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TUESDAY MORNING, September 22, 1881.

DEATH OF THE PRESIDENT.

The death of General Garfield, President of the United States, plunges a neighboring and friendly nation into the deepest woe. A tragic man has perished—cut off untimely by the bullet of the assassin. The despatches of the past week have somewhat prepared the public mind for the shock. Still there is a feeling of horror at the fatal ending of the scene that has kept the world agog for the past seven weeks. Garfield is dead. The miserable soul who was the instrument of the deed now lies in his cell, fearful that the shifting sunlight may give passage to a messenger of death destined to find a lodging in his own vital body.

WHAT WILL.

The farmer must sow his wheat upon such land as he has; it may be dry or sand, wet or dry, rich or poor. If it be dry, and other conditions are favorable, he may expect a plump, soft berry, and a full crop. If his soil is sandy, and other conditions favorable, the wheat is likely to have a smaller but harder kernel, the quality will perhaps be better, but the quantity somewhat less. If the soil be too moist, it will pay to underdrain. Tilt drains, two rods apart, and at an average depth of three feet, have doubled the crop and paid the total expense of the drainage in a single year. If for any reason underdraining cannot be practised, no fear of inundating the crop ought to be allowed to prevent making a sufficient number of open furrows for surface drainage. The greatest possible inconvenience at harvest time is a poor crop.—*American Agriculturist.*

THE BUSH FIRES.

When we think of the devastation that has visited other sections of the country by bush fires, while our own has comparatively escaped loss by the devouring element, we are filled with a sense of extreme thankfulness. To say nothing of the sad loss of human life and the immense destruction of valuable timber, in the Michelau burnt district over 10,000 persons are destitute and homeless. These bush fires have been a terrible visitation, and the country may well pray to be spared another such. People are inclined to forget the origin of them in equal contemplation of their direful consequences. But, it is only too true that in many instances recklessness and negligence are at the bottom of the woeful ruin.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Sir John Macdonald and Hon. Mr. Chephra arrived at Quebec on Saturday by the *Sardinian*. A number of addresses were presented, after which Sir John started for Ottawa.

Thanksgiving will be very much in place this year. We have enjoyed almost every blessing which Providence has to bestow on nations. We hope that this national religious festival will be made an occasion for the rendering of thanks to God for his numberless mercies.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise will sail from Liverpool for Canada on the 20th of October. The Princess is said to be suffering extremely from impaired health, and those who have seen her state that she is thinner and looks older than when she left Canada.

The Bishop of Huron announces that the work of instruction in connection with the Western University will commence on the 5th of October. He appeals to the public for donations of the amount of \$100,000 for purposes of equipment and endowment. The University charter was granted in 1878.

NASSAWAYA NEWS.

From our own correspondent.

A good deal of sympathy is manifested here for the sufferers of the Michigan fires. Quite a number have left this Township during the past few years and have taken up their residence in Michigan. News has been received that Messrs. Alex., Robert and Joseph Donaldson have lost almost everything. Robert Hagan and family barely escaped with their lives. About all they have left is an old cow that stood in the river during the fire.

Division Court was held on the 10th inst., only two cases were on the calendar, which were soon disposed of.

Patrick Thompson is the happy possessor of a 5 ft. cucumber. Who can beat that?

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THE END AT LAST.

President Garfield's Long Struggle for Life Ended on Monday Night.

A Nation in Mourning.

President Garfield breathed his last on Monday night at 10:35, after eighty days and nights of intense suffering. At his bedside, holding his poor enfeebled hand in her own, and watching him with anguish unutterable the last奄奄的 sands of life, sat the faithful, devoted wife, during the closing hour of the President's career. Around her were other weeping friends and physicians, leavening their powerless presence in the presence of the dark angel of death. Toward the last the mind of the sufferer wandered. Everyone seemed stunned. The blow was particularly sudden after the journey, which was thought to be the last chance for life, and from which such good results were expected.

Shortly before 10 o'clock Dr. Bliss had seen the President and found his pulse at 100 beats to the minute, and all the conditions were then promising a quiet night. The doctor asked the President if he was feeling uncomfortable in any way. The President answered, "Not at all," and shortly afterwards fell asleep, and Bliss returned to his room across the hall from that occupied by the President, Swain and Rockwell remained with the President. About fifteen minutes after 10 p.m. the President awoke, and remarked to Swain that he was suffering great pain, and placed his hand over his heart. Bliss was summoned, and when he entered the room he found the President substantially without a pulse, and the action of the heart was almost indistinguishable. He said at once that the President was dying, and directed that Mrs. Garfield be called, also the doctors. The President remained in a dying condition until 10:35 when he pronounced dead.

Mrs. Garfield bore the trying ordeal with great fortitude and exhibited unprecedented courage. She gave way to no paroxysms of grief, and after death became evident she quietly withdrew to her own room. There she sat a heart-stricken widow full of grief, with too much Christian courage to yield to those about her. She of course was laboring under a terrible strain, and despite her efforts tears flowed from her eyes, and her lips became drawn by her noble attempt to bear the burden with which she had been afflicted.

By previous arrangement a post mortem examination of the body of President Garfield was made on Tuesday afternoon, in the presence and with the assistance of Dr. Huntington, Agnew, Bliss, Barnes, Woodward, Reynolds, and Andrew H. Smith, of Elberon, and Acting Assistant Surgeon D. S. Lamb, of the Army Medical Museum, Washington. The operation was performed by Dr. Lamb. It was found that the ball, after fracturing the right eleventh rib, had passed through the spinal column in front of the spine, fracturing the body of the first lumbar vertebrae, driving a number of small fragments of bone into the adjacent soft parts, and lodging below the pancreas about two inches and a half to the left of the spine and behind the peritoneum, where it had become completely encysted.

The body of the late President will be interred in Lakeview Cemetery, Cleveland, on Monday next at 2 p.m. Vice President Arthur has been sworn in to fill the vacancy caused by the death of President Garfield.

Acton Village Council

The Council met in the Council Chamber on Monday evening, pursuant to adjournment. Rose in the chair. Members all present except Mr. Speight.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by D. W. Campbell, that By-law No. 2, to provide for the support of Acton Public School be now read a first time. Carried.

By-law read the required number of times and passed, a rate of six mills, for support of Acton Public School, being levied.

Moved by D. W. Campbell, seconded by W. H. Storey, that By-law No. 4, for appointment of Collector, be now read a first time. Carried.

By-law read the required number of times and passed, Abram Matthews being appointed as Collector.

The following estimate of expenditures of the village of Acton for the current year was presented by the Finance Committee:

County rate, \$108.60

Salary clerk and treasurer, 80.00

Salary constable, 65.00

Postmaster, 55.00

Charities, 35.00

Uncollectable taxes, 40.00

Contingencies, 64.79

Lighting street lamps, 70.50

Streets and sidewalks, 45.00

Interest, \$1029.79

Total, \$1029.79

Statute labor tax,	\$25.00
Dog tax,	22.00
Fine and penalties,	2.00
	\$50.00
To be raised by assessment	
of \$1 mill. on the dollar	
on assessment of \$100,300 = \$977.79	
	\$1029.79

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by D. Henderson, that By-law No. 5, to provide for the expenses of the village of Acton, be now read a first time. Carried.

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

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by D. W. Campbell, that the reeve be instructed to call a public meeting of citizens for Wednesday evening, the 28th inst., for the purpose of making a selection of sites for Town Hall and for approval of plans. Carried.

Council adjourned to meet on Tues day evening next.

Facts For The People.

—THAT IS IT cheap at Pearson's, Acton.

—Hats from 75 cents to \$2.50 at J. Fyfe's.

—A delicious, and most Refreshing Tonic is Pearson's finely ground undiluted Coffee.

—A good Felt Hat for 75 cents at J. Fyfe's.

—New stock of Stores just received at J. C. Hill's.

—Go to Pearson's for the latest and most fashionable design in Tea Sets.

—For first-class Everlasting apply to J. C. Hill.

—LADIES mantles—newest styles at Christie, Henderson & Co.

—If you want a nobly, durable and cheap suit, J. Fyfe's is the place to go.

—NEW AND RECOMMENDED.—The most exquisite little toilet gem extant for the teeth and breath! "TEASER." Sample Sets.

—WINECYS—Competent judges pronounce our 12½c. Winecy's extraordinary value. Examine it, compare it, and you will be sure to buy it. Winecy's from 5c up, at Christie, Henderson & Co.

—Scotch, English and Canadian Saitin in great variety, at the East End Clothing store, J. Fyfe, Acton.

—MANTLES.—Christie, Henderson & Co. stock of India's light and dark mantles, just received. These goods are from the best makers, and comprises a full range of prices. They will be sold cheap.

—HARDWARE in great variety, Cutlery, a large stock, Nails, Hinges, etc., cheap at Pearson's.

—Suits and Overcoats at extremely low rates and made in latest styles. Be sure to call and see them. J. Fyfe, Acton.

—McQUELLAN & HAMILTON, Guelph, are prepared for giving a full line of hardware, and will receive orders for any article required, to any part of the village. They do a very large business, consequently they are able to give better terms, and keep better workmen than smaller works. Send to them for particular.

—McQUELLAN & HAMILTON, Guelph, are prepared to deliver wood or coal in either large or small quantities, as required, to any part of the village. Apply with their orders. If you need anything in their line before and remember them. They do a very large business, consequently they are able to give better terms, and keep better workmen than smaller works. Send to them for particular.

—WOOD and COAL.

—The subscriber is prepared to deliver wood or coal in either large or small quantities, as required, to any part of the village. Apply with their orders.

—THOMAS SOMERVILLE, Sr. Limehouse, Sept. 15, '81.

—W. E. ADAMS.

Acton, Sept. 19, '81.

—VALUABLE Village Property FOR SALE.

—The undersigned offers for sale Lots 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, in the Village of Acton. The property is situated a comfortable dwelling house and stable, first-class young orchard, and never-failing well of good water. The property is situated in one of the best parts of the village and would make a very desirable private residence. Terms liberal. Apply at Free Press Office, Guelph, Sept. 16, '81. Guelph P.O.

—MATTHEWS' HALL, ON

Wednesday Evening, 28th Inst.

AT 8 O'CLOCK.

for the purpose of making a selection of site for Town Hall, and for approval of plans. A full attendance of raters is requested.

—C. S. SMITH, Receiver.

Acton, Sept. 21, '81.

—CASH FOR GRAIN of all kinds.

I am prepared to pay the Highest Cash

Price for any quantity of

Wheat, Barley, Peas, Oats, Rye,

Etc., Etc.

At my Storehouse at Acton Station.

WM. HURTOON.

Acton, Sept. 1st, 1881.

—STEADY EMPLOYMENT.

THE FONTHILL NURSERIES.

THE LARGEST IN CANADA.

We want salesmen to sell our Nursery Stock. Give advantages

and personal guarantees to successful men. Good references required. Apply to

STONE & WELLINGTON.

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