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The possibilities are now that the change of industry in England will lead to the abandonment of the contemplated monument to the Prince Imperial, in Westminster Abbey.

Terrible Fire.

The city of Hull, on the opposite side of the Ottawa river, from Ottawa, has been almost entirely destroyed by fire. The fire broke out on Bridge street last Wednesday, and before many hours the whole area of ground containing Church, Duke, Lake, Kent, Altou, Wellington, Charles, Central, Wright, Hannah, and several other streets was burned. It is estimated that between 700 and 800 houses are destroyed, and over 5000 people homeless. Several lives are known to be lost, while reports are current that at least a dozen have perished. Relief has been sent to the sufferers from various sources.

Canadian News.

No change of venue in the Dannelly murder cases will be made.

The Queen has sent out two gold watches in recognition of the Princess Louise, to the side of camp and gown which she is in her rescue on the occasion of last winter's accident.

Hanky left yesterday for Washington, where the Pop Bitters race is to come on the 16th prox.

Mrs. Jacques, wife of the President of Alport College, died on Saturday afternoon from inflammation of the lungs.

Nassagawaya Items.

From our own correspondents. Mesas are raging in the neighborhood of Campbellville several cases are reported, but it is an easy fluid. The farmers are sowing their spring wheat here.

The following is a list of the officers elected for the present quarter in Project Division, Sons of Temperance: J. Miller, W.P. M. Rawson, W.A. A. Bell, R.S. N. E. Spence, A. R. S. J. McPherson, F. S. McMillan, Treasurer. J. W. Eastwick, Chas. A. Baker, Com. and W. A. Rawson, A. Com. W. Agnew, I. S. D. Agnew, O. S.

The Educational Meeting held in Ebenezer Church on Monday evening was well attended. The meeting was addressed by Rev. W. Williams, Guelph, R. Hollis, Acton, and Mr. T. A. Moore, of Acton. Good collection.

Rev. D. M. McKeezie has been confined to his bed during the past few weeks, but is now slowly recovering.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editor will be willing to open his columns to the free discussion of all matters of public interest, or to the opinions of his correspondents. Correspondents are requested to be brief and to the point, and on one side with the paper only. All letters must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

The Nebraska Meeting.

To the Editor of the Free Press. Dear Sir—As your paper last week announced a meeting of those interested in the settlement of South Eastern Nebraska, doubtless your readers will be desirous of knowing what the interest parties had to say respecting the lands they are commencing to sell, as well as the superior advantages of the country generally. Well, the interested parties were all present, the Rev. Mr. Weir, who acted as chief spokesman, and Mr. Walker who hailed from here from the county of Willington, and our local Postmaster. Besides the interested parties a goodly number of the citizens as well as farmers from the vicinity of Acton dropped in through curiosity to hear what the interested parties had to say, and to doubtless felt very much interested with the very interesting account given by the interested parties of the very superior advantages they (the interested parties) would derive from a speedy settlement of the beautiful farms to be had only in South Eastern Nebraska.

A remarkable unanimity of feeling prevailed among the interested parties respecting any matter brought before the meeting; whatever statement one of the interested parties would make the other two would endorse to the fullest extent, showing thereby that only a truthful and honest account of the country was given. Doubtless Nebraska and more particularly that part lying around Lincoln, is a remarkable country, apples, as well as all the small fruits, except chestnuts, grow profusely. The difficulty with the horse chestnut is that the growth is so rapid that the root pulp does not become sufficiently hardened before winter sets in, and the young trees freeze to death. This is to be regretted, but it is to be hoped the frost, as the country becomes settled, will be less severe. The grass however did not die the country a number of years ago, following a severe drought, but the interested parties hope they will be able to increase the rain fall by the introduction of railways, telegraphs, great mills, as well as other inventions that will produce atmospheric changes, and thereby prevent any droughts in the future, and hence any probability of any future great crop failures. The lack of timber is to be fully provided for by each man planting out his own

forest.

As an instance of the rapid growth of the maple in South-Eastern Nebraska, an account was given of seeds sent from New York State far in the summer, producing in one season a plant as long and as thick as a good sized walking stick. The second year they are to be as high as an ordinary ceiling. It is to be regretted that the driver of the fish is not quite what might be desired; this is almost the only drawback the country has. Some of the fish grow very large, such as the cat-fish. The mode of fishing suggested is very interesting. Take a wad to the banks of the river, tie a rope as thick as the spread walking stick around its neck, and put a pup on the other end for a bait, wait till the wad feels a jerk, and then back him up, and a monstrous cat fish is landed ever time. These fish measure about ten feet long and about a foot thick, and are sliced and sold at ten cents per pound in the city of Lincoln, in Nebraska. This story will be considered by some of the knowing ones as somewhat fishy but it helps to show the very superior advantages of the country. No doubt there are some beautiful lands in Nebraska, more particularly in South-Eastern Nebraska. One lot purchased last year by a lucky citizen of Acton is spoken of as the most beautiful spot the sun shines on. It is to be hoped he will survey it into town lots, and sell it in small parcels that others as well as he may taste of the sweets of his earthly paradise. Cattle and hogs are profitably raised, and fish culture has proved a lucrative occupation, dog culture no doubt will also attract considerable attention, owing to the great amount of pup that will be required to attend the cat fish. The meeting on the whole was quite interesting, but to what extent the interested parties may yet be benefited it is not of course known. The exodus from Acton has not yet commenced.

Yours faithfully, FAR FOWLS HAVE FAIR FEATHERS. Acton, April 29th 1880.

TOWN AND COUNTY.

—TROUT fishing on Saturday.

—SPRING work is being pushed forward.

—The ice speculators are again engaged in shipping ice.

—Last Friday was Guelph's 53rd birthday. No celebration.

—COPPERAS mixed with whitewash put upon the cellar walls will keep vermin away.

—The engine house, at the G.T.R. station, Acton, was destroyed by fire last evening.

—The Board of Trustees of Acton School Division meets in the School house on Monday evening next.

—THE WHISTLE.—The welcome sound of the steam whistle on M. Speight's shop is again heard morning, noon and night.

—FISHING for trout commences on Saturday, the first of May. But the date for catching them has not yet been settled.

—We welcome to our exchange list the Bradford Telegram, which is a live local daily, published in Bradford by Messrs. J. & S. Box.

—THE WIND STORM.—Another windstorm passed over this vicinity Monday afternoon. The roof was blown off Mr. D. Williamson's barn, in Nassagawaya. Trees, fences, &c., were blown down.

—THE PELLET.—Rev. R. Hollis preached in Norfolk St. Methodist Church, Guelph, on Sunday. Mr. T. A. Moore preached in the Methodist Church here in the morning, and Mr. John Speight in the evening.

—SEW for sample copy (free) and Club Rates of the Canadian Farmer, the only strictly Farm Weekly in the Dominion. No farmer who wishes to succeed should be without it. Read the advertisement in another column.

—We would offer a little advice to those owning hens. As soon as your neighbor has planted his garden, see that your hens and chickens have free access to it. It will help to strengthen the good feeling existing between you and your neighbor.

—FARMERS r-e-col-lect there is only one paper in the Dominion published entirely in your interest. It should be well supported to make it a power in the land. Read the advertisement of the Canadian Farmer in another column, and send for free sample copy.

—NEW SIGNS.—We notice that Mr. J. Fyfe has erected two new and attractive signs boards over the verandah of his Clothing Store. The signs were manufactured by Mr. Joseph Speight, of this village, and the work shows that he is capable of putting out a good job of this kind.

—WONDERFUL SALVE.—Don't neglect writing to Rev. T. A. Kinison, Allegheny, about the wonderful Salve prepared by the old Irish lady. It is said to never fail to cure any open or running sore (no matter what named) to which it can get access, send stamp.

—DON'T FORGET IT.—Acton is going to have a Queen's birth-day this year. It will take place some time about the 24th of May. A concert will be given by the young ladies of the village in aid of our worthy Brass Band. A "fish-pond" will be one of the features of the entertainment. Games and amusements will take place and a holiday time may be expected. Save your things for the 24th "Acton. The other celebrations in the back towns will be mere side shows to what Acton will give you.

—ACTON PARLOR ORCHESTRA.—We had the pleasure the other evening, of listening to the excellent music of the Acton Parlor Orchestra. This company is composed of five of the young men of our village, and the instruments used are, two violins, a flute, a baritone and a bassoon. The orchestra have been practicing for the past month or so and have made fast progress, and we hope ere long to see them take their places on the public platform, where they will no doubt acquire themselves and us.

ACCIDENT.—

On Monday last an Mr. William Maalas was harvesting in a field near the railway on the farm of Mr. Samuel Moore, in this village, his horses became frightened at a passing train. After jumping about considerably one of the horses fell dragging the other with it, and coming in contact with the sharp harrow teeth, received a long deep wound on the thigh, as well as other minor injuries. The animal was rendered unfit for work.

WHEN NOT TO ASK QUESTIONS.—If a lawyer should be asked to tell the secrets of his client, or if a doctor were asked to reveal what he learns in the sick room, by parties who only seek to gratify curiosity, such parties would meet, very likely, with a firm refusal. Why is it then that when an article appears in a newspaper, as correspondence, or when something editorially attracts more than the usual attention, there are persons who will ask the editor "who wrote that article?" And yet such questions are asked every day. If editors should "give away" their correspondents, or should tell the source of their information, they would very soon lose the confidence of such persons, who would very likely thereafter take no pains to write them.—Exchange.

THE ALTA.

SHILL-McGROVER.—At the residence of the bride's mother, by Rev. J. D. Cameron, on 15th inst., Mr. Robt. Shill, of East Waverston, to Miss Elizabeth daughter of Donald McGrover, Esq., of Nassagawaya.

FOR-TERRETT.—In Stratford, on the 21st inst., at the residence of E. J. Parkinson, Esq., by Rev. H. Hughes, Mr. Lewis R. For, accountant for Messrs. W. H. Storey & Son, of the Canada Globe Works, Acton, to Miss Lizzie Terrett, of Stratford.

IN Acton, on the 23rd inst., Thomas, son of Robert Agnew, Esq., aged 14 years and 4 months.

IN Acton, on the 21st inst., Clara, eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Cameron, aged 11 years.

ACTON MARKET.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes White Wheat, Trudwell, Spring Wheat, Red Chaff, Oats, Peas, Barley, Potatoes per bag, Butter, Dairy packed, Butter, rolls, Potatoes per bag, Apples per bag, Silver-leaf, Hides, per cwt, Wood, per load, Hay, per ton, Straw, per load.

NEW CUSTOMERS.

Any parties requiring bread left at their residences will please leave their orders at the bake shop.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

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TO PRINTERS.

I have for sale, or will exchange for other printing material, a full font 3A, Skeleton Antique, 70 line, wood type. The type is in good condition, and has only been used a few times. Samples of the style sent, if required. H. P. MOORE, Free Press Office, Acton.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Teachers' Examinations. The July Examination of Candidates for the year 1880, will be held as follows:— For First Class.—At the Normal School, Toronto, on Thursday, 8th July, at 9 a. m. For Second Class.—At the Town Hall, Milton, and the Oakville High School, on Monday, 5th July, at 2 p. m. For Third Class.—At the Town Hall, Milton, on Tuesday, 13th July, at 9 a. m. Forms of the notice to be given by Candidates can be obtained on application to any County Inspector. It is imperative that candidates should notify the undersigned not later than the 1st of June of their intention to present themselves for examination. R. HITTLE, P.S.I., Co. Halton, Acton, 25th April, 1880.

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NOTICE.

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