#### LEX'S OPEN LETTER

In another column "Lex" presents his annual "Open Letter" to the members of the Municipal Council. He is Takish with his criticism, gives some well-merited commendation, and reviews the Council's do ings in a manner to cause more than passing interest by ratepayers generally. portion of his fault-finding is reasonable and fully justified; while for some points the writer may be as severely criticized for unfairly magnifying matters of little moment to the public, and which can be readily explained by those attacked. However, our municipal representatives are old enough strong enough, and sufficiently intelligent to fight their own battles, and we leave them a clear open field in which they will have the full privilege of vanquishing " Lex," by "answering satisfactorily the whys and the wherefores concerning their actions, as questioned by him.

#### THE "SUN" STILL CLOUDED.

The Milton San continues with unceasing vigor its assertions, respecting the alleged desire of the members of the County Temperance Association to make their organiza. tion a political machine, and that the FREE Press is a politically-biassed journal, interested in furthering the cause of one politi cal party to the prejudice of the other. Respecting the former claim we have repeatedly presented substantial evidence that obtics do not, have never and never have a place or consideration with the Association, whose endeavors are solely for the ultimate banishment entirely from Halton County of the whiskey "curse. Concerning the politics of the FREE PRESS we have time and again honestly and positively asserted for the satisfaction and edification of this journal, which evidently has lost its bearings, that the FREE PRESS has not the slight est connection with any political party, faction or clique, and consequently is amenable to none, has no interest in supporting such, and is therefore never expected by any political party to do so. The Sun seems desirous of ignoring our evidence and statements concerning above, and all we have now to say in this connection is that if the Sur unreasonably declines to accept our assertions concerning the FREE PRESS' position politically, and our most true and reason able explanations of the actions of the Association, which it unfortunately miscontrued, then we part company on the subject and shall henceforth ignore its remarks in | vin, Campbell, the late C. S. Smith, and the matter. When the Sun can give us credit for expressing the truth concerning our position, then we will be happy to enter into reasonable debate with it upon this or any other question.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS

The imports into Canada for the month of June, entered for consumption, were valued at \$7,730,532, on which duty was paid to the amount of \$1,292,373.35. This was at the rate of 16.72 per cent.

Sir Moses Monteffore died at Ramsgate, England, on Tuesday. He was born Oct. 24, 1784, and had therefore attained to near the age of 101. For his services to his race and other works of philanthropy Sir Moses was known throughout the civilized world. At the celebration of his 100th birthday last October he received felicitations from every quarter of the globe.

The New York Sun has this ghost story has returned, and restored \$9,000, saying that he would sooner go to the penitentiary than live in the Dominion.

The story is a good one, as far as it goes; but it is not complete. The clerk from Sedalia forgot to mention that if he had delayed his home journey about an hour he would now have been living in both the Dominion and the penitentiary.-Hamilton

## RIEL TO BE HANGED.

The 18th September Named as the Day of

JURY DECIDES IN HALF AN HOUR.

WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 1.-The jury in the Riel trial were out about thirty minutes. They returned a verdict of guilty. Judge Richardson, when he began his charge to the jury, confined himself chiefly to reading extracts from the evidence. He then reviewed the law upon which court was established and the trial conducted. The charge was concluded at 2.15 and the jury retired. The oath was ministered to the guard to keep the jury without meat or drink, fire or lodging.

At 3.15 there was a murmur in the court, and it was whispered that the jury had agreed. All was bustle and excitement. Riel prayed fervently, kneeling in his box, and looked unmoved as the jury entered with a verdict of guilty. Francis Congreve, the foreman, while crying like a child, announce I that he was asked by his fellow jurors to recommend the prisoner to the mercy of the crown, and the judge said the recommendation would be considered. Riel was sentenced to be hanged on Sept.

18th at Regina.

Judge Richardson said he could hold out no prospect of a reprieve or interference by " fourth estate." That the paper is one Her Mejesty. Riel took the result coolly. having spoken two hours reviewing the ances up to the present.

breed prisoners will be charged. It will very liberal manner in which the business Pain Reliever, and of double the strength probably be treason-felony in order to men avail themselves of its advertising of any other Elixir or Liniment in the obviste the necessity of serving an indictment ten days before trial. A majority of the prisoners will be charged with murder, although some may be indicted for treasonfelony or levying war. The latter charge is not necessarily capital.

AN OPEN LETTER. To the Reeve and Conneither of the Pillen

GENTLEHEN, It is now nearly a year since I took opesion to address you through these columns. Since then you have done many things which deserved a greater amount of criticism than they have received, escape observation.

creeks on Main street, especially the upper | personality will surely become known. This is all that remains undone to make | The journal which wins the favor of the your work complete.

As I mentioned before, you have done one which is editorially controlled and made welt, but why you have departed from the by a man whose intrinsic worth is recogthe public the usual report stating in detail hand the journal which receives the the proposed work of the season, and the comiums of those who are deficient in moral asking for a certain amount to be placed to man similarly afflicted. The tone or charthe credit of the street and sidewalk com: acter of every journal is but the reflex is only known to yourselves. Why has this sophistry can shake this truth. Upon these to know what you intended doing until you | tion of it that has led to the great success had accomplished your purpose. You want that crowns the history of the Acton FREE THE undersigned offers for sale ed the ratepayers to be able to form no idea of the amount of taxes they will be called upon to pay in the fall, until too late to protest in the only manner left to then viz., by petition for or against the work.

Then your paid commissioner, appointed at a time when you needed the money for far better purposes. I do not think that any man should devote his whole time the municipality's interests without fair re muneration, were we able to pay for it, and here let me state that Commissione Ismond has done his work faithfully and well,-but I think that the present is time to put additional burdens upon the public, especially when we consider the fact that those who have undertaken the operou position of chairman of the street and side walk committee in the past have done so without remuneration, believing that in the serving of the public's best interests they received the public's best thanks in grateful emembrance. Why should Mr. Ismond or any future chairman of that committee receive \$80 or \$100 a year out of corporation funds, any more than Messrs. Hill, McGarothers, who have taken upon themselves the same duties, and without putting their hands into the village treasury for pay Shame, gentlemen! If the honors are not remuneration for the position, give it up

Again, I have examined regularly your accounts, as published in the Fare Parss, of the old sidewalks, yet I see at the resi- in the city. It is impossible to form the dence of your commissioner a high pile of faintest conception of the gigantic loss this as firewood, and another pile is to be | that will fall on the owners of the valuable seen at the place of business lately occupied by a relative. If the firewood is given gra- passed, leaving only blackened ruins in its tuitously, why not give our deserving poor the benefit, instead of bestowing it upon those better able to buy firewood than many others in Acton, to whom a pile of old sidewalks would be quite a boon?

and allow worthier men to fill the place;

until at least Acton has funds enough to

afford a paid commissioner.

In conclusion, gentlemen, the manner in which you have conducted these and other affairs this year leads me to think that you are using the influence and positions given striving for self-interest, more work for the confidence which, by your own actions, you

You will next hear of me in relation to your actions, individually and as a Council, in the Cemetery Job. I remain.

Yours, &c., &c.,

Acton, July 31st, 1885.

What a Brother Journalist Says.

The following letter of kind words and encouraging expressions, from the pen of an esteemed brother journalist of many years' standing, has just come to lliand most unexpectedly and unsolicited. The writer has been a reader of the FIEE PRESS from the time of its inception, and has repeatedly referred to it privately and through the columns of his own journal in the kindest manner. We must say, however, that we consider his allusions to the FREE PRESS and its editor altogether too strong and unlimited. Nevertheless we cannot but appreciate the spirit of genuine sympathy and good will which prompted the kind remarks, and we beg to tender our sincerest thanks

To the Editor of the FREE PRESS have no hesitation in stating that the FREE PRESS is, and has always been, the best printed paper in the county of Halton, and I consider myself quite competent to judge, from the fact that I also am a member, and have been for many years, of the

ists and seems to be inextricably inter- a bottleg-

In other words, the tone and general cha acter of the parter are but a reflex of the qualities impressed apon at and wreather into it by the controlling genius of the editor. And where this condition exists its highest possibility there will be found the journal which exerts the greatest influence upon the constituency which it serves and, doubtless having grown bolder because I have heard of a certain journalistic crank of this apparent lack of interest, you have who declared in favor of "impersonal! taken liberties in your positions of public journalism, an expression which he borrow trust which you otherwise would not have ed from some other Yankee crank, and who dared to do. You have performed your said, "A paper alone should be responsible duties in a manner designed, possibly, to for its utterances, without regard to the personality of the writer-in fact it is the You have, in relation to street and side. paper that speaks, not the editor." There walk affairs, done your work well. You is, however, really no such thing as "imhave given us a large amount of new side. Personal "journalism, except in sheets too walk, creditable to any city. You have obscure to be dignified with the title "jourgraded Main street as it should have been | nal," because if a writer has any emineuc done years ago. The sidewalks over the at all in his profession his identity and one, requires a little more expenditure in a is this fact which gives status and influence railing to prevent accidents on dark nights. | to one journal, and denies them to another.

customary course and have not laid before | nized by the same people. On the other estimated expenditure connected therewith, | tone will be one which is presided over by a mittee, is a problem, the solution of which | the editor's moral nature, and no amount of report not been forthcoming as in previous | premises, absolutely true, it will not be years? Why has the public not been given | difficult task for anyone to pronounce judga chance to know what you proposed doing, | ment upon the character of either a journal and the cost of the same? Your actions in or its editor. I believe it is the correct un this show that you did not desire the public | derstanding of this truth and the applica-RESS. It is satisfactory to any people to know that in their midst a newspaper of such high moral tone exists, and wields its influence for the building up of a noble character, especially in the lives of the young, who eventually must be the instruments in moulding the national character of this mighty Dominion. Let all who desire a pure and elevating sentiment in the community see to it that the weighty influence of the FREE PRESS for good be encouraged in every possible way, and its power for moulding, enlightening and elevating humanity be so spread abroad that vice and crime and immorality may be overcome and purity and virtue prevail. Wishing you all the success your efforts deserve,

> Yours fraternally, M. QUAD.

BIG FIRE IN TORONTO.

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THE ESPLANADE ALMOST CON-

At 12:30 this morning the worst fire that has ever visited the city of Toronto broke out in the mammoth eight-story brick building on the south side of the Esplanade at the foot of Princess street, known as the glucose factory. A policeman sounded a alarm, and the whole fire brigade was call

For destructiveness and loss of property and I have seen no mention of the disposal | the fire has probably never had an equal property over which the fiery scourge tracks. Scores of valuable craft of all grades, which were moored along the docks, suffered alike with the factory, the foundry, the elevator, the boat houses, etc.

When the hese reels arrived at 12.35. although the fire had only been burning about fifteen minutes, it could easily be seen at a glance that wholesale destruction was to be the order of the proceedings you by the ratepayers of Acton for your own | Fierce flames were shooting from a quarter benefit, and that you are caring less year of a thousand or so of windows that were by year for the public good. Give us pure scattered throushout the great big glucose government in municipal affairs, and less | factory. At this time the heat was so intense that the firemen could barely go disgusting offensive medicines to be taken people and less for yourselves. Your gain within half a block of the doomed building. will be a renewal of that public trust and The flames crackled and shot out their tongues in an angry menacing manner, and totally defied the gallant but puny efforts of the firemen. In fact the fiend of fiends made up his mind there and then to have it all his own way. And so he did to his

> heart's content. The loss is estimated at upward

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