

The Prospects.

It will be remembered by many of our readers that the history of this Province for many years past has been a continually changing era of seasons of prosperity and depression—sometimes owing to bad crops here, and sometimes owing to depression in the United States. The worst season we ever had followed one of the most prosperous seasons that has been known in Ontario, namely the well known depression in business that took place at the close of the Russian War and the fall of Sebastopol in 1856. The winter of 1874-5 was very similar to the present winter that is just now passing away—both winters being noted for having a continual series of violent snow storms that blocked the railways and greatly impeded the lumbering and wood business that is usually carried on extensively in the winter. The winter of 1874-5 was followed by several years of great depression. Another would be sign of coming depression was sounded some months ago, when the President of the Bank of Montreal in his annual statement drew attention to the large amount of capital out on discount, and which has since caused many banks to curtail the discounting of notes as much as possible. The immoderate speculation in property in Manitoba and the North West will also have an influence in the same direction as the same inordinate speculation in property in this Province had in 1856-7. There were 3,185 failures in the U. S. reported to Bradstreet's in the past quarter. During like quarter in 1882 and 1881, total failures numbered 2,146 and 1,956 respectively. Canada had 408 failures in the past quarter against 225 in first quarter of '82 and 174 in a like portion of '81. It will be seen from this that there is a great increase already in business failures in the United States and Canada during the quarter just ended, with the corresponding quarters in '82-1. All these signs of a coming season of depression will lead business men of prudence to be prepared for any emergency as far as possible. The signs we have pointed out are indisputable, and every prudent and business man in the country should use the utmost caution in their transactions.

The Scott Act in Halton

The Milton News exhibits a spirit of considerable enterprise, and a seeming desire to lay the facts of the matter fairly and honestly before all classes of people—possessing sentiments differing with each other on the subject—by sending a representative to visit each town and village in the county, with reference to their opinions as to the success or failure of the Scott Act during the year it has been in force in Halton.

Last issue of the News contained the expressions of the principal business men and other residents of Burlington, and although gentlemen holding opinions both favorable and adverse to the Scott Act were wanted upon, it is very gratifying to notice a preponderance of sentiment in its favor, despite persistent and organized attempts to evade its provisions and so neutralize its power for good. This fact is all the more satisfactory when it is considered that Burlington is situated on the very border of the county limits. We are of the firm belief that with a careful and impartial canvass of the business men of the whole county a much larger number will be found to speak in its favor, than against it.

Rockwood News.

Spring has come with warm and pleasant days and it is all the more agreeable after the unusually long winter. Seeding will become general this week on the dry lands. Everybody thought spring would be very late, yet at this date last year very little seeding had been done. So we say "all is well that ends well." A meeting of the committee appointed to secure signatures to the petition praying for the re-pression of the Sunday Railway traffic, met last week and have now in readiness a petition to the Dominion Parliament with over five hundred names attached. We trust that the other places which have organized in defence of Sabbath observance are still moving in the matter. Rev. Mr. Cameron brought the question before the Presbytery at its last meeting. The Presbytery referred it to the Synod of Toronto and Kingston which body will meet in Guelph early in May.

CONFLAGRATION at OAKVILLE. A Large Portion of the Town Destroyed.

Intelligence from Oakville states that a disastrous fire started there about one o'clock yesterday morning, and the local firemen were quite unable to stay its progress. Mayor Boswell, Toronto, was telegraphed for aid, and in his absence from the city, the matter was referred to Aid. Farley. The Chief of the Fire Department was at once communicated with, and he ordered out the Yonge street steamer with a complement of firemen, in charge of Deputy Sheriff Graham. About two o'clock the men left the Union station by special train. Owing to the fact that the telegraph office was destroyed, very little can be ascertained as to the extent of the fire, but from what can be learned at the hour of going to press, it is believed that a great portion of the town has been reduced to ashes.

Acton Village Council.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Council was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening. Members all present. Reere Storey in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. A communication from Mr. L. Lyman, applying for the office of village constable, was presented and read. The Finance Committee presented their seventh report as follows:—Your committee on Finance beg to recommend payment of the following accounts:— Thomas Ebbage, lumber & work \$8.63 Luther Lyman, six months' salary \$8.34 \$16.97 Your committee have also had under consideration the report of the special committee to whom was referred the petition of W. Allan, and others, and are of opinion that no alteration should be made in the existing contract with the caretaker, owing to the insufficient amount of money in the hands of the treasurer for ordinary expenses, all of which is respectfully submitted. C. S. SMITH, Chairman. Moved by C. S. Smith, seconded by D. Henderson, that the report of the Finance Committee, just read, be adopted.—Carried. Council then adjourned.

PERSONALS.

Mr. Fred Secord spent a few days at home this week. Mr. John Leahy, of Bowmanville, was in town this week. Miss Minnie Scott is paying friends in Hamilton a visit. Mrs. Edward Moore visited friends in Berlin yesterday. Miss Laura Jarvis, who has been visiting friends in Theford for the past few months, returned home last week. We are pleased to notice that Miss Annie Corrigan, who has been confined to her room for some time, is able to be out again. Mrs. Dr. W. Freeman, of Georgetown, and Mrs. Dr. C. Freeman, of Milton, were the guests of Mr. J. E. McGarrin on Tuesday.

THE CRADLE.

COOK.—In Esquimaux, on the 17th inst., the wife of Mr. Adam Cook, of a son. CRECH.—In Acton, on the 14th inst., the wife of Mr. John Crech, of a daughter. SYDNEY.—In Esquimaux, on the 13th inst., the wife of Mr. James E. Snyder, of a daughter.

THE GRAVE.

LASHBY.—In Nasagawaga, on the 15th inst., beloved wife of Mr. Oliver Lashby, aged 35 years. LASHBY.—In Nasagawaga, on the 16th inst., infant daughter of Mr. Oliver Lashby, aged six months.

BUSINESS BRIEVITIES

Some Facts about our Business Men and Houses of Benefit to our General Readers. —Hats from 75 cents to \$2.50 at J. Fyfe's. —A Good Felt Hat for 75 cents at J. Fyfe's. —If you want a nobby, durable and cheap suit, J. Fyfe's is the place to go. —Suits, English and Canadian. Settings in great variety, at the East End Clothing Store, J. Fyfe, Acton.

Since Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil has become celebrated, a number of unprincipled persons have been endeavoring to palm off Electroton and Electric Oil for the genuine Dr. Thomas' Electroton Oil. Beware of these similar named articles. If their originators had any faith in the healing properties of their own medicines they would, like honest men, give them a name of their own, and not try to sell them on the reputation of an authority, but as they know their preparations have no merit, they resort to the most unprincipled means of selling them by getting a name as near as possible to Electroton. We therefore ask the public when purchasing to see that the name Dr. Thomas' Electroton Oil is on the front of the wrapper, and the signature of Norman & Lyman, the proprietors for Canada on the back.

"Why should a man whose blood is warm within, Sit like his grandeur out in alabaster?" Or let his hair grow rusty, scant and thin, When "Cicely's Restorer" will make it grow the faster. For sale by J. E. McGarrin.

A New Idea.—A Toronto firm are putting up a purely vegetable cathartic pill, in ten cent boxes to suit the convenience of persons desiring small quantities; consequently Hope's Regulating Pills are selling like hot cakes everywhere.

Mr. J. Lee, warehouseman for Lantz Bros., Buffalo, N. Y., says he had a swelling on the foot which he attributed to chilblains. He used Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, and is troubled no longer. Diphtheria, Diphtheria, Mitis (or Falling Sickness), Incurable, Dissected Brain and Enfeebled Mind cured by Dr. E. C. West's Nerve and Brain Treatment sold at J. E. McGarrin's Drug Store, Acton.

"Rough on Rats." Clears out rats, mice, roaches, fleas, ants, bed-bugs, skunks, chipmunks, gophers. 15c. Druggists.

We have a speedy and positive cure, for Catarrh Diphtheria, Canker mouth and Head Ache, in Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. A nasal injector free with each bottle. If you desire health and sweet breath. Price 50 cents. Sold by J. E. McGarrin. Shiloh's Catarrh Remedy. A marvelous cure for Catarrh, Diphtheria, Canker mouth, and Head Ache. With each bottle there is a nasal injector free for the more successful treatment of these complaints without extra charge. Price 50 cents. Sold by J. E. McGarrin.

A STEADY STREAM.—Since its introduction there has been a steady stream of the Fountain of health flowing. It is the greatest Dyspeptic remedy of the age. Price 25 cents.

In the history of medicine no preparation has received such universal commendation for the alleviation it affords, and the permanent cure it effects in kidney diseases, as Dr. VAN BUREN'S KIDNEY CURE. Its action in these distressing complaints is simply wonderful. Sold by J. E. McGarrin. Now that there is a reliable remedy for kidney troubles, half the terrors attached to these complaints have been removed. For this let all be thankful, and to Dr. VAN BUREN'S KIDNEY CURE award all praise for having thus removed a hitherto considered fatal disease from our path. It was never known to fail. Sold by J. E. McGarrin.

A CARD. To all who are suffering from the errors and infirmities of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c., I will send a receipt that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. JOSEPH T. SMITH, Station D, New York City.

J. S. Weddell, writing from Winnipeg, says: "I can say more about PRO-SERRATE now than when I saw you last in Toronto. My health is much improved, and I am free from headaches or any other aches, having only used two and a half bottles of your Phosphoric. For sale by all druggists.

Answer This Question. Why do some people live so long and seem to prefer suffering and be made miserable by Indigestion, Constipation, Dizziness, Loss of Appetite, coming up of the Food, yellow skin, when for 75 cents, we will send them Shiloh's Vegetable Compound to cure them. Sold by J. E. McGarrin.

"Revenge is too dearly purchased at the price of liberty." It is a disordered liver gives you a yellow skin or colic bowels, or do your kidneys refuse to perform their functions? If so take a few doses of Kidney-Wort and nature will restore each organ, ready for duty. This health will be cheaply purchased at the price of Kidney-Wort.

A letter from B. J. Sharpless, Druggist Marion, Ohio, in writing of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, says: one man was cured of sore throat of 8 years' standing with one bottle. We have a number of cases of rheumatism that have been cured when other remedies have failed. We consider it the best medicine sold.

\$500.00 Reward. For any Testimonials recommending McGarrin's Speedy cure for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Colic, Headache, etc., that are not genuine; none of which are from persons in the States or thousands of miles away, but from persons in and around Hamilton, Ont. We give trial bottles free of cost, so that you cannot be deceived by purchasing a worthless article, but know its value before trying. Trial bottles and testimonials given free at J. E. McGarrin's Drug Store.

Worthy of Praise. As a rule we do not recommend Patent Medicines, but when we know of one that really is a public benefactor, and does positively cure, then we consider it our duty to impart that information to all. Electric Bitters are truly a most valuable medicine, and will surely cure Biliousness, Fever and Ague, Stomach Liver and Kidney Complaints, even when all other remedies fail. We know whereof we speak, and can freely recommend them to all.—SOLD at fifty cents a bottle by J. E. McGarrin.

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CHURCHILL'S Chlmar Eye Salve and Ointment, Fountain of Health and Hope's Regulating Pills, for sale by J. E. McGarrin, Acton, and general stores throughout the country.

"Wells' Health Renewer" restores health and vigor, cures Dyspepsia, Impotence, Sexual Debility, &c. On What a Cough!

Will you heed the warning. The signal perhaps of the sure approach of that most serious disease Consumption. Ask yourself if you can afford for the sake of saving a few cents, to run the risk and do nothing for it. We know from experience that Shiloh's Cure will cure your cough. It never fails. This explains why more than a Million Bottles were sold the past year. It relieves Croup, and Whooping Cough, at once. Mothers do not be without it. For Lane Book, Write or Order, use Shiloh's Pectoral Plaster. Sold by J. E. McGarrin.

"It is impossible to disguise the fact that the Vegetable Compound, prepared under the personal direction of Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, with the superior science and art of modern pharmacy, is the most successful medicine for female diseases known."

Best and Comfort to the Suffering. "Brown's Household Panacea" has no equal for relieving pain, both internal and external. It cures Pain in the Side, Back or Bowels, Sore Throat, Rheumatism, Toothache, Lumbago and any kind of a Pain or Ache. "It will most surely quicken the Blood and Heal, as its acting power is wonderful." "Brown's Household Panacea," being acknowledged as the Great Pain Reliever and of double the strength of any other Elixir or Linctum 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 a bottle.

To lessen mortality and stop the inroads of disease, use Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure. For all diseases arising from Impure Blood, such as pimples, Biliousness, Indigestion, &c., &c., it has no equal. Mrs. Thomas Smith, Elm, writes: "I am using this medicine for dyspepsia. I have tried many remedies but this is the only one that has done me any good."

Mr. James J. Anslow, Newcastle, N. B. writes: "Mrs. Anslow was troubled with lung disease, and until she took Northrop & Lyman's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil and Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda had little or no appetite, but after taking a bottle or two she regained appetite and had a relish for her food, which was quiet a help to her in keeping up against the disease. As we are out of yours, and cannot procure any here, she is taking another emulsion; but as we prefer your preparation to any in the market, will you kindly ship me some at once and oblige."

MANURE WANTED. A few loads of well rotted manure, suitable for rearing purposes. Apply at once at— THE FREE PRESS OFFICE.

DESIRABLE HOUSES TO LET. Three of these conveniently arranged separate houses of the Acton Building Association may be had by applying to— W. H. STOREY, President. Acton, Dec. 21st, 1882.

CAMERON'S DAIRY. The undersigned has just opened a dairy and is prepared to supply the people of Acton and vicinity with pure milk every morning, (Sundays excepted) commencing Monday morning, 24th April. Your patronage is respectfully solicited. Any parties requiring extra milk on Saturday evening, for Sunday, can be supplied. CHAS. CAMERON, JR.

DISSOLUTION OF Partnership. Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between George Tolton, of Acton, and Edward Tolton, of Erie, millers and farmers, has been dissolved by mutual consent. George Tolton is authorized to settle all debts and collect all accounts due and by the said firm. GEORGE TOLTON, EDWARD TOLTON. Dated at Acton this 7th day of April, 1883.

GARDEN SEEDS. At 3 Cents Per Packet. One pkt. each of the following, in 17 pkts., value 90c. sent by mail on receipt of 50c: Carrot, Beet, Parsnip, Squash, Garden Peas, Sweet Corn, Beans, Melon, Cucumber, Tomato, Onion, Lettuce, Radish, Spinach, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Celery. How to get the collection for 10 cents.—If you will get two orders to order the collection and want men who can pay postage, &c., I will throw in one collection free for your trouble. Address, W. J. PLYMER, Nasagawaga, Ont.

SALEMEN WANTED. To begin work at once on sales for Fall, 1883, for the Fonthill Nurseries. The largest in Canada. MORRIS, STONE & WELLS, Proprietors. We can start in addition to our already large force, 100 additional canvassers, and want men who can give full time to the business. Steady employment and good salaries to successful men. It does not matter what your previous occupation has been, if you are willing to work your success is almost certain. The best of references required. Apply (enclosing photo if possible) to— STONE & WELLINGTON, Nurserymen, Toronto, Ont.

FRANCIS NUNAN, Successor to T. F. Chapman, BOOKBINDER, 30 George's Square, Guelph.

REST. Not, lie is sweeping by, go and dare before you die, something better and something more behind to conquer. Time, 50c a week in your own law. 50c out of free. No risk. Everything new. Capital 100,000. Write to me for particulars. Many are making fortunes. Ladies make as much as men, and boys and girls make great money. If you want business at which you can make great pay all the time write me. Address, W. J. PLYMER & Co., Port Hope, Ontario.

HILL'S Tin & Stove Depot.

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And when you are satisfied with conclusions, pay us a visit, and we will guarantee Quality of Material, Style of Fit and work, and an appreciable saving on your order.

Splendid stock of Spring Goods for Ladies, Gentlemen and Children, just opened.

If these are sufficient considerations please call on

KENNEY & SON, Main Street, Acton.

FLOUR & FEED STORE.

The undersigned has purchased the Flour and Feed business from Mr. Robert Elliott, and will carry on the business in the building formerly used as a Barber Shop, opposite the old Feed Store.

I will keep in stock all sell for cash:—

- Flour, Chopped Peas, Roller Flour, Chicken Feed, Bran, Oats, Peas, Cracked Barley, Rye, Graham Flour, Oil Cake, Buckwheat, Thorley Cattle Feed, Oatmeal, Feed, Corn Meal, Chlmar Feed, Bran, Flax Seed, Shorts, Potatoes, Chopped Oats, Turnips, Chopped Barley, Beans, &c., &c.

Garden, Field and Flower Seeds, fresh and good, for sale cheap.

Your Patronage respectfully solicited. Cash for all kinds of Grain.

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WISE people are always on the lookout for chances to increase their earnings, and in time become wealthy; those who do not improve their opportunities remain in poverty. We want many men, women, boys and girls to work for us right in their own localities. Any one can do the work properly from the first start. The best wages. Specialties only furnished free. No one who engages fails to make money rapidly. You can devote your whole time to the work, or only your spare moments. Full information and all that is needed sent free. Address, HENRY & Co., Fortland, Maine.

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We take much pleasure in announcing that our stock of General Goods is very complete in every department, and has been bought Closer than ever, and shall be sold CLOSER THAN EVER.

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.

We would announce that we have an extra choice selection of all goods that pertain to this department; in Flowers, Feathers, and everything kept in a first class house, and all at the Very Closest Prices. All goods trimmed in the very latest style, by experienced milliners. All we ask is an inspection. Our Millinery Opening will be on

SATURDAY, 14th APRIL, 1883,

When we hope to see all our old customers and many new ones.

MANTLE GOODS DEPARTMENT.

We have this season bought a stock of Black Silks, Silk Brocades and Satins, which we know are bought right, and shall be sold right.

DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT.

In this line we have some extra good value, in Check and Plain, Nuns Veiling, which are attracting great attention, and a line of Colored Cashmeres at 25 cents, and a job line at 12 1/2 and 15 cents per yard. Everyone that wants a cheap Spring Dress should see our Black Cashmere stock, which is now complete. It is needless for us to mention anything about these goods, as every person who has seen our Blue Black Cashmeres at 50 cents knows that it beats anything ever shown at the price. Big Stock of Prints, at lower prices than last season, which we would like you to see—in all, over 200 pieces—from 6 cents per yard upward.

GENTS FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.

We have now to hand and are showing an excellent stock of Gents White and Colored shirts, and also a fine stock of Felt and Straw Hats. Collars, Cuffs, Braces, Ties, in endless variety.

STAPLE DEPARTMENT.

We have this season a heavy stock of Cottonades better value than shown before, and also the Famous Dundas Shirting, which for quality cannot be beat, and also very full lines of Factory, Hollands, Towellings, at very low prices. See them.

ORDERED CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

Stock now full and choice. This department will have the very best attention, and all orders entrusted to us will have our best personal supervision. All goods made right, and made to fit in the latest fashions. Come and be suited at once, as the rush has already commenced.

BOOT & SHOE DEPARTMENT.

We would like all parties who are wanting a good durable Boot or Shoe, to call on us and we will be able to show them goods in this line at low prices, as we buy all our goods from the manufacturers direct, saving the wholesale and middlemen's profit, which we give our patrons the benefit of. We give 5 per cent, off to any person who buys 5 pairs and upwards. We have a few Job Lines which we are rushing off at an immense reduction.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT.

We have a stock of Groceries which are all fresh and cheap. See our Bright Sugar, 13 1/2 lbs. for \$1.00, and also another lot of that Famous Fifty Cent Tea just to hand, better than ever.

We shall this season pay the very highest market price for Good Fresh Butter and Eggs. Come and leave us your money and produce, and we shall give you better value than ever.

Come one and all and Secure Bargains.

Remember the Old Stand

THE GLASSGOW HOUSE.

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