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The cheering continued here until nearly all were hoarse, and as the fire had by this time burned down and the fuel had run out, the crowd adjourned to Agnes's Hotel, where addresses were delivered by the local leaders of each side. The crowd dispersed at an early hour with cheers for Macdonald.

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Acton..... 5

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Wentworth..... 26

Trafalgar..... 100

Nelson..... 61

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On Thursday night the gates which run off the water from Mr. Morow's pond were left open, but notwithstanding this the water rose very much, and in the morning it was found to be flowing through Mr. Morow's orchard, and then over the dam. By noon, on Friday, a river was going over the

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dam, the pond by this time having risen about five feet above its usual level. The back water from this pond does some damage to the cellar belonging to the residents at the foot of Flower Avenue, it raised to such a height that the houses appeared to be islands and roads had to be constructed to allow the dwellers to get out of their houses, and return home.

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the winter stands, Canada has little to complain of in the reception she has met with in her first appearance at the new Dominion on the European stage.

The East.

Forty-six thousand Russian troops have left Turkey for home, Midhat Pasha has received permission to reside with his family in a provincial Turkish town. Constantople is threatened with starvation, the bakers being unable to furnish bread on account of the high price of wheat and the depreciation of currency. The redemption of the paper currency has been undertaken by a syndicate of bankers. The Porte has been informed that England will not accede to the German proposal that the signatory powers should co-operate in enforcing the clauses of the terms of the Treaty of Berlin. The Austro-Turkish Convention has not yet been signed. The agitation in Albania is increasing, and fresh outbreaks are imminent, the Christians are seeking safety in Montenegro. Mr. Leyard refused to entertain the request of the Porte for an advance of \$3,000,000 to enable Turkey to carry out its reforms in Asia Minor. The Austrians will not attempt to advance to Novi Beatz this year.

Editorial Notes.

The nomination for Manitoba constituents will take place today and the polling on the 26th.

Considerable opposition has been shown in the British Columbia Legislature to the item for \$900,000, that being the expense of the late Royal Commission.

It is satisfactory to again inform that in Cuba they are once more discussing the subject of the abolition of slavery. However, strong opposition is manifested to the policy pursued by Great Britain in her own possessions, where the owners were compensated for the loss they sustained by the emancipation.

It is rumored that the Government are about to undertake an ordinance survey of Cypress on the scale of two miles to the inch. Lieutenant Kitchener, R. E., now in command of the survey in Palestine, is the person appointed to take command of this important part of the country. So intent were we advancing the scenery, that time slipped just unnoticed by us, until tired nature asserted her claim, and compelled us to sit down and rest. At the distance of two or three car loads of cattle had to be unloaded and fed at this station. In Brampton the water raised so high that teams had to be sent to Little Lake, so the citizens could navigate the streets, on some of which three or four feet of water was flowing down with great force. The Don River, at Toronto, overflowed its banks and carried away all its bridges, and several people were drowned. No train on any railway could leave Toronto before Friday morning, as washouts had occurred on all the roads. The storm commenced at the Gulf of Mexico, on the night of the 5th instant, and hovered over Cuba and Southern Florida until the night of the 10th. Then began to move northward, and the fiercest part reached Ontario on the night of the 12th.

The Paris Exhibition.

The returns from Paris with the successful Canadian exhibition was published in yesterday's Globe. Canada stands upon a solid footing at Paris, in 1878, from what she did in Philadelphia, in 1876. There she had great facilities for transportation, as the field was almost at the very door, and after the United States, she had no rival in many exhibits peculiar to North America. Besides, the times were more prosperous, and the novelty of the idea, conducted to fill up the space, no better appointment can be made. Perhaps, however, Lord Dufferin would not care to risk the dangerous climate of the Cyprian shores.

Much assistance has been rendered to the people of the fever-stricken South, but there is still room for very much more to be accomplished, for the plague-possessed people are sorely afflicted. It is conceded that the mortality of disease is greatly diminished by proper care and nursing. These can be supplied—suffering can be relieved and lives actually saved by pouring in contributions. There is no danger of too much being done—of too large sums being sent. There is room, abundant room to make good use of it all. Let our people remember though God forbid it—that they may be in like case; and with this reflection present with them, let them do as they would be done.

Nassauwaya Council.

The Council met at the call of the Rees on Monday, the 18th day of September.

Mr. Wheelan moved, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the sum of \$15,50 be paid to E. Chapman, architect, for his services in connection with the revision of the Quarter List for 1877, that the sum of \$5 be paid to J. Easterbrook, Town Clerk, for his services connected therewith, as certified by the Judge of the County Court. Carried.

Mr. Hutchison moved, seconded by Dr. Grant, of Ottawa, with the farewell address to His Excellency of the Ontario College of Physicians and Surgeons, to which he has sent an interesting and learned paper.

A By-Law was introduced and passed to assess certain school sections for the several amounts required for school purposes.

A By-Law to authorize the trustees of school section No. 3 to raise the sum of \$550 to defray the expenses connected with the enlargement of the school house thereon.

Mr. Watson moved, seconded by Mr. Wheelan, that the sum of \$6 be paid to Andrew McAlpine for furnishing gravel to road division No. 28 and a further sum of \$1 to James McConnell, being entered into a certain contract under British rule.

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BALLINAFAD.

From our own Correspondent.

A friendly game of Quoits was pitched here on Wednesday last, between the Ballinfad and Georgetown clubs, and resulted in the Ballinfad winning the game by 92 points. Mr. Goo, Club, was beaten badly by his opponent Mr. Miller. After the game was finished, Gibbs and Miller pitched another game, and after Gibbs allowed his opponent to almost win the game, he put himself together, and did not allow him to get another point. His object in allowing Miller to gain so much was to allow his backers to put up a good deal of money, which provides that a rate of four mills and eight tenths of a mill be levied on all the real estate property of the Township.

On motion of the Council adjourned to meet again on Monday, the 25th day of November next.

JOHN EASTERNROOK, T. Clerk.

The root crops have suffered considerably from the late heavy rains.

At Silver Islet they are taking out \$36,000 worth of silver ore weekly, and everything is lively.

Parties of agriculturists, principally from the Ottawa valley, still continue to leave for Manitoba.

The Dunkin Act will be submitted to the representatives of the county of Perth during the coming winter.

Hamburg's protection from fire is a land-engine, and the citizens are agitating for the purchase of a steamer.

The Vice-regal residence, Ottawa, is being put in a thorough state of repair, pending the change in Her Majesty's representatives.

The Nova Scotia Cotton Mills at Blackburn, Lancashire, were on Thursday last damaged by fire to the amount of \$300,000.

Manitoulin Island is being rapidly opened up for settlement.

Settlers are coming in, and school districts are being laid out.

Mr. E. J. Wilkins, of Galt, has

been shot dead in his garden.

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