

A UNION EXHIBITION.

The minutes of the last meeting of the directors of Esquimaux Agricultural Society, published in the Free Press a couple of weeks ago, revealed the fact that, notwithstanding Acton's just and reasonable claims to the annual exhibition this year, Georgetown was again favored, and the fair will be held there this fall as usual.

From the general tenor of things connected with this subject we are convinced that influence will continue to be brought to bear upon the matter by the people of Georgetown of sufficient weight to preclude the probability of Acton ever being dealt with at all equitably. Efforts in her behalf will be comparatively fruitless, for the experience of the future would not doubt be similar to that of the past. In forty years Acton has only succeeded in vesting the exhibition from the possession of her over-zealous neighbor upon three occasions—each of which were, by the way, characterized with marked success and tended very materially to revive the lagging interest in the society's welfare to an appreciable degree.

Acton is an attractive and desirable point for such a society. Here are to be found all the facilities and accommodations necessary. We have just as large and commodious buildings for the purpose as are offered by any township society, and our driving park of fifteen acres, with a properly graded half-mile track is acknowledged even by competitors to be superior to anything found outside the city and large towns. Then, too, the people both in and out of Acton, are noted for their enterprise in this matter. This was most manifestly apparent in the fall of 1883, when the township fair was last held here. On this occasion, the president of the society informs us, the receipts handed over to the society's treasurer amounted to over \$100 more than had ever been received at the fair when held in Georgetown up to that date.

There is therefore no plausible reason why a successful society should not at once be organized. And even if the usual Government grant is not obtainable, the people may rest satisfied that sufficient practical interest will be centered in the project to guarantee ample funds to enable the officers of the new society to defray an attractive prize list and to meet all reasonable expenses.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Ontario Legislature will likely be prorogued within a week.

The view largely prevails that very shortly after the rising of parliament the Dominion general election will be held.

The British War office is considering seriously a plan for that establishment of an agency for the regular purchase of cavalry horses in Canada for use in the British Army.

England paid twenty million pounds to the owners of slaves to secure their emancipation. The lowest estimate of freeing the Irish peasants from landlords is a hundred million pounds, or five times the amount.

By taking advantage of a legal technicality, his opponents have succeeded in unseating Mayor Howland, Toronto. There is, however, every probability that he will shortly resume his seat as mayor of the city.

The employees of the English railways have subscribed £500 as a prize for the invention of an automatic car coupler. During the past year there were 130 men killed in England and 1,300 injured while coupling cars.

During the first eight months of the present fiscal year, the United States reduced its national debt by sixty-three million dollars. Canada is increasing her debt per capita in about the same proportion. A slight difference.

The trial debate has occupied the whole attention of the House of Commons during the past eight or ten days. The division was expected to take place last night or today. The Government will in all probability be sustained by a fair majority.

The Milton Sun wants the Dominion Government to repeal the Boot Act forthwith because the Free Press and other county contemporaries have referred to the action of the Provincial Government in arranging to grant the usual drugstore's license in this County. No doubt the Free's appeal will be fully considered at Ottawa.

The battle of Duck Lake, which marked the opening of the rebellion in the North West, transpired a year ago to-day. Fort Carlton was burned on the 26th of March. The 90th Battalion left Winnipeg on the 27th and the Queen's Own and Grenadiers left Toronto on the 30th.

The twelve hundred pounds for medals to the Canadian volunteers who put down the Northwest rebellion was voted by the Imperial Parliament with a marked lack of enthusiasm. The strongest reason given in its behalf was that the medals had been asked for by the Canadian Government, and the refusal of them would be open to misconception in Canada. Canada put down her own rebellion herself and would doubtless have paid for the medals herself had not her Government naturally believed that a royal medal would be a much more valued honor, and that it would give to the Imperial Government a very special pleasure to have an opportunity to give such formal expression to the unity of the empire.

Says the Berlin News: "Mr. Pearce, the popular and efficient inspector of the schools of this county, has commenced to examine the scholars in the different schools on their knowledge of the current events of the day. He keeps a strict account of the answers received, and in his reports takes this in as one of the considerations in making out the status for each school. Teachers can vary materially in bringing up their scholars to have both a desire for and knowledge of those subjects. A few minutes spent each day by the teacher in explaining any circumstance or event of note will go very far in adding to the general intelligence of the pupil. It will also cultivate in them a taste and desire for such information as is found in the newspapers, thus enabling the scholars by reading to increase their knowledge on such subjects."

The Reformer says: "The contract for the county printing has been awarded to the Reformer, and this fact appears to have thrown the Acton Free Press into hot water. Our general opinion complains that the Reformer office does printing too cheaply. The Reformer is quite competent to take care of itself, and would respectfully remind its contemporary that its dictation in matters of business will not be allowed."

We sincerely hope our cotem, will be able to successfully take care of itself, but viewing some of its actions in the four months of its existence, in the light afforded by an eight or ten years of practical experience, we are led to conclude that a little fatherly advice would be quite apropos. In the words of an exchange: "We have heard of men trying to make a living by going behind a stump and whistling for chipmunks, and really the chances for success in such a case are, on the whole, even better than that of the Reformer man in the county printing contract. At any rate the outlay of the chipmunk man would not be quite such a serious consideration, which makes all the difference in the world with the printer."

THE COLONIAL EXHIBITION. To be one of the Most Interesting of International Fairs. CANADA IN THE FOREGROUND. The interest taken by the people of Canada and the other British colonies in Colonial and Indian Exhibition, to be held this year in London, Eng., has been phenomenal in the history of international fairs, and it is expected to prove the greatest and most instructive exhibition the world has ever seen. It will be opened in May by the Prince of Wales, who is president, and will continue for six months.

It will be the greatest opportunity ever presented to lay a picture of Canada before the world. This is being done in many ways by hundreds of corporations of the various cities, towns, villages and rural districts, as well as by merchants and manufacturers in every province of the Dominion.

To provide an effective channel through which information may be disseminated in Great Britain and the colonies, regarding local interests of all classes, it has been decided to publish a journal for the Canadian department of the exhibition. This journal will be called the Canadian Exhibitor, and will be in itself an interesting feature of the exhibition, as it will be entirely a Canadian product. It will be printed on Canadian-made paper, with Canadian ink, from Canadian type, and on a Canadian press, one being now in course of construction especially for the work, and it will be edited and published by Canadians. The engravings, with which it will be illustrated, will also be almost exclusively Canadian products.

The Canadian Exhibitor will enable any town or locality to present its local features before the world, and especially before the English people, whether for the purpose of inviting tourists, introducing immigrants or inducing manufacturers to establish here, or to further our exports or develop international trade. In view of this it would be a matter of much satisfaction to us and we believe to our citizens generally to have Acton and her attractions occupy a place in the columns of the Exhibitor.

A PRISONER. Makes His Escape From the Georgetown Constable. A sensation was created in Georgetown last Thursday morning over the escape of Thomas Maw, who had been confined in the cells over night, and who was in charge of Constable Search, on his way to Milton for trial. Maw was accused of having stolen certain goods from Mr. J. E. Bellis, merchant tailor, of this place. The goods had been found on the 29th of last December in the old paper mill. He was brought before Magistrates Ruston and McKenzie last evening and committed for trial at Milton. While the constable was taking him from the cell Thursday morning he escaped and has not since been heard of.

Scotch, English and Canadian suitings in great variety, at J. Fyfe's, Acton.

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Auction Sales.

THURSDAY, 25th MARCH.—Sale of farm stock, &c., the property of Mr. Duncan Campbell, lot 8, con. 2, Erin. Sale at 12 o'clock. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

FRIDAY, 26th MARCH.—Sale of farm stock and implements, the property of John Turner, lot 27, con. 6, Bramosa. Sale at 12 o'clock. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

MONDAY, 29th MARCH.—Sale of farm stock and implements. Under instructions from Messrs. M. McMillan and John Donaldson, executors of the estate of the late Allan MacPhedran, Esq., on the farm west half lot 20, con. 5, Nassagaweya. Sale at one o'clock. Chapman & Burger, Auctioneers.

TUESDAY, 30th MARCH.—Sale of stock, implements, &c., the property of A. Hayes, on the farm west half lot 20, con. 5, Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, 31st MARCH.—Sale of stock, implements and furniture, the property of Mr. P. 2nd May. Sale at 12 o'clock. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

FRIDAY, 2nd APRIL.—Sale of stock and implements, belonging to the estate of the late James McCullough, lot 11, con. 5, Grasshopper. Sale at 12 o'clock. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

TUESDAY, 6th APRIL.—Sale of farm stock and implements, the property of Duncan Robinson, lot 12, con. 1, Erin. Sale at 12 o'clock. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, 7th APRIL.—Sale of farm stock and implements, the property of Mr. Benjamin Wallace, lot 18, con. 7, Nassagaweya. Sale at noon. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

THURSDAY, 8th MAY.—Sale of real estate and household furniture belonging to the estate of the late John Kennedy, Esq., Georgetown. Sale at noon. Wm. Hemstreet, Auctioneer.

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New Advertisements.

MANURE PLASTERERS' HAIR. FOR SALE—Manure and hair for plasterers. Apply at the Tabernacle, GEORGETOWN & CO. Acton, January 23rd, 1886.

AUTHORS AND WRITERS.

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HOUSE FOR SALE. THE subscriber will sell on very easy terms the house and lot on Church street, now occupied by Peter Lee, adjoining the dwelling of Charles Speight, and immediately behind the Mercantile Store, No. 283, on third cash and the balance may remain indefinitely at per cent interest. Information may be had from the editor of the Free Press or by addressing: RONT WALTER, M. D. WENTZVILLE, BERKS Co., PA.

Judicial Sale. IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, CHANCERY DIVISION. GOLDIE VS. SMITH.

PURSUANT to the judgment in this cause, bearing date the 30th day of November, A.D. 1885, there will be sold with the approval of A. M. McKINNON, ESQ., Local Master of the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario at Guelph, by William Hemstreet, Auctioneer, at the door of Moore & McGarvin's Factory, on the premises, parcel number one, at the hour of one o'clock p.m., on

Tuesday, 13th day of April, 1886, the following lands and premises, in four parcels, and on a Canadian parcel No. I.—Lot Number 19 in Block Number 3, in the Village of Acton, containing one-fifth of an acre, more or less. There is erected on these premises a large frame building, which can be used as a store or factory. It is at present occupied by Moore & McGarvin as a Purse and Valise Manufactory. This lot is situated in the centre of the village, near the Post-Office. Possession will be given three months from the day of sale.

PARCEL NO. II.—Part of the westerly half of Lot Number 25 in the 5th Concession of the Township of Esquimaux, containing six acres, more or less. A valuable water privilege and dam is on these premises. This is a first-class mill site, and a large milling trade was done on these premises for years.

There is also erected on the premises a good two-story house, rough-cast and stone, contains six rooms; also a substantial bank barn, 40x60, with stables and sheds.

PARCEL NO. III.—Part of the west half of Lot Number 25 in the 5th Concession of Esquimaux, now in the Village of Acton, containing one-quarter of an acre, more or less. A substantial stone house is situated on this lot, containing seven rooms; hard and soft water; a gas and fruit trees on the premises. This is one of the most desirable residences in Acton.

PARCEL NO. IV.—Village Lots Number 20, 21 and 23 in James Young's Survey, in the Village of Acton.

Terms of Sale.—Ten per cent, cash at the time of sale, to be paid to the vendor or his solicitors; and the balance within one month thereafter into Court, to the credit of the said action. In all other respects terms and conditions of sale will be the standing conditions of this Court.

Upon payment of the purchase money, the purchaser will be entitled to a conveyance and to the possession or to the receipts of the rents. Further particulars can be had from McLEOD & ANDERSON, Vendor's Solicitors; GUTTREN & WALKER, Solicitors, Guelph, or JOHN HOSKIN, Q.C., Toronto. Dated the 22nd day of March, 1886. A. M. McKINNON, Master at Guelph.

1886. SPRING 1886. ANNOUNCEMENT.

McLEOD, ANDERSON & CO.,

In making this announcement for the Spring, would say that owing to unforeseen circumstances and the hard times prevalent in the community, they have been unable to carry out their announcement of dissolution of partnership. The said partnership will, therefore, continue for one year longer, so as to give all parties who are still owing us on account a further opportunity to call and settle their accounts.

We propose to do business entirely for cash or produce; no goods will be charged. We will sell goods cheap. We have had such an experience of the old-time credit business, which enables us to say that it is a very unfair way of doing business. The honest and trusty man who pays up promptly has to pay for the dishonest man who never pays at all. We are satisfied that every person who looks at the cash system of doing business will say that it is the only honest and fair principle of doing business. We can buy cheaper, you will buy cheaper. We will sell goods at wholesale prices, paying cash and getting all the advantages which does accrue to the cash buyer. Try our system—see our goods—compare prices—and we are satisfied you will save 25 per cent. on all goods purchased from us.

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27th of MARCH. SATURDAY 27th of MARCH.

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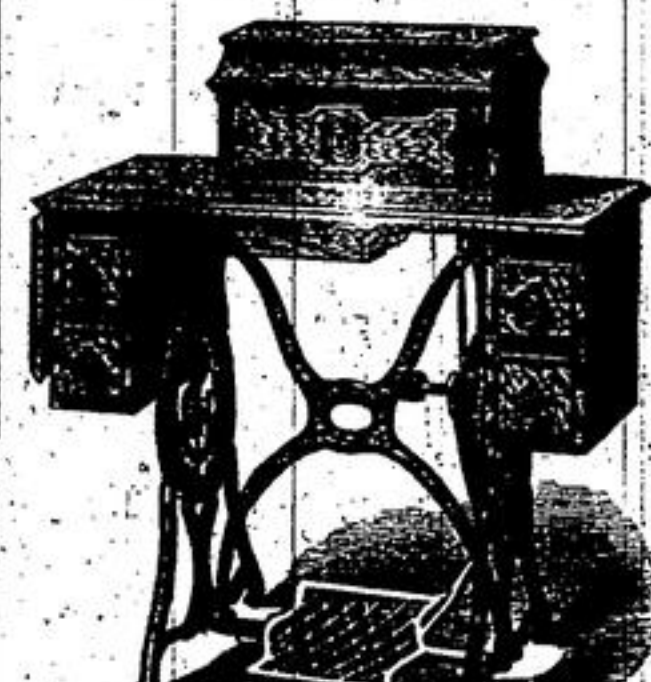
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