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THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 28, 1877.

Hon. Mr. Cartwright will speak with the Premier at Newmarket on the 23 of July.
Hon. A. Mackenzie, Premier of the Dominion, is to speak in Clinton on the 5th of July.

It has been suggested that next Sunday being Dominion Day collections be taken up in all the churches in behalf of the St. John sufferers.

Now that Dominion Day is approaching, the press is calling attention to the desirability of taking precautions against the use of alcohol of fire crackers.

The Governor-General received a cable message from the Queen on Saturday, expressing the great sorrow with which she has heard of the terrible calamity that has befallen the city of St. John, and Her Majesty's sympathy for the sufferers. She telegraphed for full information.

Captain Symes of "Manitoba," estimates that 5,000 emigrants have gone into Manitoba the present season. It is anticipated that the population of that section will be increased by at least 5,000 before the season closes. The United States authorities are doing everything possible to facilitate emigration to and trade with the North-western Province. They now permit grain to come down in sacks sewed with wire, without the expense of bonding, sealing, etc., which makes an important saving to dealers of at least four cents a bushel.

The Macdonnell heresy case, about which so much has been said during the past two years, was finally disposed of by the Presbyterian Assembly, at Halifax, last week. A number of resolutions had been submitted, a committee was appointed to investigate the whole matter, and to present a report with the view of settlement. This committee reported that they have ascertained from Mr. Macdonnell, through a sub-committee, that in intimating in his last statement to the General Assembly, his adherence to the Confession of Faith, he intended to be understood as saying, "I consider myself as under subscription to the Confession of Faith, in accordance with my ordination vows, and I therefore adhere to the teachings of the Church, as contained therein, on the doctrine of the eternity of the endless duration of the punishment of the wicked, notwithstanding the doubts or difficulties which perplex my mind."

The committee therefore unanimously recommend that the statement be accepted as satisfactory, and that further proceedings be dropped. The reading was received with applause in which the whole assembly joined. The report was adopted unanimously by a standing vote. The applauses that followed the reading of the committee's report, the earnestness with which a psalm was then sung, and the joyful faces that were seen in every pew while the venerable Mr. Segwick engaged in prayer, and the becoming countenance and vigorous harp-shaking at the close of the meeting, all told how deep was the feeling, and how great the joy over the happy termination of this vexed question.

In some of the townships of Lunark the farmers have adopted the western plan of disposing of the grasshopper crop, by means of a long strip of sheet-iron or boards, two or three feet high, and from twelve to twenty feet in length, placed at a proper angle from the ground, well doused with coal-tar, and drawn by horses through the fields frequented by grasshoppers. When disturbed many of the "hoppers" jump directly against the machine and are held fast by the coal-tar. When well covered with the insects, the board is set on fire, and the grasshoppers burned off. Another application of coal-tar is that way, hosts of hoppers are destroyed in a short time, and the result will undoubtedly be to keep down to a material extent the troubles from the grasshopper plague.

The Barrie Gazette of last week says:—A gang of some 200 H. & N. W. men are at present employed grading the road near Wier's farm, a short distance east of Allandale. The contractors are pushing the work vigorously forward, and a suitable place for station grounds, etc., in Barrie, will soon be staked out.

The death is announced of Robert Dale Owen, the son of the English social reformer, Robert Owen, in his 74th year.

The Oriental Struggle.

RUSSIAN REVERIES IN ASIA MINOR.

The latest despatches from the seat of war are more than usually interesting, the preliminary operations on the Danube having commenced in earnest, and a series of important engagements being reported from Asia Minor. The attack and occupation of Matchin by the Russians has been followed by a general movement along the line, notably between Slatina and Alexandria, in the rear of Turnul-Magurui and Simitza down to the river bank. At the latter place the Russians made another attempt to force the passage of the river, but were beaten back with great loss. The firing was then resumed and the town of Giurgovo, opposite Ruscuk, was set on fire by the shot from the Turkish batteries. The Russian bombardment of Ruscuk is also said to have been exceedingly vigorous. The Russian troops now in the Dobruzha have been ordered to advance as quickly as possible upon the line of railway connecting Tchernovca on the Danube with Kustendj on the Black Sea; and that point having been reached the right wing of the centre army will force a passage higher up.

In Asia Minor heavy fighting has been going on in the neighborhood of the Delibaba Pass. The Russians, who commenced the attack, were on Wednesday and Friday last first repulsed and then driven from their entrenchments. The losses on both sides were very great, but they were especially so with the Russians. Success has also crowned the Turkish arms in northern Armenia, where the siege of Batum has been raised, the besieging force having been driven from the position commanding the town. From Montenegro an extraordinary report comes, to the effect that the Prince of Montenegro is missing, and is supposed to have been murdered by his infuriated soldiers in consequence of the recent defeat.

The latest announcements respecting the attitude of Great Britain are to the effect, that the English Cabinet has disapproved of Prince Gortschakoff's declaration of Russia's policy, and has resolved not to allow even a temporary occupation of Constantinople by the Russians. On the other hand, it is reported in London that in the event of the Russian troops in Asia Minor capturing Erzeroum an armistice will be proposed with a view to negotiations for the conclusion of peace.

Eramosa Township Council.

This Council met at the Centre Inn on the 18th inst. Present:—The Reeve, in the chair, and Messrs. Waters, Duffield and Carter. On motion the Council was constituted a Court of Revision, and after some careful consideration the names of the following parties, being farmers' sons, were ordered to be inserted in the assessment roll, to wit: John Loree, John Osborne, James Duffield, Matthew Farries, Charles Duffield, John McPhail, Hugh Wharton, Alex. Wharton, Nicholas Farries, Jonathan Loree, John S. Loree, George O. Loree, Peter McDonald, Isaac Fitzsimmons, John Fitzsimmons and Henry Head. One application was rejected, the applicant not following the business of farming as his regular occupation. The name of Allan McCullough was, at his personal request, removed from column No. 2 to column No. 6 of the assessment roll of the South Division. The assessment rolls were then confirmed and the Court adjourned. The Council resumed business, Mr. Hortop being now present. The clerk was instructed to issue notices against parties removing sand from that portion of the fifth line at lot No. 4, known as Harris' hill. Three dollars were ordered to be paid to Adam Clark for timber used in constructing a culvert in his road division, and relief was granted to the following indigent persons, viz, Mrs. Kavanagh and Thomas Burton \$5 each, and John Howson \$10.

The Council on motion then adjourned to meet again at the Centre Inn, on Monday, the 6th day of August, 1877, when School Trustees' applications will be received. J. A. WYBROW, Tp. Clerk.

STORY OF THE TERRIBLE FIRE IN ST. JOHN.

SEVERAL DEAD BODIES DISCOVERED.

Assistance for the Suffering People.

PROMPT RESPONSES TO THE CALL FOR HELP.

St. John, N. B. June 21.—Yesterday was the most calamitous day ever known in the annals of St. John. Nothing could have burst more suddenly on the unsuspecting citizens than the fire which destroyed so many valuable lives, and property by the millions worth, laid an arrest on many and varied forms of industry, and spread, not only desolation, but terror and consternation all around. The public buildings, palaces of commerce, temples of religion, banks, palatial residences, newspaper and telegraph offices, school houses, and almost everything of which a citizen of St. John felt proud were all in a few hours laid in ruins, and the loss of our hotels, churches, school houses, banks, etc., was made a thousand times more painful by the lamentable destruction of life accompanying it.

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had reached the Market Square and had obtained a strong hold on the many fine buildings thereon situated.

In the other part of the city the conflagration was stopped about North street, having extended as far up Union as Messrs. J. & T. Robinson. The Bank of British North America was saved. The Police Office and station opposite were burned.

A great quantity of the goods saved fell into the hands of thieves, who hung around like vultures, eager to avail themselves of any opportunity that afforded, to carry off what they could lay their hands on. The ballast wharf was covered most of the night with thousands of people, anxious to escape by water; so were the railway tracks completely swept away.

The following persons are reported to have lost their lives in the fire: Benjamin William, Germain street. Harold Gilbert, near Victoria Hotel.

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Two men, whose names are unknown, are reported run over and killed. Hugh McGivern, of Strait Shore.

The body of an unknown man was found on Prince William street at four o'clock this morning. Many persons are reported missing, but we do not care to mention names, hoping that they will yet turn up all right.

Not a leading establishment has escaped. All the principal dry goods stores, and the leading groceries. All the ship brokers and commission merchants. All in wholesale liquors, flour, provisions, coal, salt, lumber, tea and West India goods are utterly wiped out.

Every street, square and alley is filled with furniture, and thousands of people are without either food or shelter. The Intercolonial Company's steamer New York sheltered and fed one thousand persons last night, and the vessels in the stream have large numbers of people on board.

A few of the bodies of those killed by the fire are being removed. The ruins are being levelled to the ground and in some instances rebuilding has commenced. Very few safes came out uninjured, jewelry and precious stones which were in safes are found burned to a cinder.

The Methodist Conference, in session at Ottawa, has taken steps for bringing the troubles of the Oka Indians to the notice of the Dominion Government.

The Meaford Monitor has an extraordinary flight of the insect known as the devil's darning needle, is reported from the 4th line. The swarm extended about 30 rods and kept in a straight line from west to east.

The last of what was so long known as Table Rock, at Niagara, has now broken off and fallen into the river.

The mass weighed nearly sixty tons, and, up to 1876, over 4,000 names of visitors had been carved upon it. The part which has fallen composed only half of the original rock, the rest having fallen before. On Saturday, Jan. 1, 1829, a surface of the rock, supposed to be the size of half an acre, forming the bed of Maiden Walk, broke loose, and was precipitated into the immense chasm below. The crash was heard for a distance of five miles, and the effects in the immediate neighborhood resembled the shock of an earthquake. The water running under the bank is supposed to have caused the last fall, and the shock when the rock and ground were distinctly felt between the ballast wharf and Courtney Bay. The Post Office in Carleton was used last night for the reception and transmission of mails. The evening mails were made up and sent off from there on time.

The following newspaper offices, with their plant and stock, were completely swept away: The Freeman, the Evening Globe, the Daily Telegraph, the Daily News, the Watchman, and the Religious Intelligence. The Globe, Telegraph, News, Intelligence and Watchman had job offices. Messrs. Chubb & Co. lost their large job office, book-binding, etc. Messrs. Macmillan lost their job office, building, etc. Mr. Knoodell lost his office.

A Canadian who went to Manitoba warns emigrants against sharpers between Duluth and that Province. Brampton Methodist Church refuse to abide by the action of the Stationing Committee, and trouble is expected.

A young lady named Minnie Chase was drowned last week while bathing in the River Speed at Geolph. Twenty-three thousand dollars was stolen from the Grand Trunk office in Jacques Cartier-square, Montreal, on Saturday during the absence of the paymaster.

A rich discovery in gold is reported to have been made in Marston. E. B. Eddy's lumberyard at Hull, near St. Oursiere, caught fire on Saturday evening. Several million feet of lumber were destroyed. The piles made a tremendous blaze, illuminating the city and surrounding country. Fortunately there was no wind blowing and the firemen were able to localize the flames.

Mr. William Moyer, an old and respected farmer, a resident of Berlin, was on Saturday killed on the street by a kick on the head from a horse he was driving. His skull was smashed in, and death was almost instantaneous.

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BARK.

The subscribers 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, Acton, April 25, 1877.

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 No. 1 and No. 2 Shingles. Best quality No. 2 Shingles \$1.60 per square. No. 2, 70 cents per square. P. H. BAYBIS, Speyside, Dec. 13, 1876. 24-6m



WAGGONS.

Now is the time to leave your order At J. Ryder's Factory for a Stylish Buggy or Servicable Wagon.

I am making up a large stock for the present season, from the best material. Call and See our Handsome Buggies. Now is a good time to secure bargains. Strict attention given to Horse-Shoeing & General Blacksmithing. JAMES RYDER, Acton, Feb. 26, 1877.

ONTARIO SADDLERY, ACTON.

The subscriber takes this opportunity of thanking his numerous customers for the very liberal patronage given him the past year, and would state that it is his motto to do a Square and Honest Business.

as heretofore, and hopes to retain the same liberal appreciation from the public. All orders entrusted to my care will be ATTENDED TO WITH PROMPTNESS. As none but Good Workmen are Employed, Parties can rely on getting a good article and as cheap as good work can be done for.

Repairing Done with Neatness COLLARS A SPECIALTY. R. CREECH, Acton, Feb. 14, 1877.

G. T. HILL,

DEALER IN Groceries, Crockery, Boots & Shoes, Wall Paper, Window Blinds, Nails, Glass, Putty, Linned Oil, Paints, Turpentine, Coal Oil, Salt, etc.

All of which will be sold low for cash, RUBBER PAINT COMPANY, Of Cleveland, Ohio. Cash for Hides. Acton, July 18, 1876.

WANTED.

A Respectable Servant Girl In a farm house near Milton. Apply at this office, or address Box 93, Milton P. O.

THE ROYAL EXCHANGE HOTEL, ACTON.

This well-known house has recently undergone a thorough renovating and repairing, is now furnished with new and modern furniture of the best description, and is prepared to provide first-class accommodation to the public. The present proprietor has received a license, and he will keep the bar well supplied with the very best of liquors and cigars. The stabling is large and well-fitted-up; also ample shed-room. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. JOHN MANEY, Acton, June 26, 1877.

NOW FOR BARGAINS!

Only a Few Days More AUCTION SALE OF THE BALANCE OF Mrs. McNair's Bankrupt Stock EVERY EVENING Until the balance of the Stock is disposed of. Remember the place.—The new brick store opposite Agnew's hotel. GOULDING & HENRY, Auctioneers. Acton, June 5, 1877.

NOW THEN! BARGAINS!

ATTENTION! STILL AHEAD AT THE ACTON TIN AND STOVE DEPOT. WILSON & JOHNSON. Beg to thank 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 Japanned Ware, which they are selling cheaper than ever. KEAVETROUGHING 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. Sheepskins, Cotton Rags, Old Copper and Brass taken in exchange for Goods. Repairing and Jobbing promptly attended to. WILSON & JOHNSON, Acton, April 3, 1877. 40-3m

TO FARMERS.

Now is the time to improve your stock. The first prize bull, SIR WILLIAM TEMPLE THE THIRD, (85), got by Sir William Temple (2295), dam Blue by Red Prince (1692), will serve cows at the premises of the undersigned during the season. Terms.—Thoroughbred cows \$4.00; Grade cows \$1.50. JOEL LESLIE, Lot No. 5, 1st cor. East April 4, 1877. 40-3m

STEAM Carriage & Wagon WORKS.

MICHAEL SPIEGEL, General Blacksmith, Carriage and Wagon-maker. Best Horse-Shoers in the County. Perfect satisfaction guaranteed on no price charged. First-Class Plows and Collars at hand. Iron Harrows always at hand. A good stock of Carriages and Wagons. Repairing promptly and properly attended to. Acton, July 18, 1876.

COOKING BOX AND PARLOR STOVES,

STOVE PIPES, &c., &c. KEAVETROUGHING, Jobbing and Repairing Promptly Attended to. ROBERT FISHER, Acton, April 3, 1877. 40-3m

DRESSMAKING.

MISSIS MANN respectfully announce 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. MISSIS M. & M. S. MANN, Acton, March 21, 1877. 38-3m