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THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 25, 1878.

OUR CEMETERY.

We would direct the attention of the proper authorities to the disgraceful condition in which our cemetery is at present. The fence around it is very rickety, and cows and pigs seem to make the favorite resort. Quite a number of tombstones have been knocked down by these animals, and the fences around some of the burial plots are being rapidly demolished. As the cemetery is now, it is a disgrace to any Christian community, and the sooner it is remedied the better. We have mentioned a great number of complaints about parties driving with teams over the tops of some of the graves which should not be tolerated. We hope to see the proper authorities take the matter up, and have the place tidied up and a good fence erected before long.

Editorial Notes.

The New Brunswick Legislature was prorogued last Thursday.

Hon. A. J. South, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, has been knighted, in recognition of his services in connection with the Halifax Commission.

The libel suit instituted by Hon. Alex. Mackenzie against the Sarnia *Observer*, was tried at Sarnia before Mr. Justice Armour. The jury failing to agree after being out 36 hours, were discharged.

The Grand Trunk report is published. The result of the half year's operations shows a net revenue of £236,000, against £177,000, for corresponding half of last year; with extra charges for repairs and renewals of the road and rolling stock of $80,000.

The Czar has imposed a duty of $3.50 a barrel on all imported petroleum, for the purpose of promoting the utilization of the home product in Russia. The Toronto *Mail* considers this a policy which the Canadian Government should imitate, if it thinks it should.

The Chatham *Banner* is urging the formation into a town and city the townships of Chatham, Gosfraxa, Aldborough, Raleighton, Mulmer and Moore, to be done for the promotion of the interests of the ratepayers, of the district of separate from the counties of Wellington, Bruce and Simcoe, in which the municipalities are now situate, and their erection into a separate district, Dufferin.

Chatham has a daily paper.

Stratford streets are being laid with broken stone.

A Young Men's Literary Club has been formed in Goderich with a membership sliding to commence with.

The congregation of Montreal have decided to march in procession on the 24th of May, with flags and banners.

Margaret Burke and Woods were both shot in London last week for neither. Both prisoners were acquitted.

It is stated that the Government intend strengthening the Manitoba Mounted Police by the addition of 250 recruits who will be sent to the province from Ontario in May.

The receipts of the past year at Kingston penitentiary were only 23 to 24 per cent. of the expenditure, a percentage of 7½ for the five years the percentage has only been 11.

It is stated that Mr. Archibald Forbes, the world famous war correspondent of the London News, intends visiting this country, when he will deliver a series of lectures upon his experiences as war correspondent, in the leading towns.

A Hertford (England) letter carrier was lately sentenced to seven years' imprisonment at hard labor for stealing a money letter. It transpired during the trial that his wages were $4.25 a week, and that to earn them he had to walk twelve miles a day.

There has been rioting in Montreal, the occasion in this instance being an open air political meeting held in the Eastern Division on Saturday night. A mob of rowdies attended the meeting, which was called in the interest of the Liberal candidates. Stones were freely used and some thirty persons were more or less injured.

St. Alban's Church Vestry Meeting.

The annual Easter Vestry Meeting was held in St. Alban's Church, Acton, on Tuesday, 23rd inst., the Rev. C. R. Lee in the chair.

There were present Messrs C. S. Smith, G. Wilson, Thomas Craine, J. H. Smith, H. Hunt, William Smyth, S. Laird, J. Goodall, and others.

After prayer and signing the declaration required by the Constitution of the Church from members of a Vestry, Mr. C. S. Smith was elected people's churchwarden, and Mr. H. Hunt appointed by the Clergyman. Mr. C. S. Smith was also elected lay delegate to Synod.

The financial report of the churchwardens, for the past year, was then read by Mr. Wilson. The report, which showed a much balance on hand after defraying the expenses of the church for the year, was adopted as read.

A vote of thanks to the retiring churchwardens, for their services during the past year, was carried unanimously, after which the meeting, which was a most satisfactory one and very well attended, considering the wretched state of the weather and roads, adjourned.

Surprise Party and Presentation.

On the evening of the 9th inst. a few friends assembled at the residence of Mr. Peter Rae, Esquesing, to spend with him a few hours of social chat, before he took his departure for Manitoba. The time was profitably spent in singing, recitations, &c. Loaded baskets of provisions were distributed, to which each party done ample justice. After supper, Miss Jennie McGregor, in behalf of the friends and neighbors, read an address and Miss Lizzie McGregor presented Mr. Rae with a handsome Bible and Purse, as a token of respect and best wishes for him in his future home. The following is the

Address:

We, the undersigned friends of Peter Rae, in prospect of his leaving this country to seek his fortune in a new country, and under new circumstances, take this opportunity of expressing our good wishes towards him and our hopes for his success, in presenting him with this small token of our esteem and friendship. And our desire is that, upon looking at our small tribute, tender memories may recall to his heart of the home of his youth, and that it may help to cheer him in many a lonely hour—hours through which we all have to pass. And although we regret the parting, we trust to meet again where parting is no more, in a country where all is happiness and contentment.

We bid you now good bye, dear friend,
And wish you great success,
And hope that soon in your new home
You may happiness possess.

May He who rules the wind and wave
Your safe your journey there;
And may he also grant to thee
Of health ah ample share.

May you soon gain many friends,
That is prove to be true and kind;
But still we hope you'll not forget
The friends you've left behind.

Acton.

On behalf of his friends,
LIZZIE McGREGOR,
JOSEPH McGREGOR.

Mr. Rae was altogether taken by surprise, and was unprepared to say much, only to tender his hearty thanks for the kindness shown him, and expressed his own feeling as well as those present in singing the "Parting Hymn." All then joined in a circle with crossed hands and heartily sang "Auld Lang Syne" and "Stanley's Farewell," after which each retired, being well pleased with the evening's enjoyment, but sorry to part with such a joyful friend and kind neighbor.—Com.

Halton Licenses.

The License Commissioners of this County met in Milton on the 23rd inst., and granted licenses to the following parties:—

MILTON.—T. Cook and John Wallace.

GEORGETOWN.—D. Clark, H. Speers and Benj. Thompson.

OAKVILLE.—John Williams, D. Oliphant, Capt. Anderson and Station Hotel.

BURLINGTON.—Mrs. Degarmo and Station Hotel.

ACTON.—Thos. H. Campbell and Robert Agnew.

ERIN.—D. Hill, Ballinafad; S. Clark, Silver Creek; Johnston, Glenwilliams; D. Stewart, Speyside; L. Mason, Stewarttown, and two hotels in Norval.

TRAFALGAR.—J. L. Burgher, Palermo; Geo. G. Baker, Postville; W. Robson, Drumquin, and Bronte Station Hotel.

NASSAGAWEYA.—H. Stingle, Brookville, and D. Wheelihan, Campbellville.

NELSON.—J. Banton, St. Annes; Brant House and Nelson Village Hotel.

Mr. S. Milton, Caledonia, has a cow that gave birth to twin calves on Friday, March 29th, and the same cow had twin calves in May, 1877, thus making four calves inside of eleven months.

The entire moral sentiment of Hum Bum has been recently shocked by the defection of one of its hitherto most highly esteemed clergymen, the Rev. R. Bell, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Mission Church, Simcoe-st. The facts are as follows: Mr. Bell, who is a young unmarried man, came into his present charge about two years ago, and has been boarding for the last eighteen months at 69½ Johnson-st., North. A few months after his reception as a boarder at the house mentioned, the family engaged as a servant a young girl of about sixteen, and it now turns out that there has been criminal connection between Mr. Bell and this girl, resulting in the moral ruin of both. Mr. Bell, on being charged with the offence, frankly admitted his guilt. The unfortunate girl returned some time ago to the home of her parents, and the disgraced man has left the city for parts unknown.

The Chicago *Times* of last Thursday contained a long account of the alleged improper conduct of the Episcopal Bishop, Allan McCoskey, of Michigan. The substance of the story is that for a long time he has been improperly intimate with a young girl whom he educated and supported, and whom he recently married to a young man of Detroit, named Bannister, who discovered the guilt of Bishop McCoskey, and indirectly through him the matter reached the public. The proof lies in a number of amorous and broadly suggestive letters by McCoskey to the girl, Fannie Richards, in his sudden resignation, in the confused denial made to the committee, his acknowledgment of unusual intimacy with the girl, his justification of some of the letters, his sudden departure for Europe, and in the reticence of the dignitaries of the Episcopal Church, who, although they do not affirm, do not deny the story. On the other hand, stories are so little authenticated that they are not more than rumors at present. Bishop McCoskey denies the whole story, declares he resigned on account of ill-health and old age and points to a life of rectitude for 78 years as a vindication. It is intimated, but not urged in explanation of the letters, that he was becoming deranged on some points. The matter has been kept a profound secret, and leaked out casually. There are said to be more facts, but the Detroit papers publish nothing about the scandal.

NOTICE.

All persons are hereby cautioned against negotiating or in any way dealing with four promissory notes, made by John Clark and William Clark, in favor of James McClure, for the sum of $70.00 each, and dated April 2nd, 1878, the same having been obtained by fraud and are without value.

ELIAS CLARK.
Acton, 19th April, 1878. 42-3t

SOLD OUT.

Having disposed of my tinsmithing business, I would respectfully request all who are indebted to me to call and settle without delay, as I intend travelling for my health. All accounts unsettled on the 25th of April, inst., will be placed in court for collection.

41-3t ROBT. FISHER.

NOTICE.

Any person wishing to have painting or papering done should leave their orders with G. B. Levens, who will be at leisure on Thursday and Friday of each week. Shaving and Haircutting done at the shop every day except those mentioned above, and every night.

GEO. B. LEVENS.
Acton, April 19, 1878.

PLOW FACTORY OPENED.

The subscriber, having purchased the Acton Plow Works, is prepared to furnish Single and Double Frame Iron Plows, as well as the Bois Gang Plow, which has gained the reputation of being the best Gang Plow made, at the usual rates. All repairs done on the shortest notice and at the cheapest prices.

37-tf SYDNEY SMITH.

SHORT HORN BULL.

"Royal Beauford," dam, imp. "Lady Barnes," sire, imp. "Royal Oxford Grayson," will serve cows on the farm adjoining the G.T.R., Acton. Terms, Pedigree Cows, $7.00; Grade Cows, $2.00, 10 per cent off for cash.

Also two Berkshire Boars will be kept for service at the same place. Terms, $1.00, each.

40-6m C. S. SMITH.

DRESSMAKING.

We take this opportunity of announcing to the inhabitants of Acton and vicinity that we have started dressmaking at Mrs. Stone's residence, John-st. Orders left with us will receive prompt attention. The most reasonable prices charged.

39-3m MISSES BELL & STONE.

ACTON MONTHLY SALE.

The Acton monthly sale will be held at Agnew's Hotel, on Fair Day,

Thursday, May 2nd

All kinds of Stock, Implements, &c. will be sold by paying 50 cts a-piece.

Sale at 12 o'clock.

TERMS.—Ten months' credit on approved joint notes.

All entries must be made to Mr. Jas. Ryder, Sec.

WM. HEMSTREET, Auctioneer.

25-tf

GRENADINES

Among the numerous important arrivals which have lately come to hand, we would ask special attention to

Fifty Pieces Choice New Black Grenadines

in all the new and favorite makes for the season. CHEAP.

—ALSO—

1 Case Handsome "Bourette" Dress Goods,

at present commanding an immense sale in New York, and other cities of fashion. Those who shall see

AT TWENTY-FIVE CENTS PER YARD,

and every lady should see them.

One Case Lovely White Goods,

including Piques, Marcillos, Brilliants, Lawns, Centennial Stripes, Swiss Checks, etc., ranging from 10 cents per yard and upwards.

For a choice variety of New and Fashionable Goods, ladies should come direct to the Fashionable West End, Guelph.

A. O. BUCHAM.

Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment.

Guelph, April 18, 1878.

To Cleanse your Houses,

GO TO

WALKER & CAMERON

Who are prepared to

PAINT, PAPER,

And thoroughly Renovate houses at the very lowest rates.

Orders from town and country attended to. All orders to be left at William Walker's residence, John-st., Acton.

Acton, April 17, 1878.-3m Walker & Cameron.

1878. SPRING AND 1878

SUMMER CIRCULAR!

MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY

—AT THE—

NEW BRICK STORE,

—OF—

FRENCH MILLINERY

MANTLES & COSTUMES.

Also, a splendid Stock of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods, consisting of black and colored Silks, Cashmeres and Fancy Dress Goods. Kid Gloves, all the new shades (1, 2 and 3 buttons), Lisle Thread Gloves, Parasols, Sunshades, Lace Goods, Trimmings and Fringes, Prints, Comtrices, Muslins, Grey Linens, White and Grey Cottons.

English, French and German HOSIERY.

Ready-Made Clothing, Black and Blue Broadcloths, Diagonals, English, Scotch and Canadian Tweeds. SUITS MADE TO ORDER, AND A PERFECT FIT GUARANTEED, OR NO SALE.

A full assortment of Gents' Furnishings. White Dress Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, Ties, etc.

A splendid Stock of Choice Family Groceries.

TEAS A SPECIALTY.

JAMES SYMON, in returning thanks to his numerous friends and customers for the very liberal support accorded to him since he commenced business in Acton, would remind them that never before in the history of Canada were such bargains offered in Acton. The Goods have been bought for Cash and will be sold at a small advance on cost.

JAMES SYMON.

Produce of all kinds taken in exchange at the highest market price.

REMEMBER THE PLACE:

THE NEW BRICK STORE

MAIN STREET, ACTON.

Acton, April 10th, 1878.

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BEATTY'S Beatty's Pianos and Organs are the best in the world. Beatty's Pianos are the finest in the world. Beatty's Organs are the finest in the world. Beatty's Pianos and Organs are the finest in the world. Beatty's Pianos and Organs are the finest in the world. Beatty's Pianos and