossessing widow named Mrs. Hannah Newcomb. Before he started he collected large sums of money, and the woman also took with her a large sum. The church members have met and expelled both the elopists.

Work on the Stratford Railway.

LISTOWEL, April 30.—Work was commenced here today on the line of railway running north from Stratford. Large gangs of men are now employed in grading, getting out ties, timber, etc. The work will be pushed vigorously and the road-bed will be ready for the iron by the first of August.

MARRIED.

In Nassagawa, on the 27th ult., by Mr. J. H. Hacking, Mr. John Bellamy, to Miss Mary Ferris, all of Nassagawa.

DEAD.

Near Acton, this (Thursday) morning, Elias Haunt, wife of Mr. Thomas Davidson, aged 48 years.

At his residence, near Crewson's Corners, on Wednesday, 2d May, of consumption, Andrew Ross, aged 44 years. Funeral on Friday at half past one o'clock.

ACTON MARKET.

Flour \$5.90 to 00.00
Old Fall Wheat 1.85 to 1.00
New Fall Wheat 1.80 to 1.85
Slicing Wheat, Longwing 1.40 to 1.50
Red Chaff Wheat 1.40 to 1.50
Barley 0.00 to 0.00
Oats 0.47 to 0.50
Potatoes, per bag 1.20 to 0.00
Dried apples per lb 0.06 to 0.07
Butter 20 to 22
Eggs 0.10 to 0.00

Best Cocoa.—GRATEFUL and COFFEE.—By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavored beverage which will save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every attack of Biliousness.

A Restorer of Intrinsic Worth and One that Pleases All. Wood's Improved Hair Restorative is unlike any other, and has no equal. It improves the hair, restores the natural color; restores faded, dry, harsh, and falling hair; restores, drives, cures, and cures the scalp; removes dandruff, humors, scaly eruptions; removes itching and itching and itching. No artificial coloring, and does not put off with any other article, sold by a drug store. It is a perfect restorer of the hair, and restores the hair to its natural color, and restores the hair to its natural color, and restores the hair to its natural color.

Trade supplied at manufacturers' prices by C. A. Cook & Co., Chicago, Sole Agents for the United States and Canada, and by LEZAN Bros., A. Co., Toronto.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1875.

Mary McNair, an Insolvent.

All persons indebted to the above estate are hereby notified for the last time to call upon the assignee and pay, as no longer can be sent to their place of abode, but after this week will be put into Court for collection. The clerk is now making up all accounts, and will be ready for parties indebted. W. ALLAN, Assignee, Acton, May 2, 1877. 44-11

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.

In accordance with the Statute and the General Regulations, the Annual Examination of Candidates for Public School Teachers' First, Second and Third Class Certificates for the year 1877, will be held (D.V.) in the Town Hall, Milton, Commencing on Monday, the 9th of July, 1877, at 9 a. m., for First Class, and at 1:30 p. m. for Second Class. Tuesday, the 10th of July, at 9 a. m. for Third Class.

Forms of the notice to be previously given by the candidates may be obtained on application to the County Inspector. It is indispensable that candidates should notify the County Inspector not later than the 1st of June of their intention to present themselves for examination, such notice to be accompanied by a certificate of moral character signed by a clergyman since the 1st of May current. Candidates for First and Second Class Certificates are requested to transmit also the testimonials of successful service required by the Regulations.

R. LITTLE, P. S. Inspector, Co. Halton, Acton, 2d May, 1877.

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BARK.

The subscriber will

PAY \$5 PER CORD

For all well saved

Hemlock Bark

Delivered at Acton Tannery, before Dec. 1st, 1877, and after Dec. 1st, \$4.50 per cord.

G. L. BEARDMORE, 48-3m

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 21, 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.

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.

JOSEPH FYFE, PETER McNAB.

Acton, April 10, 1877.

3 YEARLING SCOTCH BULLS FOR SALE

"ROYAL BRAUFRON"—roan; got by imported Royal Oxford Gwynne 21795 (3500), dam imported Lady Barnes. "BELLE DEX"—red; got by 3rd Duke of Springwood (3087), dam Maggie Belle of the late firm will be discharged by us, and we will collect all outstanding accounts.

Acton, April 3, 1877.

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.

HURRAH! HURRAH!

in the County, at

BEST PHOTOGRAPHS

The Ontario Photograph Gallery

For Beauty of Finish and Brilliance in Tone, they cannot be surpassed.

COPYING & ENLARGING

In all its branches, in the best style of the art, done on the shortest notice and at reasonable rates.

Also a splendid stock of Mountings and Picture frames kept on hand and made to order.

A call is solicited and you will be convinced that this is the place to get photographs.

Yours respectfully, C. W. HILL, Acton, Dec. 5, 1876.

\$999

Can't be made by every agent every month in the business we transact, but those willing to work on cash will receive business pleasant and honorable. Men, women and boys and girls do as well as men. We will furnish you a complete outfit free. The business pays better than any other. We will receive a large amount of starting up. Particular notice is given of paying work at home, about 1000 to 1500 per year, about the work at once. Now is the time. Don't delay. Address FIFE & CO., Acton, Ontario.

The Acton Plow Co.

Are manufacturing the celebrated

STEPHENSON PLOWS,

AND

The 'Boss' Gang Plow

They keep a full stock on hand, and are prepared to do all kinds of

Repairing on Plows,

and also also kinds of

Lathe Work and Iron Planing

on the shortest notice.

Please call and examine our plows before purchasing elsewhere.

AGENTS FOR

Sharp's Self-Dumping Hay and Stubble Rake.

Acton, Feb. 13, 1876.

D. ESMARKING.

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.

PETER MILLER, Esqueping, April 6th 1877. 41-1m

FARM FOR SALE.

The undersigned offers to sell his farm, being lot No. 25, 4th of Esqueping, comprising 100 acres, about 90 acres in good cultivation. Good frame barn and shed on the premises. For particulars apply to the owner, on lot 13, 8th con., Esqueping Post Office.

PETER MILLER, Esqueping, April 6th 1877. 41-1m

GLENLAWSON MILLS.

Having thoroughly repaired our Mill, and put in a new

Middlings Purifier,

we are now prepared to give a better yield of flour than formerly, with quality quite as good.

GRISTING AND CHOPPING

promptly attended to.

The patronage of the public respectfully solicited.

The highest price always paid for any quantity of wheat.

A quantity of good barley for sale.

G. & E. TOLTON, Acton, April 10, 1877. 41-3m

BARGAINS!

That Notable Thorough-bred HORSE

AND

CENTENNIAL PRIZE TAKER

"TERROR."

STILL AHEAD

AT THE

ACTON TIN AND STOVE DEPOT,

WILSON & JOHNSON

Begin to think their numerous friends and customers for the kind patronage hitherto extended to them, and wish to inform them that they have now on hand a large stock of

Plain, Pressed and Janned Ware,

which they are selling cheaper than ever.

EAVETROUGHING 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 undercut.

EXECUTORS NOTICE.

The undersigned Executors of the estate of the late Mrs. Ann Clark here, by give public notice to all parties having claims against the estate to hand in the same, properly vouched, by the fourth day of May next. The Executors will not be responsible for any claims against the estate after that date.

JOHN WARREN, ROBT. KENNEDY, Executors of the estate of the late Mrs. Ann Clark, Acton, April 3, 1877. 40-4c

TO FARMERS.

Now is the time to improve your stock. The first prize bull, Sir William Temple (2296), dam Diana by Red Prince (62), will serve cows on the premises of the undersigned during the season. Terms.—Thorough-bred cows \$4.00; Grade cows \$1.50.

JOEL LESLIE, Lot No. 5, 1st con. Erin, April 4, 1877. 40-3m

NOW THEN!

ATTENTION!

ROBERT FISHER

Has everything that you want in

Tinware,

Stoves, and

Kitchen Furnishings,

all to be sold cheaper than ever.

An immense stock just arrived

Brass Kettles,

Porcelain Lined Kettles,

Lanterns,

Smoothing Irons,

Milk Pails,

Janned Ware,

Pressed Tinware,

COOKING BOX AND

PARLOR STOVES,

STOVE PIPES, &c., &c.

EAVETROUGHING,

Jobbing and Repairing Promptly Attended to.

ROBERT FISHER, Acton, April 3, 1877. 40-3m

That Notable Thorough-bred HORSE