Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING NOV. 1, 1883.

The New Methodist Church.

Notice of an application to parliament for an Act to incorporate the Methodist Church on the basis of union just adopted has been given at Ottawa.

According to the census the four Methodist Churches, which may now be considered as united, form the largest religious denomination in Canada, the number of members being 739,160. This number is made up as follows: Methodist Church of Canada, 582,962; Episcopal Methodists, 103,272; Bible Christian, 22,236; Primitive Methodists, 25,680. The Presbyterian Church numbers 629,280, and the Church of England 574,818. Before the union the Presbyterian body was the most numerous of any one denomination of Protestants.

Notes and Comments.

An array of big figures is going the rounds of the press setting forth the gross earnings of the St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba Railway for the past year exceeded $924,000,000. The operating expenses were over $459,500,000, leaving the net earnings at over $464,500,000. Imagine a million and a half net profit a day to divide among half-a-dozen gentlemen. The figures would be entirely incredible did the public not well know that it has taken almost a small fortune to send a single carload of freight to the Northwest.

Another Railway Wanted.

Guelph Anxious for a Branch of the Credit Valley.

A meeting of the Guelph Board of Trade was held last Wednesday night to consider the advisability of securing connection with the Credit Valley Railway. The Board is composed of the leading manufacturers and merchants of the city, who are unanimous in the opinion that connection with the C. V. Railway at Schaw, or some place near there, was most desirable in the interests of the Royal City—a branch line of about eleven mills, at a cost of about $160,000. The board discussed the matter at great length, and appointed a committee to confer with the Railway Committee of the City Council. It is proposed to apply for a charter at once and have an interview with the railway company, so that this scheme, which has been agitated more than once, may yet assume definite shape.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions or expressions of any correspondents.

That Tug of War.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR,—In your last issue there appeared a spicy article, "hashed up" by my opponent, wherein he accuses me of taking advantage of him by publishing my challenge with the knowledge that a member of his team had gone away. I positively deny that I knew his team was "broken up," and am prepared to prove that Mr. Hunter had not gone to Michigan, but was still here when my challenge appeared in the FREE PRESS. I inserted the challenge in the first issue of your paper after Mr. Gordon's first letter was published, and if he had not been wilfully ignorant or dishonest he would have said so last week, and not have endeavored to mislead your readers. But I can clearly see that friend Gordon only wanted some excuse for the non-acceptance of the challenge, but his excuse was a lame one. He says he was amused at the challenge. I have no doubt it was more amusing than when his feet and nose were pulled against the root of the tree in the first draw.

Speaking of fair play, I wonder if the captain, when seeing that he was inevitably doomed with his gallant team to be dragged over the line, swung them into a hollow, by which action the rope was brought partly around a tree, would call that fair play. I think if he and his team practiced any such tactics at any Caledonian games they would be ignominiously hooted from the ring. The above unfair action, too, after having been allowed his choice of ground, giving him a decided advantage, makes it appear even more unfair.

His remarks about stocks and gambling in connection with my challenge, show his dishonest style of reasoning, for doesn't he say in the same paragraph that he challenged me and my team on the evening of the picnic. Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones. One would think that the community in which he lives must be greatly benefitted by his influence, but I am afraid his benignity doesn't radiate very far from himself, however, as one of his most intimate associates staked a small amount on the result of the tug at the picnic. Again, he says he does not think I would carry out the challenge if he did accept. Another flimsy excuse for backing out. I would say to the "far-seeing philosopher" that the credit of my team is equally as good as his own.

In conclusion, by way of farewell to his correspondents and to my team, he says that he harbors no hard feelings toward us, and hopes that we won't entertain any for him. But we have given no cause for the creating of hard feelings. However, it seems that he is afraid of the fire which he himself has kindled, but if he is sincere I have no doubt that we will meet him in the same spirit and say no more about it.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for allowing me space in your interesting paper,

I remain, yours truly,
JOHN MANN,
Captain of the Winning Team.

Bannockburn, Oct. 29, '83.

[We have now allowed both parties connected with the "tug of war" controversy equal privilege in replying to each other's statements, and as the subject is of interest to but a small proportion of our readers, we deem it advisable to end the correspondence through the FREE PRESS here, as the demands upon our space for reading matter of more general interest is urgent.—ED. FREE PRESS.]

THE CRADLE.

HAYS.—In Esquesing, on the 26th Oct., the wife of Mr. John Hays, of a son.

NICOL.—In Esquesing, on the 28th Oct., the wife of Mr. Wm. Nicol, of a daughter.

STEPHENSON.—In Acton, on the 29th Oct., the wife of Mr. John Stephenson, of a daughter.

THE ALTAR.

MUHLLITNER—JOHNSON—At the residence of the bride's mother, China, Mich., on the 24th Oct., by Rev. Clarence Eddy, Mr. John Muhllitner, to Miss Aggie Johnson, both of China.

PORTER—BUTLIN.—At the residence of the bride's father, China, Mich., on the 25th Oct., by Rev. J. Davis, Mr. Fred. Porter, to Ida May, eldest daughter of Mr. James Butlin, all of China.

THE GRAVE.

POLLARD.—At Sheridan, Halton Co., on the 24th Oct., Maggie, beloved wife of Mr. R. F. Pollard, and second daughter of the late John Bell, Esq., contractor of public works, formerly of Etobicoke, aged 36 years.

The Markets.

Fall wheat—old, 95c. to $1.05.
Spring wheat—$1 to $1.05.
Barley—50 to 63c. per bushel.
Oats—new, 30 to 32c. per bushel.
Peas—68c. per bushel.
Potatoes—65c. per bag.
Apples—$1 to $1.25 per bag.
Hay—$8 per ton.
Flour—$2.75 to $3 per cwt.
Pork—$7.50 per cwt.
Wood—$2.75 to $3.25 per cord.
Eggs—18c. per dozen.
Butter—17 to 18c. per lb.

BUSINESS BREVITIES

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.

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

—The largest and cheapest stock of Boots & Shoes to select from is at Nelson & McRae's.

—The largest stock of Gents Furnishings, Hats and Caps, Shirts and Drawers at Nelson & McRae's.

—The best value in Factory Cottons, Winceys, Flannels and Domestic Goods at Nelson & McRae's.

—The largest and cheapest stock of Ready Made Clothing in the town is at Nelson & McRae's.

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

—The most perfect fitting Suits and Overcoats, and the best selection of Goods at the lowest prices at Nelson & McRae's.

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

—The best assortment of Black and Colored Velvets, Ladies' Mantles, Woollen and Knitted Goods in the town at Nelson & McRae's.

—McQuillan & Hamilton of the Wellington Marble Works, Guelph, Ont., are doing the largest retail Marble trade in Ont., owing to the fact that they do the best work and sell the cheapest. The public are warned against dealing with second hand trade peddlers, but should go direct to the firm or buy from their agents. See that the name, McQuillan & Hamilton, is on the printed form before you sign or order.

"Why should a man whose blood is warm within,
Sit like his grandsire cut in alabaster?"
Or let his hair grow rusty, scant and thin,
When "Cingalese Renewer" will make it grow the faster.
For sale by J. E. McGarvin.

The use of Pills, Salts, Castor Oil &c. and other nauseous, griping Cathartics is unnecessary, as a pleasant substitute is found in Dr. Carson's Stomach Bitters, which act as a Cathartic without griping or causing nausea. All Druggists sell it. 50 cents a Bottle. 15

Itching Piles—Symptoms and Cure

The symptoms are moisture, like perspiration, intense itching, increased by scratching, very distressing, particularly at night, seems as if pin-worms were crawling in and about the rectum; the private parts are sometimes affected. If allowed to continue very serious results may follow. "SWAYNE'S OINTMENT" is a pleasant, sure cure. Also for Tetter, Itch, Salt Rheum, all scaly, crusty Skin Diseases. Sent by mail for 50 cents; 3 boxes, $1.25, (in stamps). Address, DR. SWAYNE & SON, Philadelphia, Pa. Sold by Druggists. 50

Shiloh's Consumption Cure.

This is beyond question the most successful Cough medicine we have ever sold, a few doses invarably cures the worst cases of Cough, Croup, and Bronchitis, while it's wonderful success in the cure of Consumption is without a parallel in the history of medicine. Since its first discovery it has been sold on guarantee, a test which no other medicine can stand. If you have a Cough we earnestly ask you to try it. Price 10 cents. 50 cents and $1.00. If your Lungs are sore, Chest or Back, Lame, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster Sold by J. E. McGarvin.

Oh, What A Cough!

Will you heed the warning. The signal perhaps of the sure approach of that most terrible disease Consumption. Ask yourselves if you can afford for the sake of saving 50 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 Lame Back, Side or Chest, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by J. E. McGarvin.

Rest 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 and 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 of 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 bottle.

A MARVELOUS STORY

TOLD IN TWO LETTERS.

FROM THE SON: "38 Cedar St., New York, Oct. 23, 1882.

"*Gentlemen:* My father resides at Glover, Vt. He has been a great sufferer from Scrofula, and the inclosed letter will tell you what a marvelous effect

Ayer's Sarsaparilla

has had in his case. I think his blood must have contained the humor for at least ten years; but it did not show, except in the form of a scrofulous sore on the wrist, until about five years ago. From a few spots which appeared at that time, it gradually spread so as to cover his entire body. I assure you he was terribly afflicted, and an object of pity, when he began using your medicine. Now, there are few men of his age who enjoy as good health as he has. I could easily name fifty persons who would testify to the facts in his case.

Yours truly, W. M. PHILLIPS."

FROM THE FATHER: "It is both a pleasure and a duty for me to state to you the benefit I have derived from the use of

Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Six months ago I was completely covered with a terrible humor and scrofulous sores. The humor caused an incessant and intolerable itching, and the skin cracked so as to cause the blood to flow in many places whenever I moved. My sufferings were great, and my life a burden. I commenced the use of the SARSAPARILLA in April last, and have used it regularly since that time. My condition began to improve at once. The sores have all healed, and I feel perfectly well in every respect—being now able to do a good day's work, although 73 years of age. Many inquire what has wrought such a cure in my case, and I tell them, as I have here tried to tell you, AYER'S SARSAPARILLA. Glover, Vt., Oct. 21, 1882. Yours gratefully,

HIRAM PHILLIPS."

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The greatest medical wonder of the world. Warranted to speedily cure Burns, Bruises, Cuts, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Cancers, Piles, Chilblains, Corns, Tetter, Chapped Hands, and all skin eruptions, guaranteed to cure in every instance, or money refunded. 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. McGarvin. 46

J. S. Wetherell, writing from Winnipeg, says: "I can say more about PHOSPHATINE 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 Phosphatine. For sale by all druggists.

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About twenty yards, of good homemade, rag carpet. Apply at once to

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The undersigned having purchased the coal shed from Mr. Jas. Goodall, intends keeping constantly on hand a stock of hard and soft stove Coal of all kinds, which will be delivered to any part of the village.

Parties desiring coal should give him a call.

C. S. SMITH.

HEIFER ASTRAY.

Lost, near Speyside, about the last of August, a two-year-old heifer, red and white, with broken horn. Any party giving information which will lead to the recovery of the animal, will be suitably rewarded.

B. F. TAYLOR,
Acton, Oct. 3, '83. Butcher.

CATTLE ASTRAY.

Strayed from the premises of the undersigned, lot 31, con. 3, Esquesing, on or about the 11th October, the following cattle:—1 white stag, rising 3 years; 1 red steer with white star on forehead, rising 3 years; 1 roan heifer, rising 3 years; 1 red heifer, with white star on forehead and other white spots on under part of body, rising 3 years; 1 red heifer with white spot on left side and white half way up the tail, rising 3 years, and 1 red steer with white spots, rising 2 years. Any information which will lead to the recovery of above stock will be suitably rewarded.

WM. CARROLL,
Esquesing, Oct. 30, '83. Acton P.O.

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