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Tuesday Morning, Oct. 3, 1878.

Mr. Venner, who reads the stars, comprehends the moon, and is intimatedly acquainted with the movements and instances of all our dumb relations, says we are about to have an early & late winter.

Lat during the middle of it we are to be favored with an unusual spell of cold weather. Now, had Mr. Venner predicted for us something much more rigorous, we should have been compelled to bow our heads in submission, for when Mr. Venner says it, it must be so, as his record is too well known for him to be contradicted, and even when he is slightly out of his reckoning, it only answers to tell him so in the gentlest possible manner.

Yellow fever does not seem to be relaxing its hold upon the districts which it is scouring. Of course the number of daily deaths is much less, but the reduction is largely proportional to the amount of the living still remaining in that terribly distressed district.

An Elora Bigamist.

The Express says: "About seven years ago Thomas Knight, who for the past two years had been employed in the Elora brush factory, married a young woman in Montreal. After six weeks of wedded life his wife was called to Quebec to attend her sister's funeral, leaving her husband to keep bachelor's hall. But, bold man, he quickly tired of cold bread, and thinking that now or never was the time to have a change, he sold out everything, forgot to tell his wife of his whereabouts, and found himself in London some four years ago. Here he was again seized with a desire for matrimonial bliss, and took up to himself wife No. 2. Proving more constant in his second trial, he has lived with this wife for the past four years—two of which were spent as one of our citizens. Late wife No. 1, got trace of her erring lord, and despatched letters to the Irish Factory Co., proclaiming her grievances. Thomas was made acquainted with the fact, but strictly denied everything. Patching up an excuse, he quietly and unknowingly took the first train south, leaving all knowledge of his present residence in doubt. Mrs. Knight has a brother in town who takes charge of her and her three children."

The Elora Carpet Factory is ed. revised to cut.

The well known half way tree between Guelph and Elora has been blown down.

The fines and fees at the Toronto Police Court, for the month of August, amounted to \$1,933.65.

There was 42 births, 7 marriages and 26 deaths registered in Toronto for the week ending Sept. 28.

The Masons and Oddfellows of the United States have contributed over \$50,000 for the sufferers in the Southern states.

There has been a butchers' tournament at Belleville, a prize being given the flesher who most rapidly killed and dressed an ox.

The L. O. O. H. of Palmerston, who had their hall destroyed by fire, about a week ago, have already commenced the erection of a new block.

By a vote of two-thirds the title of the Grand Lodge of the Order of Oddfellows has been changed to that of "Giant Lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows."

The directors of the Great Western of Canada announce that after paying their interest on terminable bonds and dividend stock, there will be no balance remaining for dividends on preference stock.

On Friday morning the early train on the Grand Trunk was delayed at Northavon for the baggage car being thrown off the track, in consequence of the locomotive striking a cow that was on the track. The car was left behind, and the train proceeded west with very little delay.

J. E. McGarvin, druggist, Acton.

was taught simpler facilities were afforded to act in a criminal way, and forgeries, and such acts as those of the present had frequent occurrence.

He was thankful that the late idea was not much prevalent in that part of our country.

There are two kinds of education employed in training children, one tending to do good, the other to do evil, and while those different trainings are going on, the teacher should aim high in the educating process, in order that his pupil may be an honor to him.

Some people say that all the education their children require is that they may make good mechanics or tradesmen; if a child can read and write, that is all that is necessary.

If the country is being prospered in other sections under Mr. MacKenzie's administration at Algoma, it would be, by all means, a honor to him.

Such evidence of going to ruin is quite encouraging, and we want more of just such ruin!"

AFTERNOON SESSION:

After calling order the President informed the teachers that all were expected to take part in the discussions, as the meetings would then be more profitable and interesting.

Mr. Moore, H. M. of Georgetown, P. S., had informed the secretary that he was unprepared with his paper on "Grammar and Composition," but that Mr. Malcolm, of Georgetown would open the subject for discussion.

Mr. Malcolm would rather that the subject should be left over, as he had not had time to get up a paper on the subject.

Mr. Coates did not like to be pressing, particularly when a good cause was forthcoming, and he would refer Mr. Malcolm to a conversation he had some time ago, when he (Malcolm) had promised to take up a subject if (Coates) would let him do so.

Mr. Malcolm could not plead ignorance of his subject, and would request that he would let him do so, as he had been inspecting the schools during the past six weeks.

The school house was decorated in the following manner, in honor of the occasion. At the audience took their seats, the words "Welcome to Action" were to be seen on the wall, handsomely worked in white on red flannel. In a semi circle over the clock, was the appropriate motto, "Tempus Fugit," "time flies." Over the door leading into the second department, was the inscription, "Discendo Doceo,"—"By teaching, we learn."

Mr. Little represented that the school house was the motto, Duty, Discipline and Diligence, Patience, Perseverance and Politeness, all neatly worked with evergreen. The doors and windows were also bordered with evergreens, the whole presenting a very beautiful and pleasing appearance, and all reflect great credit and skill upon Mr. W. H. McDonald, who had charge of the decorations.

THURSDAY

MORNING SESSION.

The opening services were conducted by the secretary of the Association, Mr. Coates, of Louisville, and the roll was called, after which the motions and the other important business transacted at the last meeting of the Association, held in Oakville, were read and adopted. The Minutes of the Meeting of the Managing Committee, held in Milton, on the 9th of August, were read and adopted.

The President, Mr. Little, then informed the Association that he had received a telegram from Mr. J. A. McLellan, stating that Mr. Louis, an excellent elocutionist, would be with them on Friday evening, when he would render some readings. The secretary also said that he had received a letter from Mr. Wellwood, of Oakville, stating that he could not be present in time to give his paper on reading.

After this routine business, Mr. Little gave an address. He said that the most of those present were aware that he had just returned from Algoma, where he had been laboring hard during the past six weeks. He doubted whether the company present were all aware of the vast proportions of this district. It is twice as large as all the rest of the Province of Ontario, and covers an area of over 300,000 square miles. The district is rapidly settling, and there were about 10,000 settlers there already. With regard to education, very little has been done as yet. He was not at all prepared to give an address, as he had just returned from such a long journey. Having travelled over 1,000 miles since Tuesday morning, he felt very much fatigued, and on account of his numerous exposures during his trip, he had not felt well the past week, and as he had been occupied the night before reading the mass of correspondence which had accumulated during his absence, he had been unable to prepare a speech, and hoped that any remarks he might make would be kindly received. He believed that every one should have an interest in the cause of education. "In countries which are still in a barbarous condition, it was different, but at the cause of education, barbarism diminishes. Some people have the idea that they know all about education, and it will generally be found that those professing this are those who know the least about it, while those who have studied the subject most, when asked what it is, cannot tell you, but as they study the subject more, they seem to think they know less about it, at least that was the speaker's experience. When teaching school he sometimes thought he saw some good teaching, but now he thought different. Some people had the opinion that education was a great blessing, and that it helped to diminish crime, and consequently virtue would flourish in our land if it were necessarily encouraged, but other people think it is a great curse, and that wherever education

is limited, and advised its teachers to do more in their schools than is done at present.

The association expressed its thanks to Mr. McLellan for his remarks by a hearty vote of thanks.

A paper on "The History of Education in Ontario" was next read by Mr. Macmillan, M. A. P. S. of Hamilton. His commencement at the time when Ontario was first settled, showed what gigantic strides the cause of education had made up to the present time, reading some statistics to show its steady advancement. The first school in Ontario was established at Kingstown in 1789, and see what a place our schools have in our land a century afterwards. He was glad to see some of the old schools of Ontario in operation. In historical and teachers' institutes, and he was pleased to find that one of these was in Action. He thought this was the only county in the province where this was the case. He closed by giving some laughable incidents about how schools were carried on in the early days.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Macmillan was tendered by the association.

The "Question Draw" was then opened, and the questions were answered by Mr. G. W. Head, M. P. S. and Mr. Macmillan. The draw was found to contain eight questions, nearly all of which referred to the management of schools. This closed the session.

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Mr. Cameron, of Lumsdenfield, had no come with the intention of speaking, and had nothing special to say. He thought that in order to secure a successful teacher should have the respect of his pupils, and that the children should fear—not slavishly—but the teacher.

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