

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 13, 1886.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

There were 470,800 pounds of tea on the first C.P.R. tea train.

Congress adjourned without ratifying the new Extradition Treaty, and therefore Canada continues to be a slaughter market for American scoundrels and thieves.

Having failed to secure control of the licensing power, Sir John Macdonald seems now to aim to discredit the Provincial authorities by obliging them to enforce an incomplete and mutilated Dominion law.

The rioting at Belfast still continues. From Saturday evening to an early hour Monday morning eleven persons were killed and 130 seriously wounded. There are now 5,500 extra military and police quartered in the city. Sixty rioters have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from one to six months. At a peaceable meeting of artisans resolutions were adopted strongly condemning the police, who are alleged to be in sympathy with the Catholics.

The landed property of England covers 75,000,000 acres. It is worth \$10,000,000,000, and yields an annual rent, independent of mines, of \$350,000,000. One-fourth of this territory, exclusive of that held by the owners of less than an acre, is in the hands of 1,900 proprietors, and a second fourth is owned by 6,300 others; so that half of the entire country is held by 7,400 individuals. The population is 35,000,000. The peers, not 600 in number, own more than one-fifth of the Kingdom; they possess 14,000,000 acres of land, worth \$3,000,000,000, with an annual rental of \$66,000,000.—Gen. Adam Badeau.

The year 1885-6 will be memorable in history as recording the death of one ex-President, one Vice-President in office, and four candidates for President of the United States. Grant died in midsummer of last year; Vice-President Hendricks died in the following autumn, and George B. McClellan, Horatio Seymour, Samuel J. Tilden and Winfield Scott Hancock, Democratic candidates for President in 1864, 1868, 1876 and 1880, have all gone to join the great majority within a single twelve month. The saddest part of it all, says the Philadelphia Times, is that no big men seem to be growing up in either party to take the vacant places.

"Citizens are very backward," means the Toronto associated press man, "in subscribing towards the Knights of Pythias deficit in connection with the recent demonstration." Oh, Toronto, Toronto! will you ever be anything but an avaricious, grasping, parsimonious, penurious, miserly, shabby, mean, niggardly, close-fisted, grudging, illiberal, ungenerous, sordid, mercenary, covetous, greedy, rapacious swine? Several of your citizens made more money, each, out of the knights than the whole deficit comes to, and every Toronto man who had anything to sell or rent flooded the unfortunate knights to the utmost limit. Come, Toronto, pay the shot, and don't be so horribly Torontoish.

Samuel J. Tilden, the man who was once elected President of the United States, but was counted out, died suddenly last Wednesday morning at his country residence, Greystone, New York. Mr. Tilden was the most prominent of the Democratic party. He was twice a Representative in the State Legislature, a member of the Constitutional Convention, Governor of New York State for two years, and in 1876 was nominated for President. There can be little doubt Mr. Tilden was the lawfully elected candidate but he was counted out in favor of Mr. Hayes. Mr. Tilden was a pure politician and an able lawyer—and his death will be regretted by both parties. He was seventy-two years old.

It seems curious to have the press of New Brunswick in this day of light arguing for the abolition of the practice of selling peppers. It is almost incredible that such a scandal should exist in a Canada Province or that the system should be tolerated for a day after the light of public opinion has been thrown upon it. Yet such is the case, and the system bids fair to be continued in the poorer parishes for some years to come unless the press does its duty. No condition of things can justify this traffic in infirm and unfortunate humanity. No plea of municipal poverty can excuse the abominable practice, and the municipalities of New Brunswick which adhere to the system shame and disgrace themselves every day they allow it to continue in operation.—Globe.

Postal Reforms.

The establishment of a parcel post service between Canada and Great Britain will be welcomed as furnishing a long-needed convenience. Hitherto all parcels have had to pay letter postage, entailing considerable expense to the senders. This is only one of many respects in which the post-office system of the two countries has lately been cheapened and improved. What is urgently wanted now is a two-cent postage rate throughout Canada and between Canada and Britain. Experience has so far shown that every advance in the cheapening of rates, though it may at first entail some loss, has in the end largely increased the revenue. The Americans are well satisfied with the result of lowering the rate of letter postage, and a two-cent rate would doubtless increase the volume of correspondence largely. If the domestic rate were lowered to this figure letters would often be sent in cases where postal cards or circulars are now used. It is not easy to see why it should cost just three times as much to send a sealed letter as a postal card or an open circular, seeing that the expense of transmission and delivery must be exactly the same. As to two-cent ocean postage, that is perhaps too radical a reform to expect just yet, but the reduction of the Canadian rate to a practicable immediate reform which should be urged upon the government.

FOOT-BALL NOTES.

That Distressing Base Ball Game and Other Items.—Mr. Argus makes his First Bow to an Indulgent Public.

—Another great event has come and gone. We are none the wiser, and the town generally pursues its languid course as it was wont to do.

—I refer, of course, to the great foot-ball match, Grits vs. Tories, which took place in the park last week, and resulted in two goals to none in favor of the former.

—The attendance was good, and the interest, considering that the game was not exactly foot-ball, fair. The Grits had the strongest team undoubtedly, that is, for the way they played, and the prevailing impression among the spectators was that the Grits won, not by their superior play by any means, but because the other fellows let 'em.

—That's all very fine, but I don't exactly see it in that light myself. If the Tories could win, why didn't they? There's the rub.

—The return match, the date of which is not yet announced, will probably be a far more lively one, and the belief is that the Grits will have to hump themselves to get there.

—I didn't play myself, my old bones are not so young as they used to be, and—I don't like to mention it, Mrs. A. is again it, and her tongue is a trifle caustic.

—I would suggest to the captain of the Tory team that he make some changes for the better, and I would also ask if he had that long-legged, sort-of-hop-pole-arrangement of a fellow on the field for ornament or what, as he didn't do much; and some of the other members of his team didn't exert themselves either.

—They ought to have a referee and the rules understood and played up to: it would be a good deal more interesting to us spectators, and those who played foot-ball would win.

—There have been some great games of house-ball, or hand-ball, played lately. The present champions are the only Beards and the versatile Huck. They have beaten the town, that is, those who have played, and stand prepared to meet all comers for the championship of the town and the first bite of that water-melon—"Oh, dat water-millynn!"

—It is officially announced that they sail for Europe next week, but after Monday's base ball fiasco Champion Beards declares they'll have to sail in separate ships.

—By-the-way, speaking of base-ball, did you witness the match—could it be called a match game—on Monday last? For your own sakes I hope you didn't. I didn't, and from the fearful tales I've heard of it, I've been congratulating myself ever since that I didn't.

—They say it was the worst piece of playing ever witnessed here. That's rather strange, too, for the Clippers are supposed to have had their strongest nine on. If Monday's team was their strongest, what must their—but enough, the thought is too harrowing.

—They'll have to change their name, that's sure, and call themselves the "Clipped Base Ball Club."

—One consolation seems to be that it was the biggest ten cents worth ever given to a home audience. From all accounts the opposing team are not up to much, and they say that us old married folks could down 'em. Suppose we try it?

—This is undoubtedly the season when "a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." The front gate is in great requisition these fine evenings, and the fair pale morn looks down on many a scephe that would cause a rumpus in many a household if the head of the family saw as much as she does.

—I was an involuntary witness the other evening of a sort of hugging contest, girl vs. boy, which carried me back to the days when I courted Maria. It would be cruel to particularize, the young man might blush.

—It reminded me forcibly of the story of the Michigan girl who was in the habit of meeting her lover in the woods under a certain large maple tree which marked the trying place. She bent her steps thither one fine day and being a little ahead of time sat down to rest with her back against the trying tree.

—A big black bear came along and put his paws round the tree and hugged the girl. And she leaned back and enjoyed it and murmured "Tighter, Johnny! tighter!" And it broke the bear all up, and he ran away and hid in the forest for three days to get over his shame and mortification.

—And now Mrs. Argus has got imbued with the idea that the pen is mightier than the well-say wash-board, and has a notion that she can sling "a to'able good pen" if she aint worried."

—I suggested that slinging a hat-rim was more in her line, which assertion she immediately proved. I luckily did dodge, and now our best mirror is smashed into finders and James Henry's got a lump like a hen's egg on his head.

—I give Mrs. A.'s first attempts. She calls 'em—

WHAT MRS. ARGUS WOULD LIKE TO SEE.—Rain, or Smith's street sprinkler.

—Some kindly disposed person to take the C.B.B.C. to a vacant spot, say the cemetery, and gently but forcibly pound the fact into their heads that they don't know how to play ball.

—Houseball to carry itself into some back alley for the convenience of pedestrians.

—Those wisecracks who know all about who Argus (my hubby) is, to sleep off their delusion.

—The young lady who hired a rig to take her lover for a drive to commit matrimony.

—The young man to take the hint after she buys the ring.

—The pond scheme to wake up and shake itself, likewise the committee.

—The Stars to shine in their new suits at the next junior match.

—Some young men run in for using foul language on the street corners.

—The boy who intends to walk the scratch next Saturday night to swear off before the time serves; or else hold an interview in the wood-shed with his pa.

—The Choral Society to meet with success and give us a good concert next month.

Acton, August 10th, 1886. A.B.O.S.

Rockwood News.

From our own Correspondent.

Mrs. McKenize, of London, is visiting friends here.

Miss Hostler, of Virgil, Niagara district, is visiting friends in Rockwood and vicinity.

The farmers in this vicinity are complaining terribly at the prolonged dray-poll, and fear if rain don't come soon it will prove fatal to the root crops.

Some of our musical citizens took part in the Great International Song-fest at Berlin this week, and as far as we can learn our town will be well represented as spectators, &c.

Mr. Neil D. McKinnon, head teacher in the Underwood Public School, was the guest of D. H. Schultz yesterday, on his way to attend the Teachers' Convention at Toronto this week.

The ministers of the Methodist Church here exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Rapp, of Nassagawby, and Rev. Mr. Walters, of Erma, last Sunday. Mr. Rapp preached here in the morning and Mr. Walters in the evening to large congregations.

We are pleased to note the improvement made by Mr. Wm. Morrow in his residence and fence surrounding the same. The residence of Dr. Dryden has also been repainted, and the artistic manner in which it is done reflects great credit on the painter, Mr. J. Forrester, of Everson.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen, are making great progress here, having already over 30 members. We commend the society to those anticipating life insurance, as a safe protection for the widows and orphans, and at about one-half the usual insurance fees payable to stock companies.

Mr. E. R. B. Hayward, returned home last week after a short visit to the old sod. Mr. H. looks well and says he had a fine trip. While in London he spent a few days at the Colonial Exhibition, viewing the exhibits of the various countries, and was pleased to relate that Canada stood to the front in almost everything.

The Literary Society here is still living and meets every first and third Friday night of each month. The programme for last Friday night, was a debate, "Resolved, that universal suffrage would be better than the present franchise law."

The debaters were very eloquent. You will think so when I say that they held a large audience almost spell-bound until after eleven o'clock, by which time the telling manner in which the captain on the affirmative side dealt with the frail arguments of his opponents, a hollow victory was awarded him by the chairman.

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Interesting Items.

Two hotel-keepers in Peterboro were fined \$100 and costs each, and one was fined \$50 and costs, for breaches of the Scott Act. Two months in jail was the alternative in each case.

On Saturday last J. L. Sturdy, of the Queen's Hotel, Harrison, pleaded guilty to an offence against the Scott Act. He was fined \$50 and costs. Philip Malone, of Arthur, on the same day was also fined \$50 and costs by Police Magistrate Lewis.

Most of the tavern keepers in Dufferin have been fined once for violating the Scott Act, and the Inspector brought charges lately for second offences. Mr. Jennings, Shelburne; Messrs. Hyndman and Marton, Crand Valley, have each been fined \$100 for second offences.

The Clatham Bauer says that one of the most peculiar of the results of enforcing the Scott Act is the loss of taste which it has inflicted on many good judges of liquor, who take the witness stand, kiss the book, and avow themselves unable to distinguish whiskey from ginger beer, soda water, or frank!

License Inspector Fisher paid an official visit to Palmerston Tuesday night. While putting his horse up at one of the hotels a stranger came up and asked him if he was the license inspector. Being answered in the affirmative he dealt him several blows with a club, cutting him on the head and shoulders. His injuries are not serious. The stranger, whose name is at present unknown, escaped.

Four cases of alleged violation of the Scott Act were tried before the Police Magistrate at Guelph on Monday and dismissed. The evidence of the witnesses was indirect contradiction to that of the deputy-inspector who laid the charge. Six more cases were tried on Tuesday. Five were dismissed and the other adjourned until Monday next for the summoning of a witness. No other cases will come up before that date.

—Hats from 75 cents to \$2.50 at J. Fyfe's.

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

—Go to J. Fyfe's, Acton, for your clothing. He can suit you for price, quality and style everytime.

THE GRAVE.

BRATY.—Drowned in Trafalgar, on the 8th inst., Mr. Anderson Bratty, of Acton, aged 28 years.

New Advertisements.

MONEY FOUND.—A sum of money, the loser may recover the same by proving ownership, and paying for this advertisement. MRS. S. A. RECORD.

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Auctioneer, J. REMSTREE, 6 Shelburne. As Remstree is acquainted with the County of Dufferin almost every part, we can recommend him to intending purchasers.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.

THE UNDERSIGNED has received instructions to sell on very easy terms the house and lot on Church street, now occupied by Mrs. James Bell, adjoining the dwelling of Charles Spinks and immediately behind Geo. Hynds Jewellery Store. This is a desirable property. The lot is first-class, the dwelling in good repair, and there is a nice garden with fruit trees. Terms and particulars make known upon application to

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The following lines I have reduced fully TWENTY-FIVE PER CENT., and over in some cases, with the exception of Groceries, which I will sell as cheap as the cheapest.

DRESS GOODS, in Nun's Cloth, Jersey Cloth, Canvas Cloth, black and colored all-wool Cashmere, black and colored Lustres, Silk Grenadines, Pongee Silk, black and colored Gros Grain Silks, black and colored Satin, black Satin Merveilleux, black and colored Velvets, Velvetens, and Crapo Cloths.

Hosiery, all makes and prices. Gloves to suit everybody; don't fail to see our Misses' Lisle Gloves at 15c. Corsets, Hoop Skirts, Bustles, and Ladies' Underwear.

PRINTS.—No house in Canada has ever shown a nicer range than we have now on our counters. Beautiful designs in Canvas Prints, a good cloth, fast colors, splendid pattern, for 10c., well worth 12c. Gingham and Muslin to please everybody. Gray Cottons, White Cottons, Shirtings, Ducks, Denims, Towels, Towelling (great value), Brown Holland, Table Damask, etc., etc.

HOUSE FURNISHINGS.—Carpets, in Tapestry, Union and Hemp, Floor and Stair Oil-cloths. Curtains of nearly every style. Ask to see the Madras Muslin at 25c. per yard; it makes lovely curtains, and warranted to wash well. Turkish Rugs, from \$3 up.

MILLINERY.—Although it is getting late in the season, I am still adding novelties in this department, and customers will find correct styles and a competent lady in charge.

Boots and Shoes, Wall Papers and Groceries, all at prices to suit the times.

Remember the place—Griffin's Old Stand, the Halton Dry Goods House, Acton.

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