

**BIRTHS.**  
McCormack—In Brim, on the 11th August, the wife of William McCormack, of a son.  
Alexander—In Brim, on the 11th August, the wife of William Alexander, of a daughter.  
**DEATHS.**  
McGowan—In St. James, on the 20th July, Mrs. Julia McGowan, aged 75 years.  
Hogarty—At Toronto, July 25th, Joseph P. Hogarty, aged 70 years, of a son.  
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### The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 1888.

#### NOTES AND CORRECTIONS.

Hon. Edgar Dewar has been appointed to the position of Minister of the Interior and Superintendent of Indian Affairs and Mr. John Haggart M.P., to the portfolio of Postmaster General.

On second thought Dr. Wilson, President of Toronto University, has accepted knighthood at the hands of the Queen, and hereafter will be known as Sir Daniel Wilson, which goes very well in print.

The Budget Ship Gamblers convicted in Toronto under the Abolition Act of having gambled in Harcourt's branch establishment at that place have thrown up the sponge and will not appeal from the judgment of the Police Magistrate.

The amount on deposit in the P. O. savings bank of the Dominion at the close of the fiscal year was \$30,658,000, being an increase of \$1,000,000 during the year. The interest of the other Government savings banks, the number of depositors has increased about 15 per cent.

Farmers and fruit growers who receive farm papers for their apple crop, before any definite opinion can be formed of its market value, will do well to require substantial deposit, previous to making any rash promises which they may have cause to regret.

The sum to be handed over to St. Catherine's Hospital in London by order of the Queen, being the surplus of the Woman's Jubilee offering, amounts to \$350,000. It is to be applied to the suffering sick and poor of London, through the means of training nurses and supplying them free to the poor.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in Montreal on Tuesday the resignation of Sir George Stephen as president was accepted and Mr. Van Horne was elected in his stead. The resignation of Mr. Levi P. Morton as director was also accepted, and Senator McLean of British Columbia, was appointed in his place.

The people of Cincinnati are very much pleased with the exhibit made by the Ontario Government at their Centennial Exposition. From all we can hear it is surprising them very much. Though a few of their capitalists have taken pains to obtain mining enterprises, they had not idea that Ontario was so rich in minerals as the display in question shows it to be.

The liquor question in the Northwest Territories is bound to be the subject of much future discussion in and out of Parliament owing to the action of the new Lieut. Governor, Mr. Royal. He was in Ottawa last week and announced that he was going to inaugurate a general license system over the whole Northwest. He will issue permits to any hotel to sell wine or beer provided the application is endorsed by the local member of the Assembly.

The staff at the experimental farm at Ottawa is at present engaged in preparing a number of exhibits for this year's Central farm produce for the principal fair. It is proposed to send to the leading fairs in the provinces samples of two hundred named varieties of cereals grown on the farm as well as photographs of the small fruit crop. Information with regard to the growth of the varieties shown will be given. It is anticipated that these exhibits will prove quite a source of attraction in the places where they will be shown.

**THE POET'S CORNER.**  
The New York Daily Graphic has started a new feature, "The Poet's Corner," and, as The Graphic announces, "the department is expressly designed for the profit and celebration of our poetic contributors," in which it is intended to publish all the verses that appear. This is, we believe, the first attempt of any metropolitan daily to encourage the development of American poetic ability and will certainly "fill a long felt want," as well as increasing the already exceedingly great popularity of The Graphic.

Here is an opportunity for our poets to become celebrated by sending their effusions written on one side of the sheet to the Poetry Editor of The Graphic.

**PECULIAR CONTENT OF COURT CASE.**  
The *Boresford* says that while the sittings of the last Division court were being held in Meoni's theatre, Judge Chadwick presiding, a popular case of what the judge termed "contempt of court" arose in this way: Opposite the court room in the theatre the Vaudeville troupe, the running of the machinery caused a humming noise, which penetrated the court room, distracting the judge's attention to such an extent that he ordered the bailiff to notify the proprietors, Messrs. Snow & Blackwood, that the case would have to be stopped. On receiving the judge's order the foundry men thinking it was a high-handed piece of business on the part of the judge to require them to stop their machinery and thereby suffer loss, returned answer that they would stop when their work was done. They were quickly replied to by the judge through the bailiff, that unless the noise was stopped at once he would fine them \$20 for contempt of court. The bailiff returned to the court room with a message from Snow & Blackwood telling the judge to fine away. Mayor Halsted then went over from court and advised the firm on behalf of the judge to stop their machinery, which was reluctantly done, the firm giving notice of their intention to send in a bill of damages to court, which they did.

#### WHERE THE CANDIDATES STAND.

Up to the hour of going to press we have not been advised by the Executive Committee of the Halton Temperance Association whether or not the candidates in the coming election have subscribed to the pledge.

Full particulars will be given in next issue. We sincerely hope the Association will exhibit its strength and that its members will manfully fulfill the pledges voluntarily entered into at the recent convention.

#### DEATH OF GENERAL SHERIDAN.

Nov. 11, 1887, Gen. Sheridan died at 10.10 to-night of heart failure. Philip Henry Sheridan was born at Somerset, O., March 6th, 1831, of Irish parents. Aspiring to become a student at the West Point Military Academy, he wrote to the members of Congress for the district in which he lived, asking for the appointment, and got it at 17 years of age. At 23 he left the Military Academy, and on the border he was wounded for the great work he later called to perform. When the war broke out he was a first lieutenant, and when he was made a captain, standing sixty-fourth in the list, it was his reasonable hope that he might win a major's commission before the war was over. In three years he was a major-general, and five years more he was lieutenant-general, and fifteen years later he assumed the command of the army in which he had been so brilliant and successful a leader.

In the war of the rebellion he fought all over the State of Tennessee, was in the battle about Chickamauga and Chattanooga, took part in the terrible Wilderness conflict, led the brilliant Shenandoah raids, and when he had cleaned the valley out he followed up the army of Lee, brought him to bay and sent him to Grant to give up his sword. Brilliance was Gen. Sheridan's leading characteristic. Gen. Sheridan leaves a wife and four young children—three daughters and a son.

#### DEATH OF MR. E. CLARK, M.P.

Colborne, Aug. 7.—Mr. Richard Clark, M.P. for East Northumberland died here this morning from an affection of the throat. Mr. Clark was elected to the Local Legislature in February last, his opponent being Dr. Willoughby, who had been defeated. Prior to his election he had been police magistrate for the riding. Mr. Clark was 62 years of age.

#### EMPEROR WILLIAM TO VISIT ENGLAND.

Berlin, Aug. 8.—Yesterday a formal note was sent by Prince Bismarck, through the English embassy, asking that the Queen receive Emperor William, who, the note stated, intended to visit England. If the plans of Prince Bismarck are executed, the Emperor will arrive in London in November. Under the circumstances his Majesty's visit to England will be a state and not a family affair, and the Queen must meet him either in London or Windsor.

#### ACTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Council met on Wednesday evening, 1st August, at 8 o'clock. The Mayor in the chair. Members present Messrs. Brown, Smith and Leonard. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The Finance Committee presented their ninth report recommending payment of accounts as follows:—

John Harvey, Contract Mill Hill	125 00
L. Lyman, Work on Streets	25 00
Adam Cook, Work at Cemetery	11 00
Geo. Harvey, Graveling Mill Hill	30 00
Robt. Morrow, Work on Streets	5 00
W. H. Mason, Work at Cemetery	7 00
H. Bell, Training	7 00
D. Dingman, Digging	4 00
Edw. Dwyer, do	4 00
Edw. Marshall, Work on Streets	4 75
Geo. Matthews, Training	3 00
Adam Cook, Training	1 00
The Acton Free Press	5 00
Thos. Easton, Repair at Mill	1 00
Thos. Easton, Work at Cemetery	1 00

Moved by W. E. Smith, seconded by W. E. Brown, that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted.—Carried.

Council adjourned to meet on Wednesday evening, 8th inst.

#### ROCKWOOD NEWS.

From our Own Correspondent.  
The regular monthly service was held in the R. C. Church last Sunday morning and evening.

A merry looking crowd of pic-nickers from Acton visited Rockwood last Friday afternoon. The newly appointed Captain and Lieut. for the S. A. have arrived here from Ferris. We wish Miss McKinnon and McCollough success in their new field of labor. A valuable cow belonging to Mr. James Wilson, near Eden Mills, was struck and killed by lightning during the storm on Friday night.

Mr. Dennis Barry, a prominent lawyer of Montreal, is at present visiting his father Mr. James Barry, who, we are glad to learn is recovering from an alarming illness.

Mr. Wm. Light, an old and highly respected resident of Eden Mills, died last Wednesday after a lingering illness. His funeral took place at the Epworth cemetery on Friday afternoon was largely attended by friends and neighbors.

At the regular meeting of the Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy held in Toronto on August 1st, Mr. J. A. Clark, of Hamilton, the Vice-President, was unanimously elected to the office of President. Mr. Clark has been most successful, not only as a student but also in business, and we are glad to hear of his deserved appointment. He is the youngest son of the late David Clark, of Rockwood, and his brothers are now largely engaged in the milling business in Canada and the United States.

X. Y. Z.  
Rockwood, August 7th, 1888.

#### GUELPH MARKETS.

	August 9th, 1888.
Flour (bushels)	40 00 to 55 00
Four-corners	18 00 to 22 00
White Wheat	82 00 to 86 00
Spring (Glasgow)	80 00 to 84 00
Barley	20 00 to 24 00
Hay	10 00 to 14 00
Wood per cord	4 00 to 5 00
Butter (rolls)	15 00 to 18 00
Butter (dairy packed)	15 00 to 18 00
Cheddar	15 00 to 18 00
Apples per bag	10 00 to 12 00
Lard	10 00 to 12 00
Maple Syrup	10 00 to 12 00
Beans	10 00 to 12 00
Peas	10 00 to 12 00
Timothy seed per bushel	2 75 to 3 00

#### THE CAVES AND TUNNELS AT ROCKWOOD.

At Rockwood, N. H., N. A., U. S. A.  
The following is the text of the paper read by Prof. F. A. J. Smith at a meeting of the Guelph Scientific Society:  
Some time ago while on a trip to Rockwood, with students of Geology from the Agricultural College, for the purpose of showing them some examples of how water acts upon limestone I was forcibly impressed by a most interesting series of Pot-holes found in that district, not far from where the somewhat well known caves are seen.

So impressive were these phenomena, that for three consecutive holidays, the students made their way to Rockwood, and on two of the occasions, were accompanied by myself.

A thorough examination of the locality was made, and data collected, which I purpose placing before you this evening, and which should be interesting to a Society that has been established for the purpose of developing the history of our neighborhood whether it be written upon the rocks or pages of a more perishable character.

In treating the subject, the following divisions are naturally presented:—1. The location of the Caves and Tunnels; 2. A description of them.

Rockwood is a small village on the line of the Grand Trunk Railway, situated about 8 miles east of Guelph and six west of Acton. Leaving the station and proceeding in the direction of the village, you very soon observe that you are in a place well named—Rockwood, from the amount of rock in the vicinity. Along the river, which passes through the village, striking exposures of rock, at some places occupying 50 to 70 feet high made up largely of massive layers of Magnesian limestone, belonging to the Niagara formation of the Silurian system. Fossils are not numerous, Crinoid stems are by far the most common; a few shells occur, and some fragments of corals, especially the genus *Favosites*. The fragmentary remains of the Orthoceras are seen at some places, but the fossils are neither common enough, or so well defined as to work up the zeal of young geologists. However, after you have passed over the bridge that leads to some mills and the large quarries and lime kilns near by, you reach localities well suited to examine magnesian in the minds of young students in science.

The presence of three large lime kilns demonstrate, that this stone possesses excellent lime, exceeding strong and well adapted for building purposes.

As you pass westward, along by the quarries, you obtain a fine view of the excavation on both sides of the so-called river, and a general impression to be of more than passing interest. In a line almost southeast of this and only a short distance away, but on the top of the bluff, you reach a pit-hole which reveals some that for years have been a great source of attraction to visitors stopping at Luernis, Switzerland.

Woodcuts of these are scattered in every direction, and so one can say that he has made a proper visit to Luernis unless he has visited the "Glacier Garden" and observed the seven pot-holes, that are silent monuments of glacial phenomena long since ended. Yet here at Rockwood we can get a series of pot-holes larger in some respects and more unique than those at which so many thousands gaze in wonder each passing year. The formation and origin of these we will consider subsequently.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE CAVE.**  
The entrance to the main cave is 15 feet high and obstructed by great masses of rock, which have fallen from the roof. From the top of the cave to the summit of the overhanging rock is 40 feet of solid dolomitic limestone. Proceeding into the cavern you observe that the roof is very irregular, dipping at times 5 feet, then rising to 7 and sinking again. At its mouth it is 29 feet wide and narrows to a width of 16½ at a distance of 96 feet from the entrance. Here it is only 5 feet high but on passing this point you reach another chamber, which widens and rises at the left side a small chamber eight by six feet, but soon narrowing and dipping down, till the cave seems to terminate at a point 98 feet farther from the narrow part and 66 feet from the entrance. This is as much of the caves as most visitors see, but being accompanied by students of more than ordinary pluck, endurance and zeal I was successful in securing data which will enable you to form some interesting conclusions about this comparatively unknown spot. Light ends here. A lantern was obtained and entering one by one a passage scarcely large enough for a human being to go through, for 8 feet, Messrs. Craig, Raynor, Patterson, Sherman, Závitz, Bishop and Fox, went down through into another cave, abandoned by Egyptian darkness and gloom. This extends 10 feet to the left and 15 to the right, has a diameter one way of 25 feet and 13½ the other.

To the left and right they found a pillar not far from where they entered; these supports seem to have been formed by the rest of the rock which once made up the solid rock being carried away. At the extremity on the right hand side the floor was very muddy, and two small caves extending still farther, one near the passage by which they entered, the other at the opposite side; the former three feet by four, the latter three feet at the opening and tapering to a point and dipping downward.

Proceeding about in this gloomy chamber, not high enough to proceed comfortably, for it was only about five feet in the centre, they saw stalactites and stalagmites, some of them a foot in length and four to five inches in diameter at the thickest place. The floor of this chamber also dips slightly down. Directly across they came upon another pillar-like structure, with a passage on each side, opening into another apartment, where the roof was not over three or four feet high and gradually narrowed so as to render further progress difficult.

This extended ten feet across and about the same width. Of the opposite side from the entrance, they saw an opening leading still farther, but the passage gradually narrows until further advancement is stopped. Through this opening Mr. Raynor passed, and threaded his way 13 feet, and reached a point 110½ feet from the entrance to the main cave. The floor of the last chamber inclines slightly, but in this respect the elevation is considerable. Bounding this last floor seemed to indicate that it was hollow beneath, and from the fact that the prologation of the former chamber, near where this one entered dipped downward, it is supposed a passage from it continues and likely passes under the last floor. All through these darkened caverns a good deal of mud was encountered. Water

trickling down the sides and dropping from the roof added to the dampness of these dark, gloomy, where daylight has never yet penetrated, and whose walls dimly lighted by the lantern, presented a somewhat weird, unattractive appearance. When the explorers emerged from these inner recesses of darkness, their clothes presented quite a changed appearance and indicated that much of their travelling must have been done in a somewhat manual position, and that they had been much associated with mud and water within. A little to the left of the entrance to the main cave there is an opening, which leads to another series of chambers, extending to a distance of 50 feet.

At a point in the vicinity of the first narrow place in the main cave there is a narrow passage leading into this series, in which the apartments are not so complicated, and being dry are much more easily examined. The first is some 25 feet long and 12 wide, narrowing to a passage into the second, 10 feet across, and opening into the main cave.

The general direction of the main cave is N. E. by E. to the narrow portion, then E. by S. this course is maintained till the end is reached.

The roof through the whole series is exceedingly irregular, and the floor in many parts covered with fragments of the rock, which have fallen from the roof. Stalactites and stalagmites are found only in the inner chambers, and the latter were more common than the former. Some may have been formed in the outer, and have likely been carried away by visitors.

The diagrams before you will give a clear idea of the arrangements of these subterranean passages and chambers, and their relative position to each other. The whole series may be termed one cave, consisting of six well defined caverns, and of four sort of excavations on the sides of these four main ones.

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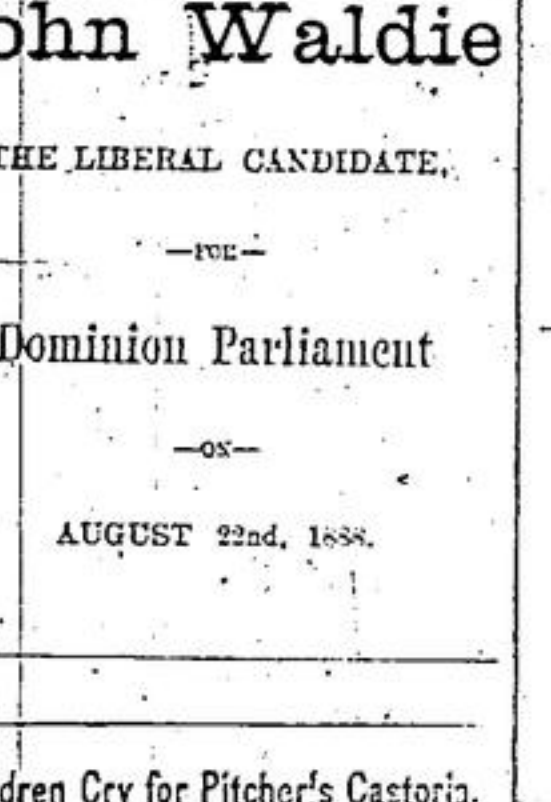
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As Your Representative in the  
**HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA.**  
I will faithfully discharge the duties of the responsible position, and do my utmost to grant your interests.  
D. HENDERSON.

**HALTON COUNTY ELECTION.**  
To the Free and Independent Electors.  
YOUR VOTE  
Is Respectfully Requested for  
**John Waldie**  
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AUGUST 22nd, 1888.

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