

TOLTON'S FLOUR MILLS BURNED.

Supposed to be the Work of Incendiary Tramps.

THE PROBABLE REMAINS OF A HUMAN BEING FOUND IN THE RUINS.

The great mills of Messrs. G. & E. Tolton, situated about a mile east of this village, and known as the Glen-Lawson Mills, were destroyed by fire about five o'clock last Friday morning. The employees of a passing freight train seeing the fire, and nobody apparently aware of it, gave the alarm by a prolonged whistle of the engine. This had the effect of arousing the residents of the vicinity, who found that the whole interior of the mill was in flames and that nothing could be done to save it or any of the contents, which at once turned their attention to Mr. Tolton's residence, which is only about twenty feet from the mill, and by strenuous exertions saved it from the devouring element. At one time it was thought the house would have to go, and the furniture was all removed. When the millers, Messrs. R. Elliott, and E. Lamb, left work the night before, about nine o'clock, they locked the mill, but when the fire was discovered the front door was standing wide open, and it is supposed that a tramp, or tramps, had gained admittance and probably while intoxicated had accidentally fired the building. To substantiate this belief, a heap of charred remains having the appearance of human bones, was found in the ruins on Saturday afternoon, but they were so badly burned that it is impossible to say whether they are the remains of a human being or not. No other reason can be given for the cause of the fire.

The mill was substantially built of stone, and as the water-wheel and a heavy stone partition separated the mill and engine room, the engine and boiler were not damaged in the least. The whole of the mill machinery, however, is totally destroyed. The stock in the mill, including nearly 4,000 bushels of wheat, and 700 barrels of flour, is valued at \$5,235; the machinery at \$3,900; and the building at \$3,000, making a total loss of \$12,135. The insurance amounts to \$7,000.

We understand from Mr. G. Tolton that the firm will probably re-build, and if so, they will put in new and improved machinery for manufacturing flour by the roller process.

The Messrs. Tolton have the sympathy of the neighborhood in their heavy loss.

Acton Village Council.

Council met on Tuesday evening, Present, Messrs C. S. Smith, Reeve, D. W. Campbell and Paul Jarvis.

Minutes read and adopted.

Mr. D. Kennedy presented his resignation to the office of assessor.

A petition from Wm. Swackhammer and thirty-four others, praying for a sidewalk on Yonge street, was received, and referred to Street and Sidewalk Committee.

Moved by D. W. Campbell, seconded by Paul Jarvis, that the resignation of Duncan Kennedy, assessor, be accepted.—Carried.

Moved by D. W. Campbell, seconded by Paul Jarvis, that the sum of \$10 be placed in the hands of the Reeve to be disbursed for charities.—Carried.

On motion of Paul Jarvis, seconded by D. W. Campbell, a by-law for the appointment of assessor in place of Mr. Kennedy, resigned, was read the required number of times, and passed, and the name of Mr. Housatoot inserted.—Carried.

Council then adjourned.

Correction.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR:—In a communication that appeared in the *Messiah's Herald* some weeks ago it was stated that the late Mr. Archibald McNab, of this place, on account of some unjust treatment left the Presbyterian Church. I write to say that this is not true; for Mr. McNab did not leave the Presbyterian Church nor had he any intention of doing so, and though there was a dispute between himself and his minister, there was no injustice on either side. Be kind enough to insert this correction of the misrepresentation in the communication referred to.

I remain, yours truly, Wm. McNab.

Erasmus, April 10th, 1882.

DRESS MAKING.

We beg to advise the Ladies that we have added Dress Making to our business. We have employed first class help. We have an immense stock of Dress Goods to choose from, in Silks and Neve Yelling, etc. Wedding and mourning orders a specialty. McLeod, Anderson, & Co., Georgetown.

Garden, Flower & Field

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Editor, while willing to open his columns for the free discussion of all matters of public interest, does not hold himself in any way responsible for the opinions of his correspondents.

More About that "Veracity."

To the Editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR:—In view of certain statements made by Rev. Mr. McDiarmid in your last issue, it is imperative that I should offer a few words of explanation. I regret to be compelled to trouble you, but the interests of truth demand it.

1. I deny that any such "public impression" as he alludes to exists, except, perhaps, among a few of his own followers, who are incapable of forming an independent and intelligent judgment.

2. I deny that such public impression annoys me.

3. I deny, if such an impression did exist, that it would be "well-founded."

4. I deny that I "challenged him to resume the discussion for ten nights." I simply said that if he was free to continue the debate I had "ammunition enough for ten nights more," which was merely an offer to the brig and bated indulged in the *Christian Standard*.

5. I deny that he "called upon me to arrange all the preliminaries" until five days after he had, in writing, consented to refer the whole matter to a committee of five, and proposed that he and I should "meet with the committee" and have everything arranged.

6. I deny that he called upon me in the presence of said committee, but when I was alone in my private room in a strange house near Everton, bringing one of his select friends with him.

7. I deny that my part of the said committee, or the umpire, was appointed at the time.

8. I affirm that he called upon me to demand that I should enter into a written agreement with him as a condition of his going away about his own business, instead of skulking into my lectures at Everton to find out what new arguments I might advance, so that he would have ample time before the debate came off to prepare to dodge them.

9. I do not deny that I did then, and under such circumstances, "positively refuse to enter into any written agreement" with him, and would do so again.

10. I deny that it was at that interview when I proposed to leave the arrangement of preliminaries to a committee, (though his statement in your paper implies that it was), for I made the proposal in the Free Press of May 16th, 1881, and the interview took place on the 21st of June, after he had agreed, in writing, to accept my propositions of May 19th "without any modification whatever."

11. I deny that it was at the time of the above interview that Mr. McD. "consented" to leave the matter to a committee, though his statement conveys that impression. His letter to me, "consenting" to leave the matter to a committee, and appointing G. Tolton and G. Martin to act for him, was dated "June 16th, 1881." It is now in my possession, and can be seen by any one wishing further to satisfy himself on the subject.

12. I deny that under such circumstances, he had any right to call on me to arrange "all the preliminaries."

13. I deny that he displayed any wisdom in doing so, but the reverse.

14. I deny that the way he has stated the case is calculated to convey a truthful impression to the public, but the very opposite.

15. I deny that I "appointed two men on the committee, neither of whom were willing that the discussion should be resumed," and who were not "prepared to carry out my desires." (See below.)

16. I do not deny that I "am not now, and never will be, willing to enter into a written agreement," or any other kind of agreement with Mr. McD. or any other man who, in professing to make truthful statements, can shoot so at random and miss the mark so deplorably, as he does. He is a dangerous man to have any kind of transaction with.

17. I deny that my unwillingness to debate with Mr. McD. arises from any other cause than his disagreeableness of manner and unreliability of utterance.

18. I do not believe that Mr. McD.'s pretended kindness to resume the debate results from the conviction that God will be glorified thereby, but I have reason to suspect that it was for the purpose of provoking me to say something about him, for which he could enter a legal action against me.

19. I deny that "a partisan committee of four, in the absence of the fifth man," has any right to make or receive proposals before the *Free Press* is appointed, when the sole business with which they are charged is to appoint such fifth man. If Mr. McD. wishes to expose his wisdom let him tell us what business such a committee is competent to transact.

20. I have requested the two members of my committee,—W. H. Storey, Esq., and T. Moore, Teacher, to prepare a statement of the facts of the case as it pertains to them. They have most obediently responded, and their testimony will be found below.

Yours respectfully, T. L. WILKINSON.

THE COMMITTEE'S TESTIMONY.

Having noticed a statement in last week's *Free Press*, over the signature of H. McDiarmid, to the effect that "neither of us ever willing that the discussion (in question) should be resumed," and intimating our unwillingness to carry out Mr. Wilkinson's wishes in this matter, we cordially subscribe to the following statement of facts:—

1. We do not deny that before our formal appointment as said committee we disapproved of having the neighborhood thrown into a state of agitation again, merely for the sake of offending Mr. McD. an opportunity of satisfying his lost respectation as a debater; in this we were in perfect accord with Mr. Wilkinson.

2. We do most emphatically deny that we ever placed any obstacles in the way of the debate, or expressed any unwillingness for the debate to be resumed, after we finally accepted the appointment as this

committee, and understood that the question was settled.

3. We met Mr. McD.'s committee in good faith, to appoint a fifth man, or umpire, as Mr. McD. and Mr. W. had agreed.

4. At that meeting we expressed no opposition to the resumption of the debate, but honestly tried to agree on an umpire.

5. After some few had been rejected, the whole committee agreed on either Col. Allan, Paul Jarvis, Esq., or Dr. W. H. Storey; and William Masala, one of Mr. McD.'s committee, agreed to see these men, and ascertain whether or no any of them would serve, and report the result to the rest of the committee.

6. Mr. Masala reported to us soon after that he had failed in his mission, and recommended that Messrs. McD. and Wilkinson be left to arrange the matter between themselves, to which we agreed, and so the matter dropped.

7. We incidentally learned recently that one of the above gentlemen had not been spoken to, and we have taken the trouble to call upon both Mr. Jarvis and Dr. Storey, and have been assured by both these gentlemen that neither of them were ever spoken to on the subject.

8. We infer from this that it must have been Mr. McD.'s committee who were unwilling that the debate should be resumed, and that they were unwilling to "execute his desires."

9. One of Mr. McD.'s committee at the above meeting intimated that we ought to require from each of the disputants a deposit of \$500, to defray expense of publication, before the debate took place, but as we were most to appoint an umpire, and not to make arrangements for the debate, the suggestion was disregarded, he being told that that was not the time for the transaction of such business. Besides, Mr. McD. had proposed, in writing to Mr. W., that they should both be present with the committee when the arrangements were made, and we considered such a proposal to be contrary to his "desires."

10. We have no hesitation in stating that it would have been a poor evidence of wisdom on our part if we had undertaken proposals for the arrangement of "preliminaries," before an umpire was appointed, or in the absence of such umpire after his appointment.

11. We undertake to make good every statement made herein.

T. MOORE, Secy. W. H. STOREY, Com. Acton, April 11th, 1882.

ACTON MARKET.

White Wheat, \$1.26 to 1.32
Treadwell, old, 1.25 to 1.32
Spring Wheat, (Glasgow) old 1.22 to 1.32
Red Chaff, 1.17 to 1.24
Peas, 0.70 to 0.80
Oats, 0.37 to 0.43
Barley, 0.78 to 0.88
Rye, 0.70 to 0.78
Eggs, per doz., 0.12 to 0.18
Butter, dairy packed, 0.16 to 0.20
Butter, rolls, 0.20 to 0.22
Potatoes, new, per bush, 1.30 to 1.35
Dressed Hogs, 7.50 to 9.00
Wool, 0.23 to 0.25

CATTLE MARKET.

Flour, \$3.15 to 3.25
White wheat, 1.26 to 1.32
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Spring Wheat, (Glasgow) 1.22 to 1.32
Red chaff, 1.17 to 1.24
Oats, 0.37 to 0.42
Peas, 0.70 to 0.80
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Butter, dairy packed, 0.17 to 0.20
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THE ALYAN.

PARSONS—NICKLIN—On the 4th inst., by Rev. G. A. Mitchell, R.A., assisted by Rev. Jas. Brody, of Palmerston, at the residence of Mr. G. Macklin, uncle of the bride, W. H. Parsons, to Miss Louise Nicklin, youngest daughter of Richard Nicklin, Esq., West Flamboro.

THE GRAVE.—Simpson—In Geolph, on the 5th inst. Harriet Margaret, infant daughter of Robert T. Simpson, printer, Herald office, aged 4 months.

MILLINERY & FANCY GOODS EXHIBITION.—On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 20th, 21st, 22nd, Messrs. J. D. Williamson & Co., Geolph, Ont., will make their Spring exhibition of Millinery, Mantles, and Fancy Goods, to which the readers of the *Free Press* are cordially invited. A very handsome display will be made.

A MATHEMATICIAN, Warkworth, writes:—I have sold some hundreds of bottles of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, and it is pronounced by the public to be of the best medicines they have ever used; it has done wonders in healing and relieving pain, sore throat, &c., and is worthy of the greatest confidence.

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RE. ARCHIBALD McNAB.

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Dated at Erasmus this 23rd day of March, 1882.

WILLIAM McNAB.

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