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The Cow Mosaic.

We do not think there are many owners of gardens in this town who do not have some time or other during the summer to anesthetize the cows that are to be found straying on our streets at all hours of the day and night. Low and numerous, but sum- mer, were the complaints of the un- lucky growers of garden vegetables, who had the misfortune to have the fruit of many an hour's hard work destroyed in a few minutes by the "creepy" pro- perties of his neighbor's "crumine." To get is proof against them, and in fact, as a citizen remarked the other evening, "some of them could elude a bidder." Not only do they play havoc with gardens but they make the sides walk in a shocking dirty condition. The Council would have the thanks of a majority of the ratepayers of the village if they would have carried out the law prohibiting cows from roaming the streets.

Carrying Firearms.

The shooting of the Hon. George Brown has drawn the attention of a portion of the press to the evils of carrying firearms. As the Ottawa Free

Press, however, reminds us, it is not

for want of a law prohibiting the

practice that continues to be pro-

mote of harm. The Act placed upon

the statute books by Mr. Blake during

the late administration, against the

indiscriminate carrying of firearms,

should be rigidly enforced in all quar-

ters. If careful and law-abiding people

are allowed liberty in this matter, care-

less and lawless ones will claim it;

therefore, the only safe course is to

punish anybody who carries a deadly

weapon contrary to the law referred to.

This law seems not to have been with-

out effect on our own population as,

very frequently, when a pistol is found

the bearer turns out to have come from

beyond the Canadian line.

The Merry Spring Time.

At last we have gay and mirthful

evidence of the fact that spring,

so long coy and hesitating, is here.

Not only do "the yellow curtains cover

"all the slender willows over," but

every tree and plant indigenous to our

soil and climate has donned becoming

reinforcement. The numerous thunder

showers of the past few days have

washed mother earth's face until it

shines again. The grass grows green

in field and paddock, and the bumble

thorough brilliant dandelion weds the

public eye. The bumble bee drags his

bagpipes on wings, though he

were a Scythian on wings, and the

chorus of frogs in the pond at night

would be considered unique if we were

not so accustomed to it. The ambitious

disciple of Ike Walton takes a pole and

string and goes forth to drown some

harmless worms, and the corner toper

spreads himself several inches broader

while he lugs the lamp post with

persuading grip. The fruit trees are

filled all in perfumed white, like unto

birds that have come forth to meet

the sun, and the street swell is robed

in fine linen and gorgeous waistcoats,

while his tailor pins on an ebony

pink box. There is no limit to the list

of sights, sounds and signs which pro-

claim that "spring is here," but the

most significant and positive is the

small atten-tance at church these early

May mornings, due to the fact that many

of the ladies have not yet secured their

spring bonnets. No woman can be

a practical Christian without a new

bonnet.

Acton Village Council.

The Municipal Council of the Village of Acton met in the Council Chamber on Monday evening pursuant to adjournment. Present, Mr. D. Henderson, Mr. Reeve, in the chair, Messrs. W. H. Storey, N. McGarvin, and C. S. Smith.

The Committee on Streets and Sidewalks brought in their first report and recommended the following work to be proceeded with:

1. That the following streets be laid with a sidewalk four feet wide, Willow street from the Episcopal Church west to Stephenson's corner, 261 feet, John street from Mill street to Bowet street, 263 feet, Church street from Frederick street to Willow street, 268 feet.

2. That the following streets be graded, Elgin street, from Argus to Queen, Church street from Frederick to Guelph street, Young street from

Hill to Queen street, Queen street from Young street to 3rd line, graveling Mill and Main streets.

Moved by N. McGarvin, seconded

by C. S. Smith, that the report of

Committee on Streets and Sidewalks be adopted. Carried.

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded

by C. S. Smith, that the sum of four

dollars be paid the Constable on account.

Carried.

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded

by C. S. Smith, that the sum of two

dollars and fifty cents be paid to N.

Cutter for planting and securing the

growth of five shade trees on the public

streets for the term of three years.

Carried.

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded

by C. S. Smith, that the sum of fifteen

dollars be paid to the band for the

erection of a band stand and that the

major and secondary and reserve bands

be in reference to location.

On motion the council adjourned to meet again at the call of the reeve,

at 8 o'clock.

The Hanlan-Courtney Race.

Hanlan Again Victorious.

Special to the Free Press.

Waterloo, May 19.—At the race be-

tween Hanlan and Courtney this afternoon

Hanlan won easily. He was ahead to the

third mile and rapidly gaining, and Court-

ney left the course at the commencement

of the fourth mile. Time about 36 minutes.

The Biddulph Tragedy.

The Biddulph prisoners arrived in

Toronto from London on Tuesday last

and application is now being made by

Mr. A. Irving for a change of venue.

The argument will be lengthy and

the decision will likely be re-

served.

Massagwaya Items.

From our own correspondent.

Fall wheat in this vicinity looks well

and at present bids fair to be a good

crop.

The meadows are in splendid con-

dition, and a heavy crop of hay is ex-

pected.

During the past week we have had

considerable frost, ice having formed on

water two successive evenings. The

damage reported.

Nothing Like Leather.

This is perfectly tanned leather contradicted,

together with the leather of the best

kind. Wilson's Compound Syrup of Wild

Cherry, Whirling Cough Syrup, the fam-

ous Dr. Morris' Remedy, &c., &c.,

which is sold in bottles neatly packed.

Wilson's Wild Cherry is sold by the Princi-

pal druggists in this city.

It is never fails, and is safe and

reliable for infants for the strongest man,

who can take nothing by getting

the largest doses, as it does more to ge-

nerate than the small.

The Jubilee Singers.—The com-

pany of Jubilee Singers, under the leader-

ship of Rev. J. O. Brayton, gave a

concert last evening. There was a

fair attendance and the concert was a

success.

Dear Sirs.—While perusing a copy

of the Milton News of the 13th inst. I

was much surprised to find the editor of

that sheet endeavor to excuse him

self for publishing an advertisement of

the infidel writings of Col. R. J. Inger-

son. All know that the tendency of

these works is to poison the mind, and lead

the reader to disbelief in the

existence of a God, and doubt the

reality of a future life. For my part,

I cannot see why Ingersoll, and those

who assist him in his efforts, who can

have through believing in the existence

of a God, end future state, "aid for

the joy that is set before them" will not

be turned from the way they now

travel. But there are those whose

minds are not capable of refusing the

temptation of reading them.

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