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 THURSDAY MORNING, AUG. 30, 1877.

Hon. Mr. Mackenzie has entered into correspondence with the Premier of the several Provinces with the object of securing, if possible, the observance of one and the same day throughout the Dominion as a day of thanksgiving for the beautiful harvest.

The Premier has engaged with Mr. Cartwright, Mr. Huntington, and possibly, Mr. Blake, to be present at the Reform demonstration at Orangeville on the 18th prox; at Brantford on the 19th; at Galt on the 20th; at Simcoe on the 21st; at Aylmer on the 22nd, and at Teeswater on the 24th.

The Conservative picnic for the fall season are arranged as follows: Essex, September 5; Napanee, September 11; Lindsay, September 15; Newmarket, September 19; Barrie, September 19. In addition to these political meetings Hon. Mr. Blake has arranged to deliver three addresses in the coming month, the first in his own county of Bruce, the second before the Liberal Association, of London, Ont., and a third in the county of Essex.

There is no foundation for the statement that the Canadian Government will send Commissioners to the Sioux war in British Territory. The Government has only undertaken to provide the United States Commissioners with a strong escort of Mounted Police from the frontier to the Indian camp. The United States Commissioners will leave for the frontier on Monday.

The Christian Guardian gives the following reasons for the defeat of the Dundas Act in Toronto: (1) There was only one polling place, which necessitated more jostling and crowding than the more respectable class of temperance voters were willing to undertake. The anti-Dundasites had objections about the poll, who intimidated temperance men as they made their way forward to vote. (2) Money would have been different with many polls open. (3) Money was freely spent by the whiskey men. A large subscription list had been opened, and everything that money could do was done. (4) No labor was spared to bring anti-Dundas voters to the poll, carriages and backs being freely used. (5) The influence of Archbishop Lynch being understood to be against the measure greatly encouraged Irish Roman Catholics to vote against it. Selfish interests and evil habits were arrayed on one side, and disinterested benevolence on the other; the former has gained a temporary triumph. The temperance men can console themselves with a final victory, however.

For several years back the Fortnightly Review has been the acknowledged organ of so-called liberal thought in England. The untold ability of the magazine published only once a month, by the way, and not every fortnight, as its name indicates, induced Messrs. Bedford Bros., Toronto, to enter into arrangements with its English publishers for its publication in America. To secure accuracy, this is done every month from a duplicate set of stereotyped plates. There is reason for saying that the degree of public favor extended to the venture fully justifies the Canadian publishers in their faith of finding a market on this side the Atlantic.

The first article in the August number of the "Secret Societies of Russia," by that great authority of Russian questions, Mr. D. Mackenzie Wallace, is an admirable résumé of Russian history, and a lucid exposition of the causes which have made Russia a hot-bed of Secret Societies—nay, of the cause which have led to the present war. In this review, we have historical material at once instructive and amusing; the description of the various secret societies, with their generosity, pedantry, wildness and utopian dreams, being especially interesting. Mr. Grant Duff's "Flex for a Rational Education" is addressed mainly to those who can give their boys all the chances, and is a strong indictment against what is called a classical education. "Sea or Mountain?" is a discussion of the relative advantages of sea air and mountain air as restoratives to health. Their points of similarity are dealt on, and low numbers their use is surprising—and their differences. The next article, "Cronin," is a painting of the great statesman with the history of Medea Italy for background. "The Indian Civil Service" will well repay perusal. But the most interesting part in the whole number is "Three Books of the Eighteenth Century," by the Editor. The three books are by Helback, and the writer has in addition much to say of Voltaire, Rousseau, D'Alembert, Frederick the Great, &c.

The American Wheat Crop.

Carefully prepared statements in regard to the wheat crop of 1877 in the United States are being published by the American press. The lowest estimate placed on it is 380,000,000 bushels, and the highest 420,000,000 bushels. The demand from the United Kingdom is 12,000,000 quarters or nearly 100,000,000 bushels, of which our consuls hope to supply at least three-fourths. For home consumption they allow 160,000,000 bushels, or four bushels per head of their population, and for seedling purposes 40,000,000 bushels. The medium estimate then stands as follows:
 Crop of 1877... 400,000,000
 Home use... 160,000,000
 Seed... 40,000,000
 Exports... 200,000,000

Balance to carry over to 1878, 125,000,000. In determining the value of wheat this balance on hand is a very important factor. The potato crop, which bids fair to be the best ever raised in the United States, is another important factor in affecting the consumption of breadstuffs. Taking these into consideration, and bearing in mind also that a vast amount of labor is idle, and that the consumption of provisions will on that account be greatly lessened, the experts arrive at the conclusion that the average cash price of this year's crop will not exceed eighty-five cents a bushel, and that the farmer who markets his wheat at the prices now ruling will be at the safe side.

The State of Trade.

The Montreal Witness says: From all appearances the stagnation in trade is about to give way for a more healthy state of business. It must be remembered, however, that to a great extent the situation is controlled by the farmer. He has had on the whole very good crops this season, and if he realizes on these at a fair figure instead of storing them in his barns and waiting for still higher prices, the beneficial results will be very quickly felt throughout the country. The weather has not been the most satisfactory in some sections of Western Canada for harvesting during the past ten or twelve days. Freely scattered districts of country come discouraging reports to the effect that repeated rains have destroyed large quantities of grain, whole fields having been ruined in this way. This fact will not, however, change the general result already anticipated, that this season's crop will be a good average one.

The Stratford Beacon.

Having obtained crop reports from all the townships in Perth is led to remark: The prophecies have been fulfilled, in this section of Ontario at least, and harvest operations being now nearly over, all concur that the yield of almost all the cereals is much larger than for many years past. The yield of fall wheat is excellent, the sample is unusually bright, clear, and plump, and spring wheat, although possibly damaged to a slight extent by the rains of last week, will on the whole yield largely. Barley, where cultivated at all, appears to have done well, the berry being bright and the average per acre good. Oats, though short in the Province, headed out well, and some of the new varieties will give enormous yields. Roots of all kinds show up well, and the season has been expected a fortnight ago. The heavy rains, although injurious to the cut grass, were just what was wanted for roots, which have grown with amazing rapidity since. Grubbing is the proverbial privilege of the farmer, and he will be disappointed to find that his crop has been spoiled by the rain. Providence be thanked, the harvest has been indeed a bountiful one all over the Province, we believe, but in the county of Perth especially.

Summarizing a report of the views of business men in New York in various branches of trade, the New York Times says that the outlook is encouraging. There is no general depression, and no expectation of the sudden return of large business and great profits, but there is an almost universal anticipation that a healthy business will be done; that reasonable gains will be possible, and that the improvement will be steady and enduring. This view is based on a comparison of trade actually done in the principal lines with that which was done a year ago, and there is no room for doubt that substantial progress has been made.

A gentleman who has been in the northern part of Wellington, and also in the county of Grey, informs the Guelph Mercury that the crops there are not damaged to any extent by the late rains. The farmers were fortunately about a week later in harvest than we were, and had very little cut when the wet weather commenced. What they had cut standing is almost spoiled, but if the weather keeps fine the prospect of a good crop will be fully realized. The crops generally are looking well in Grey, although light in places.

Mr. Yennor has discovered a second reef on the Upper Guelphian, the second known to exist in this county.

Tolton's Pea Harvester.

A public trial of this implement took place as advertised on Monday last week on Mr. D. B. Ely's farm near Waterloo, and was attended by a large number of farmers from this vicinity and other parts of the country. The machine consists of an attachment adjustable to any ordinary mowing machine, by which the pea straw is raised sufficiently to be caught by the knives, and is then thrown back on the platform which forms part of the attachment. The mode of operation is similar to that of a reaper or mower, a driver passing round and round the pea field in the same way and at the same speed as with grass or grain.

At the trial the machine proved itself a perfect success and all present were fully impressed by their own eyesight of the fact. The machine will harvest from eight to ten acres per day according to the state of the crop and the nature of the ground. Its cost is only twenty-five dollars, and at this rate considering the useful and labor-saving character of the implement we may safely predict for it a heavy sale, and for the enterprising inventors and manufacturers a liberal recompense for their skill and ingenuity. Experience shows that the farming community have enterprise enough to invest in a really useful article when its merits are clearly shown and proved, and the sales of the Pea Harvester next year will be no exception to this rule. Tolton Bros., of Guelph, are the inventors and manufacturers.—Waterloo Chronicle.

Destructive Fire in Paris.

A fire broke out this morning about two o'clock, totally consuming the following buildings:—H. Finlayson & Co's tannery; loss \$15,000. Insured in the Gore Mutual for \$2,700; Hartford, \$2,000. Waterloo Mutual, \$1,000. Ballard & Bell's furniture store, loss \$6,000; insured in the Western for \$2,000; large part of the stock saved. E. Meigs, butcher shop, loss \$50; no insurance. T. Gray's hotel, loss and contents, valued at \$5,500, insured in the Waterloo Mutual for \$1,600. The old plaster mills and office, valued at \$1,500; nothing saved. The fire originated in the warehouse of the tannery, it is supposed by some individuals in the habit of stealing leather, and who had left a burning match on the floor.

Lord Dufferin's Address to the Monnites.

WINNIPEG, Man., August 24.—Lord Dufferin made an eloquent reply to the address presented by the Monnites. He said they would not be called upon to stain their hands with human blood, but he wanted them to join the Canadians against the brute force of nature, not in war of annihilation, but in advancing the standard of civilization westward. In the name of the Queen he welcomed them to Manitoba, holding—"You are welcome to our affections as well as our lands, our liberties and our freedom." The address was listened to with the greatest interest, the entire crowd of about 1,000 men in token of every nod and in token of approbation, many men as well as women being affected to tears. The entire Monnite population of the Province is now estimated at about 6,500.

The Licensed Victuallers of Toronto are in a highly jubilant state over the defeat of the Dundas Bill. Their triumph is not likely to be permanent. The Act is sure to be carried sooner or later, and sooner than later. At the next session of the Dominion Parliament the Act should be made more workable, and more easily voted upon, with one day's polling, numerous polling places, and all the modern improvements. The agitation in Toronto has done good already, and is but a prelude to a campaign on a large scale for a general prohibitory liquor law for the Province, if not for the Dominion. It is as well that those who have invested or propose to invest in the manufacture or sale of liquor should look the situation straight in the face. Prohibition in Ontario within a few years we regard as a certainty.—London Advertiser.

An attempt is again being made to pass into circulation the ten-dollar bill of the Consolidated Bank. When these were stolen at the formation of the Bank, notice was given that in future no bills of this denomination would be issued, and there is now no such legal tender as a ten-dollar bill of the Consolidated Bank.

In the Court of Queen's Bench Mr. Bethune obtained a rule nisi calling on the proprietors of the Sarina Chronicle to show cause why they should not be granted to exhibit a criminal information against them for a libel upon the Premier in relation to the Kaminitistia land purchase. In granting the rule, Mr. Justice Galt characterized the libel as most scandalous one.

Pen and Scissor Selects.

Four hundred cases of typhoid fever in Quebec at present.

Brigham Young is reported to be seriously ill and not expected to live.

The American shop-lifters have been patronizing Quebec extensively.

The closing exercises at the Grimshy Camp Ground were held on Monday.

The Canadian yacht Comotors of Dufferin has arrived at Halifax from New York.

Hamilton holds its Central Fair Oct. 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. Guelph Exhibition also at the same time.

There are 50,000 inhabitants in the County of Perth, and at present there are only six inmates in jail.

Those who bought stock in the Philadelphia Centennial show will get back only \$1.75 on each share costing \$10.

The dredge at work in Toronto harbor, brought up a huge toad, supposed to be the remains of a giant mastodon.

Fresh deposits of phosphate of lime were discovered on four concessions in Templeton township, north of Ottawa city.

The annual matches of the Ontario Rifle Association were commenced on the Garrison Common, Toronto, on Tuesday.

Orange Young Briton Lodge will shortly be opened at Hornby, Zimmerman, Acton, Oakville, Bullock's Corners, and Waterloo.

The order recently issued by the British Government, prohibiting the importation of cattle, does not apply to Canadian live stock.

Over one thousand persons signed the pledge at the Gospel temperance meetings held on Monday on the Grimshy Camp Ground.

The crop of wheat on the Guelph estate this year is the largest ever known in that section. The average is thirty bushels to the acre.

In the Ottawa district the potato bugs are making havoc not only of the potato vines, but of the tubers themselves, as well as of the tomatoes.

Edward Rawlings is spending the sweet sentence of fifty-four days in the goal at Woodstock, for stealing provisions from the Royal Hotel.

Two freight trains collided on the Grand Trunk near Brantford on Friday, wrecking the engines and four cars. The trainmen saved themselves by jumping.

Mr. John Ridley, of the 3rd con., Grey, shot a large lynx that had been making havoc among his sheep. This is the second animal of the kind killed by Mr. Ridley.

The strike among the miners in the Lehigh region is at an end, the employers having acceded to the strikers' demands, on the ground that the advance in the price of coal warrants such a step.

A receiver has been appointed for the Beaver and Toronto Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which is being wound up as speedily as possible. The banks of Ontario and Toronto are two of its principal creditors.

Allston has passed a by-law to exempt from taxation, for ten years, the proposed woolen factory of Dehli & Walker. The building is to be commenced on the 10th of October and completed by the 1st of June, 1878.

Sheriff Leblanc, of Montreal, who died last week, was one of the Papineau men in the rebellion of 1837; and, as a consequence, had five quarters furnished him for the government in Montreal jail for some five months.

A Post Office employee has been arrested at St. John, N. B., for appropriating money letters. His predecessor in the position he held was young Rankin, who was sentenced to five years in the Penitentiary for a similar offence.

On Friday, as Mr. Shiers and a gang of men were blasting a rock at Wanshago, in order to lower a mill race, about nine feet from the surface of the ground, they came across what is supposed to be gold. It appears to be plentiful in the rock.

A thirteen-year-old son of Mr. Passmore, living a mile from Drumbo, Oxford county, frightened a burglarizing tramp off by plucking a gun and making the scoundrel lay down a mustard pie and other articles he was carrying off.

Wife Shooting at London.

A WOMAN SHOT BY A DRUNKEN HUSBAND.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—On the eastern confines of the city, between eight and nine o'clock last night, an attempt was made by a man to murder his wife, and it now looks as if the affair will end in death. As in the great majority of crimes, alcohol was the inciting cause. The facts of the occurrence are as follows: A little to the west of the toll-gate, on the southern side of Dundas street, in the vicinity of the Asylum, lived Alexander Drummond and his wife, keeping a boarding-house. Drummond is, it is believed, not short of fifty, if he has not already passed his half century. His wife, Elizabeth, is some ten years or more younger, and the couple have been married some four years. They are childrenless. Drummond held a situation in the Asylum as attendant, but losing that, he took to drinking very heavily, and has not done much work since. Last evening, it seems, he came home the worse of liquor. His wife was in the kitchen, between eight and nine o'clock, putting up dinner for the boarders to carry to their work to-day. Drummond entered, and began abusing his wife about money matters, he having been overhauling her pocket-book. One word brought on another, till the man drew a seven-chamber revolver, and presenting it at the woman, fired. The ball entered the breast, but what course it took is as yet unknown. The effect, however, if it is supposed, will prove fatal. This morning Mrs. Drummond seemed in great anguish, giving vent to heart-rending groans, and frequently ejaculating that she could not survive. Drs. Silver and Brown attended her, and did all in their power to allay her sufferings. After committing the deed Drummond walked out of doors and threw the pistol away in the grass, where it was found this morning. Squire Peters today took the deposition of the woman, waiting for the facts of the shooting, after which Drummond was taken into custody and conveyed to the county goal, where he now lies. When sober, the prisoner is said to have been a quiet man, but when under the influence of liquor he and Mrs. Drummond frequently quarrelled, although not to such an extent as to lead anyone to suppose that he would be led to the commission of the crime which has caused his arrest. Mrs. Drummond is presented as a hard-working woman, and held in esteem by all who knew her, the neighbors speaking very highly of her.

Arrest and Escape of a Burglar.

MAXWELL, Aug. 25.—A man who had broken into and robbed A. Taylor's store in Shelburne was arrested yesterday in a bush near this place. Part of the stolen goods were found near the spot where he was captured. While stopping a short time at the hotel here he managed to escape from his captors and has not since been found.

MURDER IN OSNABURCK.

A WOMAN SHOT IN HER BED.

MONTREAL, Aug. 25.—On Thursday morning about three o'clock Mrs. Smith, wife of a house painter residing at Wales, Ont., was shot by some unknown person while sleeping in a bed in the lower part of the house. Her husband and a child about ten months old were in bed with her at the time, but received no injuries. The bullet took effect in the abdomen. Her husband says the window must have been raised and the shot fired from the outside. Capt. Adams, J.P., proceeded to the house shortly after the affair took place and questioned the victim in order to ascertain whether she had any idea who committed the deed, but she did not appear to have any, and had no disposition to make. She lingered till about five o'clock last night, when death put an end to her sufferings. A post mortem examination is now being held. No arrests have been made.

The London "Times" on our Indian Policy.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The Times, in an editorial on the Indian policy of the Canadian Government, says that the Local Government and the white population of British Columbia ought to oppose no further obstacles in the way of the settlement of existing grievances. The Indian policy of the Canadian Government has been eminently prudent, pacific and humane, and has been eminently justified by the results. Canada has hitherto been justly proud of the policy maintained with the aboriginal tribes. Her triumphs have been won by equity and kindness. Any delay in settling the difficulties in British Columbia would be supremely dangerous to the credit and tranquility of the Dominion.

MURDER IN BRANTFORD, P.Q.

A MAN SHOT BY AN INJURED HUSBAND.

MONTREAL, Aug. 20.—Robert Colby, wood surveyor and explorer, employed by Mr. Stark, of Brantford, was shot by a woman who was shot by her husband on Friday night. It was a doubtful matter where the bullet lodged, but it seems to have been in a vital part. An inquest will be held, Drummond, the murderer, maintaining an unconcerned demeanor, and, when arrested by County Constable Hodge, declared with an oath that he was glad he had committed the deed.

A still later dispatch states that Mrs. Drummond was not dead, as reported, but that she is doing as well as could be expected.

ACTON MARKETS.

Flour	23 00 to 3 00
Wheat, new	1 05 to 1 10
Spring Wheat	0 90 to 0 95
Barley	0 50 to 0 55
Oats	0 20 to 0 25
Peas	0 65 to 0 68
Butter	0 16 to 0 18
Eggs	0 10 to 0 10
Apples, early, per bag	1 00 to 1 25

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

PAY UP.
 Parties indebted to the undersigned, are requested to settle up their accounts by the 1st of September, to avoid trouble of collection, and costly oblige.
 ROBT. T. GALLOWAY.

TEACHER WANTED.

The Trustees of School Section No. 7, Nasagaweya, wish to engage a Teacher for the present term, to teach in the school.
 J. W. McLAUGHLIN, Trustee.
 Nasagaweya, P. O.
 Aug. 25, 1877.

NOTICES LIST.

Notice is hereby given that a Court will be held pursuant to the Voters' List Act of 1876, by His Honor the Judge of the County Court of the County of Halton, at Matthews Hall, Village of Acton, on the 21st day of Sept. 1877, at 12 o'clock P. M., to hear and determine the several complaints and errors and omissions in the Voters' List of the municipality of Acton for 1877. All persons having business in the Court are requested to attend at the same time and place.
 Clerk of said Municipality.
 Acton, Aug. 30, 1877.

HURRAH! HURRAH!

On and after the 1st of September, 1877, will be sold at the following rates:
 Per Quart, 4 Cents;
 Per Pint, 2 Cents;
 New Imperial Measure, to suit hard times.
 25 Quart Tickets for One Dollar.
 In Advance.
 P. S. ARMSTRONG.
 Acton, Aug. 23, 1877.

BRICK DWELLINGS FOR SALE.

The two dwellings built of brick, situated on Main street, near the Dominion Hotel, are offered for sale, on reasonable terms. The lot consists of three-fifths of an acre, with a good garden. The building is new, and well finished, adapted for two families. A good stable and driving shed on the premises. Applied to the owner.
 JOHN KENNEDY.
 Acton, Aug. 15, 1877.

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Ladies and gentlemen to learn Telegraph Operating for offices opening in the Dominion. Stamp for answer.
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 Box 955, Toronto.

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 Acton, Aug. 21, 1877.

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BOUGHT THE GOODS CHEAP, GREAT BARGAINS
 Will be Given.

REMEMBER OUR
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OUR FALL STOCK

OF
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 And will soon be complete for the

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 Special Attention Given to Ordered Work
 Repairing Promptly Attended to.

THE ONTARIO

SADDLERY, ACTON.
 Is the place to get the best Harness for the least money.
 Owing to Hard Times, Prices have been Reduced.
 All Orders left with me will receive careful attention.

COLLARS A SPECIALTY.

As all farmers know their horses cannot work with sore necks, throat, off the old collars and get a new pair that will give entire satisfaction. The place to get them is at the
ONTARIO SADDLERY
 Another lot of those famous American Whips
 Just received and will be sold cheap for cash.
 Repairing Done Neatly, Cheaply, and on the Shortest Notice.
 R. CREECH.
 Acton, Aug. 21, 1877.