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JOS. H. HACKING, EDITOR. THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 25, 1877.

An address from the executive of the Dominion Alliance, has been issued, which indicates that a really vigorous campaign is contemplated. Immediate efforts are to be put forth to raise a fund of \$100,000, payable in five annual instalments, with which agents and lecturers can be employed, documents published and circulated, and the public mind of the Dominion more fully awakened and directed against the liquor traffic.

The Russian armies in Turkey have suffered and are suffering from sickness to an extent quite unparalleled. We are informed that, in addition to those killed in action, the armies have already lost no less than 62,000 men by diseases of various kinds, and they are dying like flies.

Mr. Labouchere sums up the Eastern Question in the following neat antithesis, which he says he heard from a stranger in a railway carriage: "The Russian Empire is rotten because of the Government, the Turkish Government is rotten because of the Empire."

A Mairo man went out the other morning and cut down his apple trees, and the Lewiston Journal asserts that when his friends expostulated he said that he had indulged in such profanity at seeing his apples stolen from time to time, that he found every Sunday morning he was unfit to go to church.

PROVINCIAL PLOUGHING MATCH.—A provincial ploughing match, under the auspices of the Board of Agriculture, will take place near Port Hope on the 24 of November. Upwards of \$700 will be offered in premiums. The Secretary, Thos. Harrison, of Port Hope, will give all the particulars on application.

The following post offices were established in Ontario on the 1st of September: Black's Corners, Amaranth township, Wellington county; Barleigh, Peterborough; Crown Hill, Oro, Simcoe; Ensdale, Perry, Muskoka; Garden River, Algona; Menomonie, Brant; Muskoka, Bentonville, in Russell county, has been closed.

IMPORTANT TO ASKERS.—The following new fishery regulations are published in the Gazette: No person shall fish for, catch, kill, buy, sell, or have in possession any speckled trout (salmo fontinalis) between the 15th day of September and the 1st day of May, in the Province of Ontario.

THE MODEL FARM.—A correspondent in attendance at the Agricultural College at Guelph gives the following particulars in regard to it: The Model Farm is now in a thoroughly organized condition, and to all appearance is making rapid progress. The land is being drained and cleaned, and a portion of it is laid out for the express purpose of experimenting as to the effect of the different kinds of manure on grain, roots, &c. A number of different breeds of cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, etc., are kept. Flowers are cultivated to a considerable extent, which renders the place more attractive. Accommodation for 80 students has been provided during the past season, which is all taken up. It is expected that within a few years the good effect of the College will be visible in the more scientific cultivation of the soil of Ontario.

Guelph Assizes. The Fall Assizes for the county of Wellington opened in the Court House, Guelph, on Monday, Hon. Mr. Justice Morrison presiding. The first case called was that of George Burdett vs. Charles Allison. This was an action brought by the plaintiff, who lives in East Flamborough, to recover damages for the destruction of his daughter, a girl seventeen years of age, and who became a mother on the 7th of April last. She had lived in defendant's house as a servant, and while in his employ was seduced by him. The defendant Allison is a married man, owns 200 acres of land, is a member in good standing in the Church of which plaintiff's father is a local preacher, and is a justice of the peace. Verdict for Plaintiff \$700.

The Grand Jury have brought in a true bill against John Farrell, for indecent assault on Annie Biddle. In the Sturdy Carr case on Tuesday, the Grand Jury brought in a true bill against Fred Sturdy, Louisa Sturdy, Joseph Sturdy, and Wm. Lowes, for felony. Miss Carr is the only witness examined. The trial of this case has been definitely set down for this (Thursday) morning.

ERIN FALL EXHIBITION.

If Erin show hadn't the reputation of being one of the best township exhibitions in this section of country, it could hardly have been so successful in tempting such a large number of people to venture through the almost incessant drizzle and slush that prevailed during the whole of last Thursday. Having for many years had a high reputation for excellence, the show almost invariably attracts a great crowd. This year was no exception to the general rule, the number being fairly estimated at over 3000 people. The Agricultural Society have secured splendid new grounds adjoining the large drill shed at the north end of the village, comprising about 4 1/2 acres. Both the building and the grounds were well filled. The Secretary's books show that there were about 1700 entries, and the gate receipts were nearly \$900. The show of roots and fruits was really splendid, so was the magnificent display of dairy products. The ladies of Erin are certainly to be congratulated on the very attractive display of useful and ornamental work. In carriages and implements there was a good show by the local manufacturers. The live stock department was remarkably well represented.

PRIZE LIST.

HEAVY DRAUGHT HORSES. Span of working horses (stallions excepted)—J. Currie, 2d Thos Tolton, Brood mare—J. & D. Duff, 2d R Ferguson. Colt foal—J. & D. Duff, 2d Wm Young. Two year-old gelding—Thos Young, 2d Geo Smith. Two-year-old filly—E. McDougall, 2d N McPhail. Yearling colt—W. S. Young, 2d J. McCarty. Yearling filly—Currie & Hamilton.

GENERAL PURPOSE HORSES.

Span of general purpose horses (stallions excepted)—M. Smith, 2d H Dunbar. Brood mare—B. Carr, 2d T. McCutcheon. Coat foal—J. & D. Duff, 2d J. Langford. Filly foal—S. Johnson, 2d J. R. Thomson. Two-year-old gelding—T. Young, 2d J. McCutcheon. Two-year-old filly—N. McArthur, 2d W. S. Young. Yearling colt—Wm Young, 2d J. R. Thomson. Yearling filly—Thos Barber, 2d W. J. Gray. Michael Lyons, of Erasmous, premium of \$5 for the best matched span of carriage horses, open to Ontario—H. Swackhammer.

ROAD OR CARRIAGE HORSES.

Span of carriage horses (stallions excepted)—D. Matheson, 2d H Swackhammer. Single carriage horse, driven in buggy—D. Campbell & Sons, 2d H. Boomer. Saddle horse—T. Talbot, 2d W. Hill. Brood mare—W. Hill, 2d A. McMurphy. Colt foal—A. McLean, 2d R. Bingham, jr. Filly foal—D. Graham, P. McCaney. Two-year-old gelding—D. McLean. Two-year-old filly—Jas Collins, 2d Thos Wansborough. Yearling colt—H. Hill, 2d A. McPhail. Yearling filly—R. Bingham, jr., 2d Jas DeLaney. Shod horse—Campbell & McKenzie, 2d Currie & Hamilton.

BULLS.

Aged bull—A. Clarke, 2d Henry Smith. Two-year-old bull—J. Leslie, 2d J. Baldwin. Yearling bull—H. Dunbar, 2d G. McCaig. Bull calf—H. Dunbar, G. Leslie. Best bull of any age—H. Dunbar.

DURHAM CATTLE.

Cow, over three years old—J. Anderson, 2d H. Dunbar, 3d J. Long. Two-year-old heifer—J. Anderson. Yearling heifer—H. Dunbar, John McMillan. Heifer calf—H. Dunbar, 2d Jas Long. ANY OTHER BREED. Cow, over three years old—T. Talbot, T. Tolton. Three-year-old cow—Thos Tolton. Two-year-old heifer—T. Talbot, 2d H. Dunbar. Yearling heifer—Henry Dunbar. Heifer calf—T. Talbot.

FAT AND WORKING CATTLE.

Yoke of working oxen—A. McKinnon, T. Talbot. Yoke of steers under five years old, in yoke—F. Gray. Fat cow, steer or heifer—Wm Young, 2d H. Dunbar.

COTSWOLD SHEEP.

Ram, two shears and over—G. Ellington, L. Czerwinski. Shearing ram—A. Clarke, J. Landford. Ram lamb—G. Aury, A. Clarke. Pair ewes, two shears and over—T. Talbot. Pair ewe lambs—T. Tolton, G. Aury.

LEICESTER SHEEP.

Ram, two shears and over—G. & E. Tolton, 2d T. Roberts. Shearing ram—J. & D. Duff, 2d M. Sutton. Ram lamb—G. & E. Tolton, 2d J. & D. Duff. Pair ewes, two shears and over—M. Sutton, 2d G. & E. Tolton. Pair shearing lambs—M. Sutton, 2d G. & E. Tolton.

LINCOLN SHEEP.

Ram, two shears and over—J. & D. Duff, 2d J. White. Shearing ram—J. & D. Duff, 2d D. McLean. Ram lamb—C. Czerwinski, T. Tolton. Pair ewes, two shears and over—J. & D. Duff. Pair shearing lambs—J. White.

FAT SHEEP.

Fat sheep—T. Talbot, 2d G. Ellington.

ERIN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.

In pursuance of adjournment, the Municipal Council of the Township of Erin met at the town hall, Erin Village, on the 19th inst., at 10 o'clock. The Reeve in the chair. Members all present. On motion of Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Barbour, the Reeve ordered the payment of four dollars and twenty-five cents to James Miller for gravel furnished by him for a hill on 3rd line opposite lot No. 26. Moved by Mr. Barbour, seconded by Mr. McMillan, that a by-law be introduced to appoint a place for holding the nomination and fixing the places where the elections should be held for 1878, and for appointing Returning Officers, at which it be read a first and second time. The by-law was read a 1st and 2nd time. On motion of Mr. Barbour, seconded by Mr. Reed, the Reeve ordered that Donald McLean be paid \$1.50 for furnishing cedar for a culvert opposite lot No. 4, on the 6th line. Moved by Mr. Perrin, seconded by Mr. Barbour, that the Reeve and Assessor be paid each \$5 as selectors of jurors for 1878. Moved by Mr. Barbour, seconded by Mr. Perrin, that George Smith be paid \$5 for putting in a culvert on cross road between Lots No. 17 and 18 in the 4th concession, and that the Reeve give an order for the same. On motion of Mr. Barbour, seconded by Mr. Perrin, the Reeve ordered the payment of \$5.25 to Hiram Swackhammer for three cords of wood furnished by him to Mrs. McLean, an indigent person. Mr. Perrin moved, Mr. Barbour seconded, that the Reeve order the payment of \$4 to John Austin for repairing the bridge on Lot 16 in the 11th concession, damaged by fire. On motion by Mr. Barbour, seconded by Mr. McMillan, the Reeve ordered the payment of \$5 to Wm. Chisholm, hotel keeper, for keeping tramps. On motion by Mr. Perrin, seconded by Mr. McMillan, the Council adjourned to meet on Monday, the 10th day of December, at Kirk's Hall, Hillsburg, to attend to Township business.

ANOTHER GREAT FIRE.

A dispatch from St. John, New Brunswick, gives particulars of a serious conflagration on Saturday, which destroyed an entire block in the business portion of the town of Portland, situated across the river from St. John. The loss is estimated at \$300,000. Over 2000 people are said to be burned out, and 250 houses.

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