

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 26, 1886.

CROP PROSPECTS.

The August report of the Ontario Bureau of Industries contains a vast amount of information on the progress of harvesting, state of crops, statistics of stock, wages, &c., and other matters. It is estimated that 18,057,794 bushels of fall wheat have been produced from 686,402 acres. Though not a heavy crop, the heads were well filled and the quality of the grain is reported excellent. The growth of spring crops was visibly arrested by the severe drought, but timely showers saved them from serious harm. In the eastern part of the Province the rainfall has been abundant and vegetation is luxuriant. Complaint is made of rust and mildew in some localities and the barley crop is likely to be discolored to some extent.

Compared with the average of the past four years the yield of fall wheat this year is 3,219,234 bushels less; of spring wheat, 1,355,118 bushels less; of barley 1,07,987 more; of rye 1,305,080 bushels more; and of peas 4,107,846 bushels more.

The average wages of farm hands for the Province is \$1.68 with board, and \$2.51 without board for the year. These figures are slightly lower than last year's. The rate of wages of domestic servants is unchanged, being \$1.63 per week.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

There was no delegate from Acton at the Reform Convention last Saturday. Politics must be at a low ebb here.

The new Toronto Trunk Sewer By-law has been passed by the Board of Works and will be submitted to the ratepayers. The estimated cost is a million and a half.

The freight charges upon tea coming from China and Japan via England to Canada and the United States is five cents per pound; via Vancouver and the C.P.R. to Toronto and Montreal it is only one and a quarter cents per pound.

A Joint Commission to settle the fishery dispute between Canada and the United States seems probable, according to a member of the British Government. That is what Canada asked for in the first place and the United States refused.

As elsewhere announced Dr. Buck has been nominated as the Reform Candidate in the Provincial Elections. In all probability Major Kerns, the present M.P.P., will be his opponent. We are pleased to be able to say that both these gentlemen are well known Scott Act supporters, so that the election of either candidate will secure a temperance representative in Parliament.

A delegation sent from Edinburgh by the Trade Unions of that city has recently been engaged in inspecting the Canadian Section, at the Colonial Exhibition. Two of the delegates spent some time last week in gathering information as to the progress of printing and bookbinding in Canada, and expressed great surprise at the degree of perfection shown by the Canadian exhibits of this class.

The wool clip in the United States is estimated to be fully twelve million pounds less than two years ago, that of Ohio three millions less, and of Texas seven millions less. Every wool-growing State and Territory, with probably the exception of Montana, will show a lessened production. Canadian wool which has for a number of years brought very low prices, should increase in value if these reports, founded on investigations set on foot by the Washington authorities, turn out to be correct.

An Interesting Case.

A peculiar case in connection with the Scott Act has just been tried at Bowmanville. It seems that a certain physician there was building up quite a trade in "medicine" by selling to all who would apply thereof a flask of whiskey or other liquor containing a few chips of gentian root for which he would charge fifty to eighty cents. Inspector Clinie, hearing of this, investigated the matter and himself became the possessor of one of the bottles of the much talked of "Dr. Boyle's Medicine." With considerable bravado the laughing doctor informed the inspector that he could sell what "medicine" he pleased, and the Scott Act couldn't touch him. However, the inspector feeling that such professional audacity should receive a check, entered a case against him. A good deal of interest was centered in this unusual case and the trials were largely attended. The result of the trial was that Dr. Boyle was found guilty of violation of the Canada Temperance Act, and fined \$50 and costs, or sixty days in jail.

Although nothing of this kind has been practiced by physicians in Halton, still this case bears upon things that have been practiced, and will show those interested that they are liable to similar punishment. Referring to the case the Bowmanville Sun says: "It is encouraging to know that public sentiment is decidedly opposed to all such professional meanness. Let right-thinking people stand out unitedly and firmly in support of law and order. It is hoped this case will prove a warning to all who think they can evade the law by selling whiskey under some subterfuge, no matter how 'respectable' they may try to make it appear."

Fall Fairs.

Industrial, Toronto, September 6, 18. Provincial, Guelph, September 20, 25. Southern Counties, St. Thomas, September 21, 24. Central, Hamilton, September 27, October 1. Western, London, September 27, October 2. Nussagaweya, Brockville, October 5. Franklin, Aberfoyle, October 7. Hoyt's, Walkerton, October 5, 8. Southern, Brantford, October 5, 8. North West, Stratford, October 7, 8. Erasmus, Rockwood, October 12, 13. Esqueping, Georgetown, October

THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting and the Subsequent Holiday Excursion of the Members of the Fourth Estate.

A TOUR OF THE LAKES.

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association was held in the Rossin House, Toronto, on Thursday, 5th August, Mr. John A. Davidson, of the Guelph Mercury, the esteemed president of the Association, in the chair. The President's address was first in order. It was interesting and carefully prepared; the principal topic discussed being the liberal law, Dominion and Provincial, and the best means to be taken to more effectually protect newspaper interests in this respect. After the revision of the list of members, the election of officers took place, as follows:—President, Wm. Watt, Esquire, Brantford; 1st Vice-Pres., J. J. Crabbe, Argus, St. Marys; 2nd Vice-Pres., Andrew Pattullo, Sentinel-Review, Woodstock; Sec.-Treas., W. R. Clinie, Sun, Bowmanville. Executive Committee, J. A. Davidson, Mercury, Guelph; C. D. Barr, Post, Lindsay; E. E. Sheppard, News, Toronto; H. P. Moore, Free Press, Acton; W. B. Davis, Advocate, Mitchell, and H. Hough, Grip, Toronto. During the afternoon several interesting discussions were engaged in relative to matters of interest to the fraternity. It was decided to hold a general meeting of newspaper men sometime in November to discuss the liberal law in all its ramifications to the journalistic profession. The meeting adjourned about 6 o'clock.

The evening was pleasantly spent by the members of the party who had decided to take in the very attractive trip up the lakes. About midnight we boarded the steamship Cuba, the largest of the Merchants' Line, running between Montreal and Chicago, for a six days' voyage up the lakes. The purser, having allotted us comfortable state-rooms, the party immediately retired, and when the breakfast bell sounded at seven next morning, we found that Lake Ontario had been crossed, and we were just entering the first lock of the wonderful Welland Canal, at Port Dalhousie, the northern port of entry for the canal, and the northern terminus of the Welland Railway.

The passage through the canal was very pleasant and it was centred a great deal of interest to the party. This great water thoroughfare is one of the best constructed and most efficient achievements which even this age of engineering skill has produced. The difference of level between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie is 327 feet, and this great height is surmounted with ease by the largest steamers on the lakes by means of twenty-six lift-locks built of solid stone, and faced with cut stone. Each lock is 270 feet long between the gates, and forty-five feet in width, admitting a depth of fourteen feet of water. Besides the lift-locks over the mountain there are guard locks and double gates at all the ports. The canal throughout is built in the most permanent manner, and the total cost when fully completed will not be less than sixteen million dollars. The length of the canal is twenty-seven miles and it allows the passage of vessels of 1,500 tons burthen. The idea of this great work was conceived during the war of 1812, and a canal four feet deep, fifteen feet wide, and admitting vessels of forty tons, which was opened two years later, has been replaced by a succession of enlargements and improvements, until it has reached its present admirable proportions.

Our trip through the canal occupied eleven and a half hours, considerably less than usual—thirteen hours being the average—and we had a couple of hours in which to visit the quiet little town of Port Colborne, before entering Lake Erie. At eight p.m. the lines were cast off and we bid adieu to Canadian soil for the present, with the ship's bow pointing towards Cleveland, Ohio. The weather was pleasant, the sea calm, and an enjoyable evening was spent in the cabin and on the deck.

Cleveland was reached about two p.m. on Saturday afternoon, and as the Cuba would remain here for four hours to "coal-up," the company spent the time in visiting the city. Cleveland has many interesting features and it was found an easy matter to spend the time to advantage. A drive was taken down the far-famed Euclid Avenue, said to be the finest residence street in the world. Wade Park, four miles from the city hall was hurriedly viewed, and thence we proceeded to Lake View Cemetery, an extensive enclosure combining all the advantages of nature and art. Here lie the remains of the illustrious Garfield, and on an eminence near by is in course of erection an immense monument to his memory. The Garfield residence was visited; the viaduct which structure is 3211 feet long and 68 feet high and spans the Cuyahoga, connecting the eastern and western sections of the city. But the propeller's whistle is sounded, and we hurry on board to re-cross Lake Erie on our journey westward.

Sunday morning finds us at Windsor, where we have an excellent opportunity of viewing the exterior beauties of this stirring town and its larger American sister across the river, Detroit. The trip up the river through Lake St. Clair and the river of the same name to Port Huron is one of especial interest and pleasure. Father Hennepin, who passed over the course in early days, enthusiastically wrote:—"The islands are the finest in the world; the strait is finer than Niagara; the banks are vast meadows and the whole terminates so that one would think nature alone could not have made without the help of art so charming a project." St. Clair falls, twenty-seven miles from Detroit, comprises a large area of marshy land, and here are abundant attractions for the sportsman, for this is the best fishing and shooting grounds in the country. At this point the St. Clair river empties into Lake St. Clair through six winding channels which form numerous islands. Here club houses and shooting boxes are abundant. To improve and shorten the entrance to the river, the U. S. government constructed a ship canal through a part of the flats 8,200 feet long and 200 feet wide at a cost of \$453,550. The banks of this canal have a beautiful growth of willow trees, and a large light-house is maintained at each end. In the afternoon we passed St. Clair, 60 miles from Detroit, and situated on the highest and most charming site for a town to be

found anywhere between Lakes Erie and Superior. St. Clair is a great pleasure resort and is the location of an immense hotel with accommodations for about 700 guests. Sarnia was reached at sundown, and after a short call we proceeded up the river and then into Lake Huron.

Sunday was observed with the utmost decorum on board the Cuba, a wide contrast to the actions of the numerous picnic parties to be seen along the American banks and on the several steamers crowded with pleasure seekers passed on our sail up the river during the day. Several services of praise were held in the cabin during the day, and the quiet, calm, and moonlight evening of the holy day was spent by the company in the singing of familiar hymns out on the open deck.

The experience of the following two days was rather monotonous, for when naught but sea and sky are visible the scenery can hardly be described as grandly picturesque. However, on Monday morning a change was very perceptible in the countenance and actions of nearly all on board. We were crossing Saginaw Bay with a heavy sea, and as

"The fair breeze blew, and the white foam flew, And the furrows followed free." the passengers generally, and even some of the ship's crew, experienced the qualms usually produced by old Neptune. The result was that out of eighty-five passengers only some ten or a dozen called for breakfast, and half a dozen of these staggered to their state-rooms before the smiling waiters had served them. A few hours' quiet sufficed to put most everyone on his equilibrium again, and the steward says he never fed a hungrier crew than sat down for dinner that day.

On Tuesday night we passed the Straits of Mackinac, but owing to the excessive smoke from the forest fires of Manitoulin and Northern Michigan, and the dense fog which prevailed, the attractive scenery thereabouts was lost to our view. Wednesday we passed the Manitou Islands and that evening entered Chicago harbor, after a delightful sail of between 1100 and 1200 miles. The scene as we approached Chicago was dazzling and beautiful indeed. The thousands of electric lights that sparkle throughout the city and suburbs; the many colored lights among the shipping and docks, and the numerous craft through which we threaded our way formed a picture at once interesting and exciting.

A pleasing incident prior to our leaving the boat was the presentation of an address by President Davidson, on behalf of the Press Association, to Capt. Ewart for his kindness and courtesy and untiring zeal to make all comfortable during the journey. The Captain was in the happiest of moods during the entire trip, and well he might be, for he had left a wife of a few days at home in Toronto, and we departed on his good ship. The company on board embraced excellent talent and a programme of interest was prepared and satisfactorily carried out each evening to the pleasure and edification of all.

The Cuba moored in the metropolis of the west, our party proceeded to the Palmer House, the palace hotel of America, where arrangements had been made for us. The following days were spent in visiting this great and enterprising city. The Board of Trade in session, the Post Office, State and City buildings, the "Battle of Gettysburg," "The Fair," newspaper offices, some of the extensive mercantile establishments, were visited. Subsequently a drive through Lincoln Park with the grand flower gardens, lakes, and ponds of interest covering 320 acres, and the parks of the lakes shore, the tunnels, the avenues of private residences received our attention. We also visited Evanston, filled with the finest private residences any city suburb could exhibit, the seat of the far-famed North Western University and Garrett Biblical Institute with their 700 students. Calvary and Rose Hill cemeteries were also points of special interest.

Late Friday night we left Chicago, and the next morning—thanks to the excellent through train service of the Grand Trunk Railway—arrived at Port Huron. A few days were spent very pleasantly in St. Clair, after which we crossed the river, and after short visits at Princeton, Hamilton, and Toronto, returned home on Thursday night, pleased and well satisfied with the excellent trip we had had the pleasure of undertaking and feeling much invigorated as a consequence.

To the G. T. R. authorities the members of the press party are specially indebted for the liberal courtesies so cheerfully extended. The President and Secretary also carried and were accorded hearty thanks for their unceasing efforts to render the general arrangements for the accommodation of the party in every respect complete and satisfactory, and equally hearty thanks were bestowed upon Messrs. Atkinson, of the Port Hope Times, and St. John, of the Kingston News, for the excellent part they took in making the entertainments on board pleasant and enjoyable.

The excursion was a success; it was pleasant throughout and was useful both to body and mind. The company was in every way congenial, and many warm and enduring friendships were formed.

A FIRE AT PORT CREDIT.

Twelve Thousand Bushels of Wheat and Two Warehouses Consumed.

PORT CREDIT, Aug. 20.—At 2.30 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in one of the grain storehouses on the lake front. The fire spread to the other two warehouses, and as there are no fire appliances in the town the people could do nothing but stand and watch the buildings burn, and by 6 o'clock the storehouses were totally consumed. About 12,000 bushels of wheat were stored in one of the buildings. The fire completes the destruction of the harbor buildings. At the time of the fire the grain was sold and a vessel was en route to Port Credit to take it away. It was valued at \$9,000 to \$10,000. The loss will be fully covered by insurance. The buildings were owned by the Harbor Company, and were old and very much out of repair.

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The Reform Candidate.

At the Reform Convention held at Milton last Saturday, Dr. Buck, of Palermo, was the unanimous nominee of the Reform party as candidate in the coming Provincial Elections.

If elected the Dr. will be an able representative in the Legislative Assembly. He is well and favorably known throughout the county, and is well qualified for the honorable position to which he aspires and which his political friends are anxious he should occupy. Dr. Buck has spent nearly half his life time in the County Council and has made himself a very useful member of that body. He is a prominent temperance worker, and a strong supporter of the Scott Act.

British Grain Prospects.

The Mark Lane Express in its review of the British grain trade during the past week, says: "The harvest thus far have been greatly disappointing. A spell of dry weather with hot sunshine may yet redeem what appears to be a bad harvest. The returns of 428 wheat districts show that 89 are above the average, 96 are equal to it, and 288 are below it. The yield of barley in 227 out of 247 districts is below the average; of oats in 265 out of 433 districts; and of beans in 162 out of 275 districts; and of peas in 116 out of 245 districts. Trade is sluggish. English wheat is generally one shilling dearer."

THE CRADLE.

BEARDMORE.—In Acton, on the 22nd Aug., the wife of Mr. A. O. Beardmore, of Beardmore & Co., of a son.

THE GRAVE.

WALKER.—At the residence of G. H. Kennedy, Esq., Esqueping, on Saturday, August 14th, 1886, Sarah, widow of the late Robert Walker, aged 67 years 9 months and 10 days.

New Advertisements.

INDICE COWS FOR SALE.

THIS UNDESIGNED offers for sale 1 Ayshire cow, six years old; 2 grades, 3 and 4 years old, both to calve in February; 3 heifers, one in calf; 4 spring calves—3 of them steers and 1 heifer. Apply at once to—WM. GRIPPS, Acton, Aug. 25th, 1886.

EGG AND LAMB ASTRAY.

STAYED from the premises of the subscriber, No. 104, Con. 1st Ave., about the 1st of August, a ewe and a lamb, partly Southdown. Builders reports will be given for information which will lead to their recovery. DONALD MANN, Esqueping, Aug. 23rd, 1886.

READY FOR CHOPPING.

THIS UNDESIGNED desires to inform his customers and farmers generally, that the improvements in his mill have been so far advanced that he will be prepared to do chopping on and after Monday next, and will be ready for wheat in two weeks. JOHN HARVEY, Acton, Aug. 25th, 1886.

NOTICE.

MY WIFE, Matilda Mann, having discontinued to live with me, without proper reason, hereby warns all parties concerned that I will not be held responsible for any debts contracted by her in my name. DONALD MANN, Acton, August 17th, 1886.

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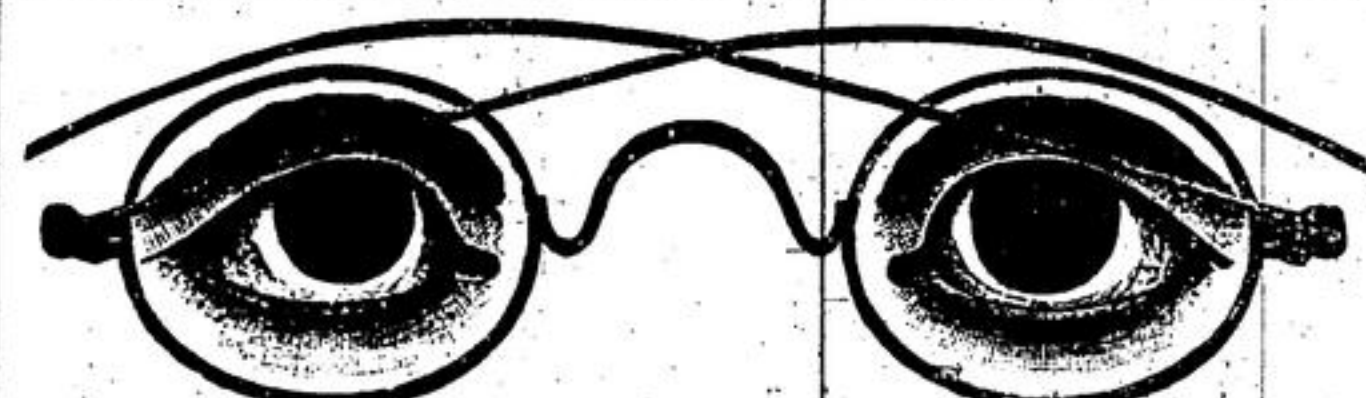
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Hosiery, all makes and prices. Gloves to suit everybody. Don't fail to see our Misses' Lisle Gloves at 15c. Corsets, Hoop Skirts, Bustles, and Ladies' Underwear.

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Nun's Veilings, new shades..... 15c. Canvas Cloth, new shades..... 15c. All-wool Melanger Cord..... 25c. Frieze Effect, all colors..... Very Cheap.

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Brocaded Challis..... 5c. Fancy Stripes, worth 20c., for..... 8c. Beautiful Cashmerettes..... 10c. Lace Canvas Cloth, in Black, Cream, Bronze and Mid Brown only, worth 25c., for 12 1/2c.

MUSLIN DEPARTMENT.

Lovely Line Colored Muslins..... 5c. Lace Muslin..... 12c. and up. White and Colored Lawns..... 12c. and up. Swiss Spots and Checks..... Very Low. India Mull, all shades..... Very Low. Canvas Mull, all colors.....

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Fast Color Ramapo Prints..... 5c. Newest Effects French Prints..... 7c. Ashton's Madras, worth 12c., for..... 8c. Best English Cambric (Cromb's) best Cloth, worth 20c., for..... 12 1/2c. Searuckers to arrive. One case at about half price.

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