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OUR PAPER.

We this week present our new heading to our readers, which arrived from Chipewyan in time for this issue. We have been endeavoring in every way, since the Free Press first came into our possession over a year ago, to make it as attractive to our readers as possible. With this end in view we have of late made a number of changes, among which are the widening of our columns, thus making it far more pleasant to the readers; the introduction of smaller type into our paper, thus giving it a more reading matter, of excellent variety, to our readers, and now that the paper may present as nice an appearance as possible, we have put on a new heading.

Now, all these changes have added considerably to our expenses, and therefore we request all our patrons, who do us for job work, advertising or subscriptions to pay up as soon as possible.

EDUCATION IN HALTON.

The Halton County Teachers' Association which assembled in Georgetown on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week was one of the most successful which has yet been held by the Association, and from the interest taken in the proceedings there is reason to believe that the teachers of the county are alive to the responsibilities of their profession. There were about seventy-five teachers present, and they were addressed by R. Little, P. S. Inspector, Halton, president of the Association, Mr. Wellwood, B. A., Head Master Oakville High School, Rev. J. Fringe, Georgetown, Mr. J. M. Buchan, M.A., High School Inspector, Dr. McLellan, Toronto, Mr. McKinnon, P.D. Inspector of Peel, Mr. McLean, Head Master County Model School, Prof. Young, &c., to all of whom the teachers listened with interest.

On account of a great press of job work we are forced to leave our full report over, and those teachers who subscribed for it may expect it next week.

The Synod of Toronto has been engaged for several days in electing a Bishop, but the latest reports say that no decision has been arrived at, and each party seems determined not to give in.

The report of the death of Sheik Ali, succeeded as it is by the announcement that his son, Yakkoh Khan, is making overtures for friendly relations, shows that—having as it were “carried the war into Africa,” and driven out of its semi-barbaric chiefdom, who has succumbed to a complication of maladies and mortifications—Great Britain has once more an opportunity of satisfactorily settling with the Afghans.

The British people appear determined to open up and Christianize Central Africa. It has been found that the best and most satisfactory means of extending trade is to send the Gospel in advance. Several missionaries have already been sent among the subjects of King Mecca by the Church Society of England; and these have been most cordially received. Mr. Arthington, a wealthy merchant of Leeds, who has always largely supported missionary exploration in Africa, offers £2,000 for providing a steamer to further extend the navigation of the Livingstone River, with a view to proselytizing the population on either side of the river. The offer has been accepted, and in the course of a few months an expedition will leave England, under the care of Rev. J. T. Comber.

The *Moscow Times* calls attention to a new gambling dodge, which has originated in Chicago. A firm calling themselves Benton & Co., have sent circulars to Canada “capitalists,” in which they state that wheat and corn, pork and lard are very low, and that they must before long bring higher prices, ergo they intitiate, “go in” for a lot through the instrumentality of Denton & Co. These solicitations are as dangerous as those of New York stock gamblers; more so indeed for people who have a dread of operations in stock, would think it no harm to dab being grain or pork. If our readers are wise they will keep out of this temptation, for if they go in they will assuredly be bitten for these swindlers in great numbers are no better than the swindling stock jobbers in New York.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Canadian News Items:
The Amherst is again dead.
Yakko Khan is treating for peace.
Dr. Newman has been created a cardinal.
Belleville is out of coal, and prices are up.

Montreal water-rate arrears amount to \$90,000.

Toronto ice-boats slide about the bay on Sunday.

Stewart's remains have again been discovered.

Schleswig-Holstein has only fifteen feet of snow.

An Ancaster lamb has six well formed legs.

The Kashgar rebellion has been stamped out.

A school of design has been established in Kingston.

The natives of Camborne are perishing.

The supreme court of Canada will meet April 15th.

Coggie, a French star gazer, has discovered a new planet.

The surveyors are at work on the C. V. line east of Galt.

German burghers are at Montreal, buying cattle for Germany.

There are \$384,628 of unpaid taxes upon the Toronto lists.

There is much smuggling reported going on in the vicinity of Prescott.

Something like \$20,000 was collected in fines and costs at the Montreal Police Court last year.

There were seventeen men interred at Montreal last week, and nineteen deaths from small pox.

An advance of \$1,500,000 is to be asked for by the British Government for the expenses incurred in the Zulu war.

Twenty-eight cars of English goods, six caravans, were shipped from Halifax over the Intercolonial railway on Thursday.

Wool goods of all kinds are run off price. A few manuf'ys yet in stock will be sold at first offer. Christie, Henderson & Co.

The Messrs. Allan are having a steamer of 4,000 tons built for the cattle trade between Canada and the United Kingdom.

A tavern-keeper at Belleville has been sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment, and to pay a fine of \$20, for selling liquor to an Indian.

The Astro German plague commission at Tarzian meets with great opposition from the Russian authorities in the execution of their duties.

No information as to the whereabouts of Mr. C. R. Murry, the missing cashier of the Exchange Bank, Montreal, has yet been obtained.

A letter has come to light in Montreal, signed by Dr. Bingham, Bunting, & Co., offering \$25 for good articles, and giving directions as to shipments, &c.

A valentine addressed to “The hand-some young man in Winnipeg,” with the endorsement, “Post office clerks, don't open it,” was recently delivered at Winnipeg, Man., on Feb. 14th.

The Fire and Gas Committee of the Toronto Council have recommended a reduction of salaries in the fire department, which, if carried out by the Council, will effect a yearly saving of \$6,642.

A man named Sandy Stewart was up for the forty-second time before the Ottawa Police Magistrate on Tuesday for drunkenness, but upon addressing an eloquent appeal to the P. M. he was allowed to go once more.

Our readers are requested to note that Messrs. McLeod, Anderson & Co. of Georgetown, will commence a grand Auction Sale on 12th March, to clear out their stock and make room for spring imports. Bargains will be allowed to go once more.

Counterfeit fifty cent Canadian coins are in circulation. They are of a dull color, soft, and light of weight, and can easily be detected by ordinary attention. Counterfeits one dollar Dominon bills and ten dollar Ontario Bank bills are also going the rounds.

Subscriptions are being raised at Montreal for the relatives of those who shipped on board the German steamer Herman Ludwig which sailed from New York for Antwerp in September and which has not since been heard from. The vessel frequently visited the port of Montreal.

The corselets which were stolen from the chariot of St. Eustachius, Paris, last week, have been found hidden in the woods seven miles from St. Eustachius. Three of the revolutionaries, Alexander, Vanier, Theophilus Savard, and Thomas Beauvais, have been arrested, and sent to St. Scholastique for the criminal assizes in July next.

Mr. Switzer, tax collector for Division No. 2, was refunded \$5.55 for taxes he could not collect.

To Bylaw, appointing the assessor for the township for the current year was passed, the blank being filled with the name of David Cook, and his salary, \$200.

\$15.00 was granted to the Misses Storey, Ashgrove, who are in indigent circumstances.

Council adjourned until Friday, April 13th.

On Sunday afternoon a dozen young ladies were accidentally locked up in the Metropolitan Church, Toronto.

After some difficulty they made their exit through one of the school rooms.

Having been so long confined,

they must before long bring higher prices, ergo they intitiate, “go in” for a lot through the instrumentality of Denton & Co. These solicitations are as dangerous as those of New York stock gamblers; more so indeed for people who have a dread of operations in stock, would think it no harm to dab being grain or pork. If our readers are wise they will keep out of this temptation, for if they go in they will assuredly be bitten for these swindlers in great numbers are no better than the swindling stock jobbers in New York.

Gilt Edge Butter.

There is always an active demand for butter, and a high quality gilt edge butter is much better than butter sold at a reduction of from one to two cents per pound. Up to the 15th inst., I am unable to find any butter made by Wells, Richardson & Co., or by the firm of H. & W. Wells, which is the best and purest and best made. It is as firm as butter can be, and never improves any longer. Butter Buyers and Dairymen, if you want to buy butter, buy it from H. & W. Wells, or from the firm of H. & W. Wells, Richardson & Co., who has it for sale, as well as all kinds of butter and margarine generally.

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NEW
BOOT & SHOE SHOP

W. Williams would respectfully invite the people of Acton and vicinity that he has opened a Boot & Shoe Shop in the building opposite.

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NEW BAKERY
In Acton.

T. EASTON,
Baker to the residents of Acton and vicinity that he has commenced his trade in that.

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EAVETROUGHING.
STOVES

W. STOREY'S GLOVE WORKS,
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