

BOON.
Hospitable—At Toronto, on August 1st, the wife of F. H. Boon, of a daughter.
Hospitable—In Acton, on the 14th inst., the wife of Mr. Joseph Boon, of a daughter.
Lafayette—At Charlottetown, P. E. I., on the 24th August, the wife of Mr. J. A. Boon, of a son.
Foot—At Paris, on the 18th August, the wife of Mr. W. Boon, of a daughter.
Hospitable—Near Acton, on the 15th inst., the wife of Mr. John Boon, of a son.

MARRIED.
GEMMA—WEDDING—By the Rev. W. C. Henderson, on the 14th inst., at the residence of the Rev. J. W. Thomas, Mr. George H. Whiting, son of the late Mr. W. Whiting, to Miss Helen, daughter of Mr. Wm. Simpson, of St. John's, N. B., all of Halifax.
WILLIAM—SIMPSON—On the 14th inst., at the residence of the Rev. J. W. Thomas, Mr. George H. Whiting, son of the late Mr. W. Whiting, to Miss Helen, daughter of Mr. Wm. Simpson, of St. John's, N. B., all of Halifax.

DIED.
WELLS—In Acton, on the 14th inst., Jacob Wells, one of the oldest of our settlers, aged 84 years and 3 months.
HARRIS—At Toronto, on August 14th, Catharine Harris, beloved wife of Adam I. Harris, Esq., and mother of Mr. A. Harris, of the Metropolitan Hotel, aged 51 years.
STEPHENSON—In Acton, on the 14th inst., aged 72 years and 10 months, John Stephenson, Esq., one of our best citizens.
Dear to us, and justly loved, we would not weep for thee. One thought shall cheer the parting tear. It is, that thou art free.
And thus shall faith's consoling power Thee from the clutches of the grave deliver. Oh, who that saw thy parting hour Could wish thee there again?
Twenty thy years were spent in exile, On manly arms thy sword was shed. And in our midst thou didst abide. And in our midst thou didst abide.
EAGAN—At Toronto, on August 14th, of a long illness, Mrs. Mary Eagan, late of Burlington, Ont., aged 62 years.
DROWN—In Acton, on the 17th inst., Robert Drown, aged 40 years.

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 1887.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Marshal Von Moltke regards Europe as on the eve of a general war, the most widespread that has existed since 1815. The Germans, says a French journalist, look for an outbreak of hostilities in October.

The ratcatchers of Toronto have decided that \$100,000 shall not be handed over by the city of Toronto to the Dominion Government, to be expended upon works necessary to the preservation of the island.

Petitions for the repeal of the Scott Act are being circulated in Hamilton county. The Acton Free Press and the Milton Reporter, the two principal papers of that county, speak in condemnatory terms of the defeat of the repeal. They ought to know.—Fergus Advertiser.

We understand that the would-be Scott Act repealers intend pursuing a still hunt this campaign. No use, gentlemen, when your cause is a bad one, whether you have a still hunt or a lively one, the result will be the same—an overwhelming defeat for the liquor forces.—Fergus Advertiser.

This has been a year of frightful railway disasters, but the calamity reported from Ohio, is the most appalling on record. The burning of the wooden bridge and consequent loss of life should cause the enactment of laws which will require that all railway bridges shall be of stone and iron. It was a wooden bridge that caused the frightful accident on the Vermont Central railway not long ago.

The Orangeville Post's wholesale abuse of the young men who acted as special constables in arresting Bennett, Irwin and Duffy is characteristic of that vile and unprincipled sheet. The young men were asked by an officer of the law to assist in enforcing the law and they obeyed. They deserve eulogy and not blackguarding.—Orangeville Advertiser.

The Hamilton Police Magistrate is opposed to the action of young men and boys who interfere with other men in their work, because they are not union men or Knights of Labor. The next day he stated in open court that the next person convicted of striking a non-union man or calling "scab" at one would not get a chance to pay a fine, but would go to jail for a good term.

The Editor, Hamilton Times, Hamilton, Ont., New York, U. S. A., is the address on a wrapper received this morning from our big namesake in London, containing a series of headlines from that journal on "Patriotism and Crime." If the London Times knows as little about the Irish question as it does about geography, its headlines will make a very slight impression on thinking people.—Hamilton Times.

M. Andre Senecal, the newly appointed Superintendent of Dominion Government Printing, is in New York purchasing presses and other machinery for the new Printing Bureau, at Ottawa and a number of Canadian presses and types are being purchased because the presses are not to be made through them. If the Government desired to encourage trade with Great Britain rather than with the United States they should have ordered their machinery from England. They are now advertising to the world that American machinery is cheaper and better than English.

The report of the Inspector of Division Courts for 1886 shows that during the last three years 190,945 suits were entered in the Division Courts of the Province, involving the large amount of \$6,678,409, or an average of more than 60,000 suits, and over \$2,200,000 for each year, besides transcripts of judgment and judgments summonses which ran up into the tens of thousands in number and hundreds of thousands of dollars in amount. The Division Courts, the inspector says, are giving satisfaction to the great bulk of the people in whose interest they were brought into existence, and amending legislation is adding periodically to their public value and efficiency.

Corporal punishment appears barbarous, but there is a class of offenders whose moral sensibilities can only be reached through physical pain. The men who do violence to little girls must be taught in the way that it is with them most effective that society will not permit such outrages. These men should be whipped and whipped severely. The certainty of suffering greatly dreaded punishment will deter offenders of this class as far as it is possible to deter them. The application of the lash seems necessary to put a stop to the commission. It brought the London garrulous to their senses, and it will no doubt give these more brutal and more dangerous offenders a wholesome respect for the law.—Star.

THE BOON AT THE "BOON."
SACRED TEXT, MARKS, Aug. 16.—There is great rejoicing here over the commencement of work on the ship canal. To-night the city is illuminated and great bonfires are burning in the principal streets. A large number of American capitalists and millionaires are here, and the prospects are good.

THE PRESS EXCURSION.

The Trip this year "All Around Lake Simcoe and the Lakes of Muskoka."

A DELIGHTFUL OUTING.

The annual excursion of the Canadian Press Association is always the occasion of pleasant fraternal intercourse between the members of the press; it is a time of rest and recreation; new territory is annually visited, new scenes enjoyed, and interesting information gleaned; new, and frequently lasting, friendships are formed, and all other things in a season highly appreciated by the participants.

During the past ten years many points of interest both in

OUR OWN CANADA and neighboring republics, have been visited, including Manitoba and the North-west; the Yellowstone National Park of the United States; Quebec, the Gulf and the Saguenay; New Orleans, the Lake Route from Toronto to Chicago; the White Mountains, Boston and New York; and this year the Lakes of Simcoe and Muskoka, and the universal verdict of the membership is that we have just as interesting and enjoyable points at which to spend a summer vacation within the borders of our own Dominion as any country can produce, and they are invariably accessible with less travel, less exertion and at nominal expense. This is particularly applicable to the points visited by the association this year.

After the adjournment of the annual meeting at the Rossin House, referred to in a previous issue, the members with their ladies, to the number of about fifty, left Toronto at 8 p.m. via the Northern and Northwestern Railway in a special parlor car, kindly placed at the disposal of the party by the officials of the road. We arrived at

BEAUFORT TOWN ON MONDAY at 8.30 and were comfortably quartered at the Harris Queen's and Wellington hotels by Mr. King, the enterprising publisher of the Harris Queen, who made all possible arrangements for the comfort of the party. The musical members entertained the company with an excellent concert in the parlor of the Harris House at the social reunion during the evening.

On Wednesday morning the party was met by the Mayor and Council and invited to dine at the Harris Queen Hotel. The highlight of the party was the light of the fair, which was held at the foot of the fair tower.

The fair tower, a beautiful structure of white wood, stands on a point where the shores are washed on one side by the waves of Lake Simcoe, and on the other by Kempenfelt Bay. It has a commodious hotel, beautifully furnished, and contains all modern improvements, including waterworks, electric lights and has postal, express, telephone and telegraph communication. Here

A LUNCH BANQUET was provided by the Harris Queen, after which complimentary speeches were made by Mr. W. Watt, president of the association, and others, which were replied to by Mayor Ross and the venerable Senator Gowen. Adjournment took place and we embarked on the fine new steamer *Orillia*, the property of Capt. McInnes, who is also the owner of Strawberry Island and the new pleasure resort and summer hotel there. After a most pleasant sail of about two hours during the latter portion of which the steamer skirted the upper shores of Lake Simcoe, past deep bays whose wooded promontories just dip picturesquely into the lake, we passed numerous islands, some clustered together and others closely "scattered," the water channel joining Lake Simcoe with Lake Couchiching. Passing through the swing bridges—at one of which we were introduced to bridge-maker Gaudaur, father of Jake Gaudaur the carpenter—the point is rounded and in a few minutes we arrived at the enterprising public wharf.

CITY ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. Both are engaged in growing and profitable business. Mr. Seccord has acquired considerable property, and his private residence is comfortable and substantial brick, is charmingly situated near the centre of the town and in view of the beautiful Lake Couchiching. It would not be a Seccord's home if not profusely surrounded with fragrant flowers and suitable shrubs, as it is personally, we are indebted to Mr. Seccord for considerable information during our stay in the town. Mr. C. L. Young, formerly of Acton, also occupies a good position in one of the splendid stores of the town.

At 1.30 the party was escorted to the wharf by the excellent Citizen's Band and we re-embarked for Strawberry Island, some ten miles distant, which was reached after an enjoyable moonlight sail of an hour. Capt. McInnes received us most hospitably and welcomed us with an excellent supper which was quite simple just to it. It was followed by after-dinner speeches peculiar to such occasions.

The next morning the steamer *Longford* called for us at nine o'clock for a "ten mile" sail to Longford Mills, on Lake St. John, the largest lumbering establishment of the district. It is a busy place. 125,000 feet of lumber and 40,000 lath per day are turned out, and the immense business is owned, operated and controlled successfully by Mr. Wm. Thompson, a young man twenty-five years of age.

Mr. Thompson was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Thompson, and returned to Orillia and took the "Muskoka Express."

FOR ORANGEVILLE. Arriving at Muskoka Wharf about 2 p.m. Gravehurst has always been the gateway to the Muskoka district and has grown to a considerable size. The residents are largely engaged in the manufacture of lumber. Messrs. Richards and Ebbin, rain makers, and R. O. Miller, former resident of Acton, occupy good positions in the mills, are property owners and doing well.

After an hour and a half in a thrilling sun-gearing off the surrounding mountains of the Muskoka and Niagara Navigation Company's splendid new steamer, the *Nipissing*, cast off her line and shortly we were viewing the beauties and enjoying the cool breezes of Lake Muskoka. This is one of the largest of "the

FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT.

An Excursion Train Goes Through a Woods Bridge.

NEARLY ONE HUNDRED PEOPLE KILLED.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—A despatch from Peoria, Ill., says that an excursion train of fifteen cars, en route to Niagara Falls, went through a bridge near Chatsworth, on the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway, resulting in the killing of nearly a hundred people.

A relief train with 24 coaches has gone from Peoria to the scene of the accident. On Tuesday, Aug. 11.—A despatch from Chatsworth says the train left Peoria last night for Niagara Falls on the Illinois Central, the intention being to go by that road as far as Chatsworth and from thence by way of Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw. The bridge was made at Chatsworth and soon afterwards at the train passed the bridge crossing the Vermillion River gave way, plunging the engine and several cars down a steep embankment into the stream. The cars caught fire from the lamps and a fearful panic ensued. On investigation it was found that nearly one hundred excursionists were killed and many more injured. The train pulled out of Peoria, Ill., last night there were twelve coaches filled. Superintendent Armstrong accompanied the party in his private coach. He is injured. The train was led by W. 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