

## THE FREE PRESS.

TUESDAY MORNING, September 1, 1881.

### THE BRITISH HARVEST.

Our cablegrams report the complete failure of the grain harvest in the United Kingdom owing to unfavorable weather. While our farmers have been complaining of a dry season and American agriculturists have been suffering from small crops owing to severe drought, Old Country farmers have been about ruined by successive rain storms.—Mail.

### GOOD PRICES FOR GRAIN.

Some of the leading grain merchants of New York have been interviewed on the question of prices and the prospect for farmers. It is not to be supposed that these men whose fortune depend upon speculation entirely, could express opinions calculated to instill a fear in farmers and grain dealers too engrossed. Notwithstanding this fact, with one exception, they thought prices would rise soon yet and expressed no fear that any considerable decline would take place for the rest of the season.

### THE APPLE CROP.

We have just received information that the apple crop in England, Scotland, and some parts of the European continent is a failure. In Devonshire, the greatest apple country of England, the yield is far below the average, and in other countries it is, in many instances, nearly a failure. In Germany the crop will not equal the demand for home consumption, and nearly all other countries share the same fate. In Ireland they look entirely to America to supply the demand. The prospect of the Canadian crop is only fair, and there is every prospect of prices being high. It is very probable that these countries will send men here to operate on Canadian apples.

### THE TOWN HALL BY-LAW.

The election on the Town Hall By-law, last Friday caused considerable excitement in town, but notwithstanding the stir, a comparatively small vote was polled. It is hardly necessary to state that the By-law was carried by a large majority, the poll being 50, for the By-law, and only 14 against. This, we think, clearly shows the spirit of enterprise possessed by the freeholders of our village.

There are still some non progressive electors, and especially non ratepayers who object to building a Town Hall, but the building of the Hall now being a certainty, and a well-understood necessity, by a large majority of the electors who voted for it, would it not be well for the non-progressive party of electors who opposed it—to gracefully submit to have the village improved and the value of the property increased by this, one of the best investments of public funds yet made by the electors through the Village Council.

### HARVEST HOME.

A custom prevails in Britain and other countries of the old world which might advantageously be copied in "this Canada of ours." It is that of observing the festival of "Harvest home." The last load of grain for the season is brought in with processional honor and with demonstrations of joy. The day that witnesses its housing in the barn, or its addition to the stack, which is at once sheltered over, closes with a merry feast. In many of the village and rural churches throughout England a service of thanksgiving is held in connection with "harvest home." The interior of the churches are decked with samples of grain and fruit, while festoon the walls, ornament the arches and bays, the pulpit. There are not only tokens of joy, but an expression of gratitude to the father of lights, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, whose hand has graciously bestowed the bountiful harvest.—Will come. This custom has already been introduced into certain sections in Canada, and it is one which those possessing grateful hearts will heartily and sincerely participate in at the close of the present season for the bountiful harvest and excellent prospects.

### Preparing for the Fair.

In the September number of the American Agriculturist Dr. George Thurber illustrates a common trouble at our local fairs as follows: "People bring things, which, not being properly exhibited, are unnoticed, and, as a

consequence, they do not bring anything next year. It should be the business of some one at every fair to look out for these details. Many a good housewife robes her garden to make up a large decorative bouquet, and when she reaches the fair, finds no place to put it. It can only be laid down somewhere, probably in the sun, no one to take charge of it or to care for it. It is the neglect of these little things that discourages contributors. Take such a bouquet, for example, a proper person in charge, if he could not find a proper vase to hold water for it, he would take some newspaper, make a big ball of mud around the stems, bind the papers around the ball, and the bouquet could stand erect on its mud base, and remain fresh for days. Let whoever goes to the fair with the intention of working, take a paper of tacks, another of stout pins, balls of twine, fine and coarse, several pencils, some black cards, a stout jack knife, and, above all, a cheerful spirit, that leads to the doing of everything that needs to be done to make all things show at their best—bring order out of chaos."

### What We Like to See!

We like to see a man willing to take his local paper, and all the time sponge on his neighbor for the reading of it.

We like to hear a man complain when we ask him to subscribe for his paper, that he takes more papers than he reads now, and then go around and borrow his neighbor's or leaf about him until he gets the news from it. We like to see a man run down his home paper at no worth taking, and every now and then bug the editor for a favor in the editorial line. We like to see a man refuse to advertise in a home paper, and then try to get a share of trade which the paper brings to town. But above all things, we like to see a rich, miserly man, who cannot pay for his local paper, always manage to be around in time to read the paper at the expense of a friend not worth the tenth part of what he himself is, it looks so economical, thrifty and progressive, you know.

### Farmers, Attend the Fair.

The following very sensible remarks we clip from one of our exchanges:—There are a few farmers in almost every community who never attend their county or township exhibition, and of course take no interest in them. In pursuing this policy they are losers, though it would doubtless be difficult to make them think so. There is much for every intelligent farmer to learn at these fairs, and if he would keep abreast of the times it is his plain duty, rather highest privilege, to seize every opportunity which shall give him a more extended knowledge and a greater familiarity with everything that pertains to agriculture and horticulture. Not only should everyone attend the fair but he should contribute, from his farm and garden products, in making the fair (especially his local one) a success. Almost everyone has something "unusual," some novelty which will add to the attractions, therefore we say, to every farmer, "Go to the fair, and do all in your power to support and to elevate it."

A vote on the Canada Temperance Act will in all probability be taken at St. John, N. B., in December.

The President still lives, but faint is his hold upon life at the moment of writing. "He may live for a few days," said one of his physicians, "and he may live for many years." That he may recover the physician's hope, but how he can possibly do so they admit they do not clearly see.

### Zookwood News.

From our own correspondent.

Rather a curious accident occurred in our village last week. On Thursday evening while Mr. J. Wright, baker, was returning home with his bake wagon and while crossing the river at the Methodist church his horse became frightened and, shying to one side, overturned the wagon into the river, the horse also falling into the water. Mr. Wright was considerably bruised, but is around all right again. His escape was miraculous. We think the Township Council should pay the damages to the wagon, as it was owing to bad place in the road that the wagon was overturned and broken.

Mr. J. Strachan was successful in obtaining a second class certificate, grade B, at the recent intermediate examination.

### Citizen.

### Nassauway News.

From our own correspondent.

The Harvest Home Picnic held at Haltonville on Friday afternoon was a success. The amusements,

dancing, croquet, singing, etc., were kept up in the grove until dark, after which the company proceeded to the Galt at Brookville, where a concert was held. The concert was not so well attended as the picnic.

Rev. Mr. T. McPherson, of Stratford, in the absence of Rev. H. H. MacPhee, son filled the Presbyterian pulpit, Uxbridge, on Sunday.

Mr. G. Legge returned on Friday from Detroit, where he has been spending the holidays.

Mr. T. Moore, who passed the recent second class teachers' examination at Waterdown, has been appointed teacher in S. S. No. 2, in place of Mr. Jas. C. Turner who leaves about 15th Sept. for Normal school, at Toronto.

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### Equestrian Township Council.

The Council met in the Council Chamber on Saturday, August 27th, pursuant to adjournment. Numerous all present.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr. Lindsay, seconded by Mr. Warren, that Hart & Rywlinson's account of \$24.83 be blanked for assessment and collectors' rolls and receipt book be paid. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to form that portion of the Township of Equestrian before comprising the rural part of Acton School Division into a new school section, and that it be now read a first time. Carried.

By-law read the required number of times and passed.

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Council adjourned to meet on Saturday, Oct. 15th.

### Fall Exhibitions.

Canada's Greatest Exhibition, at Montreal, from 14th to 23rd Sept.

Toronto Industrial Exhibition, at Toronto, from 6th to 17th Sept.

Provincial Exhibition, at London, from 21st to 28th Sept.

Central Fair, at Guelph, on 4th and 5th Oct.

Esquimalt Fair, at Georgetown, on Friday, 30th Sept.

Nassauway Fair, at Brookville, on Friday, 30th Sept.

Halton County Show, at Milton, on 11th and 12th October.

Erinosis, at Rockwood, on October 13th.

Northern, at Walkerton, October 4th and 5th.

Central, at Hamilton, from October 4th to 7th.

G. T. R. Accident at Brantford.

The train due here from the west at 4:40 on Saturday afternoon did not arrive here till 7:10, owing to an accident which occurred at Brantford, six miles from Guelph. It appears that while the passenger train was bucking up over a very high bridge, a freight train came along and ran into the last car, it being a Pullman, which was crowded with passengers. Fortunately no one was killed. A great many jumped through the windows, others from the platform. Several cars of the freight train were thrown over the bridge into the river below. The Pullman is very badly smashed. One lady had several ribs broken, and the most of the passengers were pretty well shaken up.

Fatal Accident on the G. T. R. Near Guelph.

On Thursday afternoon about half past one o'clock an accident occurred on the Grand Trunk Railway, about two miles east of Guelph, which proved fatal to Jerry Sweeney, an old and well known resident of Guelph, and whereby Patrick Whalen, also of that city, was severely bruised. The men were employed unloading steel rails, and when the train containing the rails was moved up the front end of the rail struck the ground first, and the train

being in motion, caused it to turn round and strike Sweeney on the head, breaking in his skull, and at the same time striking Whalen. Both men were thrown from the train. As soon as assistance could be procured the unconscious body of Sweeney was placed on a hand-car and taken to the city, the unfortunate man breathing his last just before reaching the station. Whalen was taken to the hospital.

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Improvements are constantly being made in the manufacture of steel pens. Esterbrook's are of superior excellence. For sale by all stationers.

*Mercy and Comfort to the Suffering.*

"Brown's Household Pastes" has no equal for relieving pain, both internal and external. It cures pain in the skin, Back or Bowels, Sore Throat, Rheumatism, Toothache, Lumbargia and any kind of Pain or Ache, as its acting power is wonderful.

"Brown's Household Medicine" being acknowledged as the great Pain Reliever and of double the strength of any other Elixir or Liniment in the world, should be in every family handy for use when wanted: "as it really is the best remedy in the world for Cramps in the Stomach, and Pains and Aches of all kinds," and is for sale by all Druggists at 25 cents.

For sale by all druggists.

JAMES SCOTT, Painter.

Acton, Sept. 1, '81.

H. P. MOORE.

SHEEP STRAYED.

Strayed from the premises of the assignee, lot 6, Con. 4, Township of Erin, on Monday, 15th Inst., thirteen sheep—seven ewes, three rams and three lambs. The yearlings and lambs all have long tails. Any person giving information to the proprietor on the premises or by letter to Acton P.O., that will lead to their recovery will be suitably rewarded.

SOLON HUNSELL.

Erin, Aug. 23, '81.

Congregational Church, Acton.

H. P. MOORE.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.

All parties indebted to us, either for Accounting, Job Work or Subscriptions are requested to make immediate payment. Accounts long past due, and not settled at once will be placed in Court for collection.

J. F. FYFE.

ACTON MARKET.

White Wheat . . . . . \$1 18 to 1 23

Dressed Wheat . . . . . 1 15 to 1 23

Spring Wheat, (Glasgow) . . . . . 1 12 to 1 18

Red Claff . . . . . 0 09 to 1 13

Pearl . . . . . 0 06 to 1 00

Barley . . . . . 0 04 to 1 07

Rye . . . . . 0 55 to 1 00

Eggs, per dozen . . . . . 0 12 to 0 13

Butter, dried packed . . . . . 0 16 to 0 17

Butter, rolls . . . . . 0 17 to 0 22

Potatoes, new, per bushel . . . . . 0 75 to 1 00

Dressed Hops . . . . . 6 75 to 7 25

Wool . . . . . 0 23 to 0 25

GEELPH MARKETS.

White Wheat . . . . . \$1 06 to 1 25

Dressed Wheat . . . . . 1 18 to 1 23

Spring Wheat, (Glasgow) . . . . . 1 12 to 1 18

Red Claff . . . . . 0 09 to 1 13

Oats . . . . . 0 35 to 0 37

Pearl . . . . . 0 06 to 0 08

Barley . . . . . 0 65 to 0 68

Rye . . . . . 0 04 to 0 06

Eggs, fresh & dry . . . . . 0 12 to 0 15

Butter, dried packed . . . . . 0 15 to 0 17

Butter, rolls . . . . . 0 17 to 0 22

Potatoes, new, per bushel . . . . . 0 75 to 0 83

Dressed Hops . . . . . 6 75 to 7 25

Wool . . . . . 0 23 to