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 THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 18, 1877.

The war in the East continues to excite considerable interest, though the various reports are so lengthy and so contradictory that it is difficult to keep a reliable record of the events. The latest reports are that a great battle has been fought on the Aladja Vah, which appears to have been very disastrous to the Turks. The Russian claims that they were successful in almost annihilating Mukhtar Pasha's army, having captured the right wing and chasing the remainder far on the road to Kars. Mukhtar, while admitting his defeat, claims, however, that his losses do not exceed 800 men, and attributes his reverse to the strength of the Russian reinforcements, supported by the 200 guns which the army were able to bring into action. Operations are entirely suspended in the Sibiya Pass, where the snow lies over three feet deep on the ground. Along the Danube, the weather has seriously interfered with operations, the country between Giurgewo and Simnitza is impassable, and a correspondent draws a gloomy aspect of the state of affairs in that quarter. In Simnitza half of the inhabitants and a large portion of the troops are prostrated with Danube fever, typhus or dysentery.

It is stated by Mr. Anderson, general superintendent of the Hamilton and North Western Railway, that freight trains will shortly be run as far north as Clarksville, but no passenger trains north of Georgetown until the road is completed to Barrie. On the portion of the line already opened, a good freight traffic is announced.

Mr. Ridout's party of the Canada Pacific Railway Survey, arrived at Collingwood on Friday from French River, after a most successful summer's work between the French and Whampania Rivers. The party are all well and report the season to have been a very disagreeable one in that section.

This pleasant paragraph we take from the New York World:  
 "The business men of New York seem to look upon the busy prospects of the country with hopefulness, if not with complete satisfaction. The World this morning publishes another batch of interviews with leading merchants in all branches of trade, and their opinions are worthy of careful study. The result of a comparison of their views is decidedly cheerful. They agree in declaring that a great improvement in trade has already taken place, and that in the South and West there is a re-awakening of enterprise. The economies and financial experience of the past four years have put society on a good, sound basis."

**The Esquering Prize List.**  
 In our hurry to obtain the Prize List of the Esquering Show, in time for last week's issue some portions of it were unavoidably omitted. The following will supply the omissions, for which we are indebted to the Herald:

**CARRIAGES—ROADSTERS.**  
 Pair carriage horses—E. W. Duvernois, 2d R. A. Reid. Single carriage horse (in harness)—John McCulloch, 3d Richard Graham. Hack horse (in harness)—S. Mason, 2d Wm. McCulloch, 3d J. A. Lawson. Saddle horse—W. W. Rose, 2d S. Mason, 3d J. T. Thompson.  
**POULTRY.**  
 Pair Brahmas—O. S. Smith, 2d D. Hill. Pair chickens—R. Ford, 2d C. S. Smith. Pair Spanish—C. A. Lawson, 2d C. P. Preston. Pair Spanish chickens—J. & T. Huston, 2d C. E. Preston. Pair Plymouth Rock—C. S. Smith. Five ducks in species—F. J. Huxton. Pair common geese—E. Garvin, 2d T. & J. Huston. Pair Turkeys—H. Ross, 2d John Nickell. Pair Roman ducks—J. T. Huston. Pair Aylesbury ducks—T. B. Hill, 2d T. & J. Huston. Pair common ducks—E. J. Huxton. Fair common ducks—Ezra Bosley, 2d C. W. Brackhamer.  
**FINE ARTS.**  
 Painting in water colors—Miss Clark, 2d Miss Lindsay, 3d Miss Freeman. Pencil drawing—Miss Lindsay, 2d L. Snyder. Gray drawing—Miss Clark, 2d Miss Lindsay. Six photographs—Chas. W. Hill. Acton, 2d W. H. Kabra, Georgetown. Table bouquet—R. Young, 2d Miss Freeman. Hand bouquet—D. Cross, 2d R. Young. C. G. house plants—W. R. Young. Specimen of penmanship by pupils of public school—C. G. Murray.

**Liberalism or Clear Gritism.**

The Toronto *Telegram*, in replying to a question, submits the following as its definition of the distinction between Liberalism and Clear Gritism: "The distinguishing characteristic of Clear Gritism is its despatch, and of Liberalism its progressiveness. Clear Gritism will go to any extreme or resort to any subtlety in order to uphold itself; Liberalism puts the interest of the country and the welfare of the people about itself before all things. Clear Gritism demands from its followers implicit obedience, the sacrifice of individual independence, and the giving up of the political conscience to the keeping of the political master. Liberalism only asks the support of its followers who support can be given conscientiously, guarantees every follower his political independence, and assures him of the fullest political freedom. Clear Gritism looks upon every follower as a slave; Liberalism recognizes him as a friend. Clear Gritism is jealous of everything calculated to weaken its power or undermine the despotism of its leaders; Liberalism is happiest when it has loosened the fetters of any who may not have enjoyed the widest political license compatible with the safety of our institutions. Clear Gritism, to make use of an instance, took Mr. Casselman into the Cabinet and kept him there until forced by public opinion to throw him overboard; Liberalism nominated his successor and chose a respectable man. The career of the Hon. George Brown furnishes a living example of Clear Gritism, and that of the Hon. Mr. Blake, a living example of Liberalism. There is as wide a difference between Clear Gritism and Liberalism as there is between Clear Gritism and Toryism, and a cause for thankfulness that in the race between Liberalism and Clear Gritism, Liberalism, as we know more than once pointed out, keeps well to the front. It will be a happy day for Canada when the power of Clear Gritism ceases to wield the unhallowed and degrading influence it has wielded so long in the press and in the party shall have been taken away from it, and Liberalism enabled to hold it at bay."

**The Great Boat Race.**

The great boat race between Wallace Ross, champion of the Maritime Provinces, and Edward Hanlan, the victor in the Centennial champion race, came off on Toronto Bay on Monday afternoon. About 25,000 people were present. The betting in the morning was lively, the St. John man, rather than not have their money placed, laying 100 to 75 on Ross. Altogether in Toronto there could not have been less than \$30,000 changed hands on the event. Ross had a slight morning start, but in a few minutes Hanlan was considerably ahead, and at the turning point of 2 1/2 miles he was leading by about six or eight lengths. On the return Hanlan's lead continued to increase, until at the Market Elevator he was fully thirty lengths ahead, and had Ross hopelessly beaten. From this to the finish Hanlan put in some good work, and rowed past an easy winner by somewhere between 150 and 200 yards. The time announced by the time keeper was 33.09, but he said it was not official, as he had not received any signal when Hanlan's boat crossed the winning line.

Mr. Vennor was considerably "out" in his reckoning on the state of the weather during the past summer. Nevertheless he has made some very accurate forecasts, and taken altogether, his prognostications may be considered as tolerably reliable. The following is a summary of his latest forecasts: Autumn to be marked by a fine warm Indian summer, after a rather early cold turn, and ending wet. Winter: short, warm, wet and open, with one or two severe storms of short duration, although gloomy and not healthy. Spring: very wet up to the middle of June. Summer: intensely hot and oppressive. The winter will be favorable to the increase of throat diseases and fevers—also cattle diseases. Mr. Vennor says: "I agree with Professor Mansel in anticipating the approach of Asiatic cholera towards northern latitudes."

**THE HOPE CASE.**—The trial of Hope, in Hamilton, was concluded on Friday. The jury were out for an hour, and then returned into Court with a verdict of guilty on both counts; and at a subsequent period in the day's proceedings, his Lordship, on motion of the counsel for the Crown, delivered the sentence of the court, which was that the prisoner should be confined in the Provincial penitentiary at Kingston for the term of five years on such conviction, the two sentences to run concurrently. His Lordship remarked that he should have made the sentence more severe had not the prisoner made restitution of his property stolen in so far as it appeared to be in his power.

**SPIRITUALISTS EXPOSED.**

HOW SEANCES WERE GIVEN.

The New York *Star* of Sept. 30th gives some additional particulars of the trial of Bliss, the spiritualist, at Philadelphia. It says: James A. Bliss and his wife gave seances at 1027 Chestnut street, for about a year, charging an admission fee of \$1. They are on trial for conspiracy for the purpose of swindling. To make the deception practicable, Bliss and a confederate, Mrs. Ogden Harrison, constructed in the cellar a room in which the purveyors of spirits might hide and don the requisite costumes. From that apartment a staircase and a cleverly hidden trap door enabled them to enter the cabinet in the parlor in the main story, and in which Bliss was securely tied, and the principal witness for the prosecution was Harrison, the confederate, and his account of the seances was exceedingly interesting. According to his testimony the plan was matured about a year ago. Bliss had previously given seances on a small scale with his wife as a personator of an Indian princess; but because of her foreign accent (she is Spanish), she was compelled to confine her talk to some kind of broken English. The Ogden street house was hired, and the mechanism for the seances put in. The opening, made in the establishment was on Oct. 20, 1875. Harrison then personated Capt. Davis, a privateer of the war of 1812. Mrs. Bliss represented Blanche Flower, an Indian maiden, and a Persian medicine girl. A black wood used to draw up notes that might be made in getting into and out of the cabinet, the lights were kept so low that the spectators could not see distinctly, and the performance was finished in about half an hour. In subsequent seances, the number and repertory of the company were increased. A Mrs. Evans and her daughter were engaged as personators.

Miss Evans appeared as Billy the bootblack on *the Free Press*, with the intention of exposing the trick. He used to draw up notes that might be made in getting into and out of the cabinet, the lights were kept so low that the spectators could not see distinctly, and the performance was finished in about half an hour. In subsequent seances, the number and repertory of the company were increased. A Mrs. Evans and her daughter were engaged as personators.

—A sad accident happened in the township of Harwich, near the village of Blenheim, on Sunday morning, 13th inst. A young man named John B. Brink, about nineteen years of age, residing with his uncle in the township named, went out to gather hickory nuts, and had ascended a tree some thirty feet, when the limb on which he was standing broke, precipitating him to the ground. Deceased's neck was broken by the fall, and he expired instantly.

—Sutton & Dunkin, of the City Hotel, Owen Sound, were brought before Mr. George Spencer, Police Magistrate, by Inspector Pearce, charged with having in their possession intoxicating liquors, five barrels of whisky, and were fined \$50 and costs. They were fined \$40 and costs a few weeks ago on a similar charge. The inspector, we understand, has upwards of fifty prosecutions entered against the unlicensed dealers of this town, and a still greater number against those of the rest of the riding. The Dunkin Act is being rigidly enforced.

**ACTON MARKETS.**  
 Flour ... \$3.00 to 3.00  
 Fall wheat, new ... 1 10 to 1 12  
 Spring wheat, new ... 75 to 1.00  
 Sprouted Spring Wheat ... 75 to 1.00  
 Oats ... 45 to 55  
 Corn ... 30 to 35  
 Peas ... 60 to 65  
 Butter ... 16 to 18  
 Eggs ... 10 to 12  
 Potatoes, per bag ... 75 to 80  
 Apples, early, per bag ... 50 to 75

promptly reasoned that spirits do not think spirits. As to the profits, the admission was fifty cents at the outset, but soon raised to a dollar. Private seances were given at \$10 each. There was quarreling over the money. Bliss being accused by the others of taking more than his share.

**The Telephone.**  
 The telephone is coming into more common use than is generally supposed. With it a conversation may be held between distant points with nearly as much distinctness as in ordinary talk; and after a little practice the difference in voices becomes not only distinguished, but any one can use the instrument as a speaking tube. Two forms of the telephone are now made, one the "hook" and the other the "hand" telephone. The former, which is the larger, transmits a deeper sound, and this is almost the only difference in the two, except that the hook is fastened to the wall, while the other, as its name designates, is used in the hand.

—Over four thousand cigar-makers are on strike in New York. —Mr. John Reid has sold his lot 27, 3d con, Erin, to Mr. Arch. McMillan for \$1,000 cash. —About five hundred Canadian entries for the Paris exhibition have been shipped up to date. —One hundred thousand dollars' worth of property was destroyed by fire at Whitley Tuesday night. —A burglary was committed on Mr. Adam Brown's house, Hamilton, on Thursday night, and several articles and \$14 stolen. —Professor O. S. Pratt, the horse doctor, well known all over Canada, died of typhoid fever at Derby Line, Vermont, on Wednesday evening.

—This year's wheat, it is stated by the *Montreal Free Press*, will not pan out as well as last year's crop. —Harry Henry, a Toronto veteran druggist, has spent 40 years out of 68 in jail, and on Wednesday morning was convicted of his favorite vice for the 43rd time.

—The Canadian Presbyterian Church in Orangeville was destroyed by fire on Thursday night. The building was destroyed, and the fire the work of an incendiary. —Mr. Ery E. Malloy, father of the young man accused of procuring an abortion on Miss Wade, writes to the *Cobourg World* indignantly that he, as stated by the *Standard*, denounced the act, and that his son's arrest and surrender were entirely voluntary.

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 Our superior quality of BREAD, BUNS AND CAKES Delivered fresh around the village and vicinity every day. A good stock of flour on hand at the Bakery.—fresh and cheap for cash.  
 No credit given except to prompt paying monthly customers.  
 Wedding and Fancy Cakes Made to order on the shortest possible notice, and satisfaction guaranteed.  
 All goods are warranted pure, as nothing but the best materials used.  
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 STOREY, MOORE & CO.  
 Persons leaving skins at the factory of W. H. STOREY & CO. will also receive the highest price for them.

**PROCLAMATION.**  
 WHEREAS BY THE Act passed by the Session of the Parliament of Canada, held in the Twelfth year of Our Reign, intituled "An Act to provide for the safe custody of prisoners in places where the Common Gaol becomes temporarily insecure," it is amongst other things in effect enacted that the Lieutenant-Governor of any Province in Canada in Council may by Proclamation published in the Official Gazette of the Province, and also in the *Canada Gazette*, declare that the Common Gaol of any District, County or place in such Province is insecure, and name the Gaol of any adjoining District, County or place as the Gaol to which offenders within such first mentioned District, County or place, may from and after a time stated, be committed or sent, and that thereafter during the continuance of such Proclamation, any person who would otherwise be committed or sent to the Common Gaol of the first mentioned District, County or place as declared insecure shall be committed to or sentenced to imprisonment in the Gaol named in the Proclamation for the same purpose, and the respective Sheriffs and Officers shall have authority to deliver any such person to the Gaol so named in such Proclamation, and that the Court at which it is proposed to try such a person, or a Judge of a Court having jurisdiction thereof, shall have authority to commit or send to the Gaol named in the Proclamation, and that every person confined for safe custody under the provisions aforesaid may be tried in the District, County or place in the Court at which it is proposed to try such a person, or a Judge of a Court having jurisdiction thereof, and every jurisdiction to make, in reference to any person committed in default of a writ or order of such Court, or in default of a writ or order of such Court, or in default of a writ or order of such Court, shall be in force and effect as if the Court at which it is proposed to try such a person, or a Judge of a Court having jurisdiction thereof, had been the Court to which such person was committed.

**PROCLAMATION.**  
 AND WHEREAS, through alteration being made to the Common Gaol of the County of Halton, in our said Province, and from other causes the said Gaol has become temporarily insecure, and unfit for the safe-keeping of prisoners, and it has been determined by Our Lieutenant-Governor in Council that this Our Proclamation should be issued in accordance with the terms of the said Act in order to make provision therefor, We do hereby by virtue of the authority vested in us by the said Act, or otherwise lawfully, do hereby proclaim and declare that the Common Gaol of the County of Halton, in our said Province, and the County of Peel as the Gaol to which offenders within the said County of Halton may, from and after Wednesday, the 17th day of October instant included, be committed or sentenced until all matters which are presently matters of concern, and hereby referred to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

**HOUSE TO LET.**  
 That new House on Church street, facing the Rossin House. Apply to P. KELLY, 14-38 Acton, Oct. 3, 1877.  
**CARROTS FOR SALE.**  
 The subscriber has a great quantity of fine table carrots, of a large variety, for sale by the pound or by the bushel. P. S. ARMSTRONG.  
**DWELLING HOUSE TO LET.**  
 A comfortable Dwelling, specially adapted for winter comfort. Apply at J. E. McGavin's Hall of Pharmacy.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**  
**Hemelock Bark.**  
 I hereby give notice that I do not sell Hemelock Bark, as I have a full supply on hand.  
 G. L. BEARDMORE.  
 Acton Tannery, Oct. 15, 1877.  
**POCKET-BOOK LOST.**  
 Lost between Mr. Ramsay Adams' stable, Acton, and my premises, Oct. 22, 4th con, Equipping, on the 15th inst., a Pocket-book, containing a Note and 60 cents in change. The note was paid on that day to Ramsay Adams.  
 JOHN NICKLIN.  
 Equipping, Oct. 16, 1877. 16-21

**PAY UP.**  
 Your Accounts at  
 NICKLIN'S BAKERY.

**SHORT-HORN CATTLE.**  
 Long-wooled Sheep,  
 Horses, Pigs and Poultry.  
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**Thursday, 1st Nov'r,**  
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 WHEREAS BY THE Act passed by the Session of the Parliament of Canada, held in the Twelfth year of Our Reign, intituled "An Act to provide for the safe custody of prisoners in places where the Common Gaol becomes temporarily insecure," it is amongst other things in effect enacted that the Lieutenant-Governor of any Province in Canada in Council may by Proclamation published in the Official Gazette of the Province, and also in the *Canada Gazette*, declare that the Common Gaol of any District, County or place in such Province is insecure, and name the Gaol of any adjoining District, County or place as the Gaol to which offenders within such first mentioned District, County or place, may from and after a time stated, be committed or sent, and that thereafter during the continuance of such Proclamation, any person who would otherwise be committed or sent to the Common Gaol of the first mentioned District, County or place as declared insecure shall be committed to or sentenced to imprisonment in the Gaol named in the Proclamation for the same purpose, and the respective Sheriffs and Officers shall have authority to deliver any such person to the Gaol so named in such Proclamation, and that the Court at which it is proposed to try such a person, or a Judge of a Court having jurisdiction thereof, shall have authority to commit or send to the Gaol named in the Proclamation, and that every person confined for safe custody under the provisions aforesaid may be tried in the District, County or place in the Court at which it is proposed to try such a person, or a Judge of a Court having jurisdiction thereof, and every jurisdiction to make, in reference to any person committed in default of a writ or order of such Court, or in default of a writ or order of such Court, shall be in force and effect as if the Court at which it is proposed to try such a person, or a Judge of a Court having jurisdiction thereof, had been the Court to which such person was committed.

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