Signs are not wanting in business centres of increasing activity in various departments of trade and commerce thereby giving inspiration to the hope that the country is entering upon a career of renewed prosperity. The cry of "hard times," for political effect, in some of our newspapers is not unfrequently contradicted by their own commercial reports and admissions of increased success of local enterprise.

A proposition has been made in England to form a company with a capital of a million pounds sterling to carry on general trading with the Dominion of Cauada. The object is to bring into direct communication the producers and the consumers in England of Canadian products. A large proportion of Canada's exports are now sold in England as "American "goods, and anada desires credit for her own exorllence in goods.

The extent of the flour production of Minneapolis, one of the great floor centres grand total for the year ending Bept. 1st is 5,936,530 barrels, and two days' more running time would have put it up to the even 6,000,000, If, as it is generally stated, the millers of Minneapolis made no money last year, they certainly made some flourjust how much will be realized when it is considered that they turned out about one barrel in every ten ground on the continent. It is the greatest concentration of a single industry known to the world. ...

The district lying between Hamilton and Niagara is known in Ontario as the fruit garden of Canada. To prove that it was entitled to the name Messrs. C. P. Carpenter & Son, farmers, living at Winona about 14 miles east of Hamilton, took an exhibit of fruit to the great fair at St. Louis, Mo., and carried off the prize for the largest and most artistically arranged collections of fruits in competition with the whole United States, besides a number of first prizes. It will be apparent to Americans that the country which can outdo the Southern States in a prize competition for the finest collection of fruits cannot b exactly an iceberg.

We understand that the Provincia Government has decided to set aside as National Park several entire townships i Muskoka, the locality chosen being the watershed from which the Muskoka flow westward to the Georgian Bay and the Madawaska, Petewawa and Bonnecher Rivers flow eastward to the Ottawa. Thi district is heavily timbered, but with trees more valuable for their beauty than their timber; the soil is too broken to be of great value as agricultural lands, and there is a perfect network of lakes and rivers, each more beautiful than the last. The new national "Algonquin Park," as the reservation is called, will, it is to be hoped, long be a true bit of wildness for the refreshment of men's souls. It will enhance the value of all the surrounding wilderness.

Erin Free Pressings.

A Temperance Electoral Union at Os pringe is being attempted.

Threshing is for the most part about over. The small amount of straw compared with last year and the large number of machines to do the work have made the season rather a short one. Grain has yielded very good returns this year.

The low prices paid for grain makes it necessary for farmers to curtail needless. expenditures this year. It takes a great many bushels of anything to amount in cash to one hundred dollars. Farmers throughout the country seem to realize this of late, and a large number of farms have been leased last year and this, and at prices, too, that will make it difficult to make all ends meet, in some cases at least.

We had the privilege a few days ago of examining a copy of the Holy Bible on the title page of the New Testament, part of which reads, "Imprinted at London by Chriftopher Barker, Printer to the Queen's Majeftie, 1582." The book contains additional matter to the Scriptures proper, somewhat similar to that found in modern Bibles. The book is in the possession of an old lady living in this township. We may again refer to it.

Erin, October 26th, 1886.

Rockwood News

From our own Correspondent.

Donald McCaig, School Inspector, Algoma, is home for the winter.

The typhoid fever epidemic in the village seems to be abating, only one new case being reported this week. Policeman Carter, who had his leg so

badly broken about a month ago, is limping around town on crutches. The turnip business is again booming,

quite a number of car loads having been shipped already from here to the States. There was a large turn out from here at Erin Show, all available conveyances being

in requisition, and of course every young fellow of any account took his best girl. Richard Hewat, lately employed in Far-

rish's mills, has accepted a lucrative situation as head miller for a firm in Ingersol. Mesers. Strange & Hewat, managers of | we will be better men and women, and will the skating rink, are building a kiln pre- really "nightly pitch our moving tents paratory to going into the lime business day's march nearer home." next summer.

A series of revival meetings are being held here in the Methodist Church under the charge of Mesers. Swan and Kerr. A great deal of interest is being taken and it is hoped a great deal of good will be effected. A new feature is a number of services for hildren alone, which are well attended.

ARGUS VISITS ERIN SHOW

A Recy Account of its Attractions and Fas cinations. - A Letter, With Comments

ACTON CHORAL SOCIETY.

-Siuce my last another great event has come and gone. I refer of course to the chewhere we give the address of their list event of the season in that line, to wit

-I attended, in fact wouldn't have missed upon it, except to say that for pure and it for worlds. Never had so much fun since unadulterated impudence the address is the | I was a small boy and used to guy "tacher," There was more fun than you could shake a stick at, as a popular saying runs, though why you should want to shake a stick at fun I don't see, and again how much fun must you have to exceed that quantity at which you could shake a stick?

-But to resume, I drove down in most charming company, and I need not say that I did not go in that nondescript rigfitted up by one of our enterprising citizens; I mean that arrangement that had two horses to draw it, one big one and one little one, who ought both to be dubbed "Napoleon," because the Bony-part was so prominent in them. (N.B .- Jokes of this kind constantly. on tap; country orders filled with prompt-

ness and despatch.) -The show was a great success in point of attendance and enjoyment. There must have been between 5,000 and 6,000 people on the grounds. The leading feature was the stock, especially the horses; the display of stuff in the building was below the average and the buildings themselves are not worthy the grounds.

-Fakirs of all kinds were there in plenty. and reaped a rich harvest with their thim-"Aunt Sallys," shooting galleries, snide jewelry, and so on. Two side-shows raked in a little of the filthy lucre; one, I believe had a mermaid (not alive), and the other panorama, a regular " penny-dreadful."

-The press was represented by our own local jewel and two perambulating quilldrivers from the Royal City, rather decent fellows and not of the dude type. One reporter, a jolly little fellow, reminded me of a cock sparrow on the rampage, and owing to his dignified strut and gorgeous badge he was mistaken by some of the bucolic exhibitors for the president, and interrogated an to where they should place their particular exhibits, and the little fellow would say, You see the ground, don't you? Well, put 'em there," and they would put 'em there, anywhere, and then have to move them. The press representatives were

treated most cordially by the officials of the exhibit, and my little friend was made judge of the raspberry vinegar, home-made wines, and things of that sort, and as he had to taste them the other fellows got rather envious.

-Perhaps the most gratifying feature of the whole concern was the entire absence' of whiskey and liquor of all kinds. Cousequently there were no drunken men, no rows, no fights or broken heads, no racing home and leaving wheels and other portions strewn along the road for miles. Everything was lovely and the goose hung high.

-It may be said here that perhaps the most ungratifying thing was that check room; it was a regular delusion and a snare. -Our town was fairly well represented and although not exactly the flower of our youth was present, still there were some daisies from here. And my, don't some of our dear creatures who are so staid and prim at home come out of their shells, so to speak, when they get away and where they think that nobody sees them.

-It seems that one individual in town is somewhat upset by my remarks of last week and it takes the form of the following

"DEAR SIE,-I should feel very much obliged if you would explain some of your remarks in this (he means last-A.) week's Faze Pages, for the benefit of myself, and of the youth, innocence and ignorance of this town, who are quite unable and incap able of grasping the utter profundity of the sarcasm contained therein, even though, from its very simplicity, it is evident to the meanest capacity. The description of how to be "choye" is only within the comprebension of a few in this town. The great majority have not the faintest conception of your meaning. I could name several of either sex, who have passed the necessar, examinations for a school teacher, who cannot see the drift of your phrases. can we, therefore, we, the vulgus, the igno rami of the town, know your meaning Please explain yourself in your next and

Yours truly, Nes Cievs." -Now, that's the letter, and it must have been an immense relief to get it off the writer's brain. What the writer's aiming at and what is wanted is not easy to see. In the first place this N-C- (query, wouldn't n. g. be a better fit?) does not state what remarks require explanation, and mixes his subject up in a pretty bad way. If he's "unable and incapable of grasping the utter profundity," &c., how does he know that it's there? Again he says, " from its very simplicity it is evident to the meanest capacity," and in the next sentence he assumes he is one of the few who are capable of grasping it (whatever it is), therefore he must be one of the " meanest capacity," and also he says one of the " Vulgus." and "Ignorami." Nice, ain't it? It isn't necessary to call yourself bad names, N-

C- your relations and friends can keep you supplied in that line. -You ask, Mr. N- C-, for me to explain myself. I think it more in order for you to explain yourself, and let me

you you've got the biggest job. -I see that our Choral Bociety makes its first bow to the public on Friday even ing next. They ought to be able to give us a pretty good concert, at any rate the citizens ought to turn out well and show they appreciate their endeavors to foster a love for and to promote, encourage and improve vocal music in our midst. I believe it is Court of Revision of Voters' Lists. hoped that it will improve the singing in our churches, and faith it's needed. If we have good, earnest, heart-felt singing in our churches, good congregational singing, we shall not see so many empty benches there,

Acton, Oct. 27th, 1880

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PURELY PERSONAL

Paragraphs Respecting People with Whon our Beaders are Individually or Collectively Acquainted.

Miss Mipule Adams is visiting at her home in Drayton. Mr. James Morton, of Port Hurun,

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hemstreet, of Trafalgar visited friends here on Friday and Saturday Misses Crutch and Thompson, of Toronto, were guests of Acten friends last week. Mrs. J. E. MoGarvin returned from her visit to her old home in Orangeville un

Miss Alice Hugher, of Detroit, left for home yesterday after sponding a week very pleasantly with Actou friends. Mrs. John Holt, of Port Huron, who has

been the gnest of Mrs. John Speight for some weeks, returned home yesterday. Rov. and Mrs. Lachlan Cameron, of Thaniesford, spent several days during the reek among their many old friends in

Mrs. Donald Cameron returned last Thursday from an enjoyable visit near Owen Sound, and was accompanied by her cousin, Mrs. Garrett, who will romain here a few weeks.

Rev. R. Phillips and Mesars. James and H. P. Moore are the delegates from the Methodist Sabbath School, attending the Provincial S. S. Association, now in session at Hamilton.

Mr. W. H. Storey attended the sessions of the Missionary Committee of the Methodist Church, Guelph Conference, at Harriston, on Monday and Tuesday. He left there for New York on a business trip, and ble-rigging, sweetbreads, wheels of fortune, was accompanied thence from Hamilton by Mr. Alex Secord, manager of the Canada

Messre. John McLaughlin, of Marinette, Wis., Edward and Crewson McLaughlin, of Saginaw, sons of Mr. Mugh McLaughlin, Crewson's Corners, are home on a visit. There is quite a family re-union and there is joy under the parental roof. The Messre. McLaughlin are all doing well in their American homes.

THE CRADLE. Bowens-On the 7th inst., at the Methodis parsonage, Waterloo, Ont., the wife of Rov. A. A. Bowers of a daughter.

MORTON In Acton, on the 24th Octobert the wafe of Mr. James Morton, of Por Huron, of a daughter.

THE ALTAR. J. Beattie, on Oct. 20th, 1886, David Dewar, to Elizabeth Bell, both of Milton.

Aparts In Drayton, on the 23rd inst Carroll, infant son of W. E. Adams, aged 3 mouths 3 weeks and 4 days. Chawrond -In Nassagaweya, on the 23rd October, Mr. Samuel Crawford, aged 85

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