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NOTES AND COMMENTS
The Temperance Society of Paris has offered an international premium of 1,000 francs for the best original work on alcoholism and its cure.

In the last ten years the number of people who have died in the United States from cholera has increased over 10,000. The total number now is 63,400. Last year 4,601 new cases were added to the list, the largest in the history of the country.

Last year the United States government paid \$109,353,534 to pensioners of \$18,000,000 more than the entire cost of maintaining the German army. And, curiously enough, the American expenditure for pensioners is on the increase.

Toronto hotel-keepers have decided to raise the price of whisky to ten cents a glass. This will probably cause an exodus of Toronto's imbibing population to Mimico or Hamilton or some other place where the necessities of life are still held at the old price.

The various superintendents of the different canals in Canada, have been summoned to Ottawa to consult with Deputy Minister Trudeau, of the Railways and Canals Department, as to official matters. This is due to the death of Mr. John Page, who heretofore had charge of such matters.

On and after September 1st, it will be an offence in the State of New York for any person to sell or give away any cigarette or a chevron of tobacco in his mouth, and any offender can be arrested and fined. This state of affairs is in accordance with a statute passed at Albany last session.

The Dominion monthly statistics show that during the year ended December last there were 480 deaths of illegitimate children in Montreal, against 418 in all the rest of Canada. The city authorities explain this by saying that Montreal is the dumping ground for such unfortunate infants owing to the facilities for their reception.

The (Glad.) commercial estimate concludes:—Indications point to a greater yield of wheat this season than ever before in the Canadian Northwest. If the estimates formed of the world's production of wheat this year turn out approximately correct, then prices are likely to be comparatively high the coming season, and a prosperous year is in store for Canada.

An exchange says:—Toronto has been glancing over its financial record and has been seized with a chill. Since 1897 its population is said to have increased 35 per cent. During that period its financial record shows the following increases: Expenditure 45 per cent.; taxation 50 per cent.; debt 55 per cent. The taxation per capita has risen from \$12.55 in 1897 to \$13.75 in the present year.

The English Royal Niger Company has prohibited the importation or sale of intoxicating liquor in its African territory north of the seventh parallel of north latitude. The officials of the company state their conviction that the traffic growing out of the liquor traffic is much more than offset by the pecuniary loss resulting from the prohibition among the natives and whites caused by the use of liquor. They do not claim to be actuated by moral motives, but are proceeding on business principles.

Mr. Mill, of the United Revenue Department, says in regard to the destruction of cigar boxes according to the act of the last session of Parliament, that a few complaints have been officially made to the Department. They refer to the effect that small cigar stores wanted to use these empty boxes for the advertisement of their premises. In that case, Mr. Mill says, "all that you have to do is to break the bottom of the box and use it on your shelves, as if it were whole." In such a case, no officer could seize the box, as if it were a whole one.

More news states, it is said, are to be added to the United States President Harrison has recently appointed a set of officials for Oklahoma, in view of the application of that territory to be admitted as a state next session of Congress. Alaska also claims admission on the strength of its five thousand white population, which is said to be rapidly augmenting. It, however, may have to wait for a few years.

But Utah with a population estimated at 200,000, which is larger than that of either Montana, North Dakota, or Washington, admitted as a state last session of Congress, may soon enter the union. The prevalence of polygamy in Utah was the only reason for refusing its admission, but it is claimed by the people that the work of stamping out this evil is going on rapidly, and when it is accomplished the reaction of the territory into a state must follow. New Mexico is also knocking at the door, but it is of doubtful complexion. Both parties claim the territory, and the admission is not likely to take place, at least till after the next presidential election. It has a population as large as Idaho and Wyoming combined, both of which are considered safely Republican, and for that reason will be sure of admission next year. Arizona also claims its claim with an estimated population of 100,000, and so soon as its people disagree on which side they are and when they agree in favor of one, it is said to appear that in a few years there will be no more territories in the area embraced under the name of the United States of America. To some this may appear a proof of astonishing progress, but there are long-headed Americans who doubt whether the nation has any chance of such an addition to its political system, four new states having already been admitted within the past year. The lands of the mountains.

ABOY'S REVENGE
A young boy named Abo, who was found in the woods near the town of Acton, was taken to the hospital. He was found with a wound on his forehead, and was unable to give any information as to how he came there. The police are searching for the man who did this.

A GOOD ORAIN MARKET.
Close observers among the business men of the province are of opinion that a fairly prosperous trade will be done during the coming fall and winter. The harvest in Ontario will be fully up to the average, and prices may reasonably be expected to take a stronger tendency in consequence of the short crops in England and the diminished yield of fall wheat in the United States. India, too, it is said, is not in a position to export wheat, owing to the short crop there. In Manitoba and the Territories the yield of wheat promises to be very large and the outlook for settlers is good. Now, if Acton is to reap a fair share of the profits incident to the movement of the product of the farmer, the business men will need to bestir themselves in the matter of securing for the market here good sound buyers, willing to pay fair market prices for all grain offered. It is a fact that for many years Acton enjoyed the reputation of having a market equal to any in the country, and in conversation with representative farmers of the section during the past week we learn that farmers generally within a radius of eight or ten miles would prefer to sell their grain in Acton and trade here, if fair and equitable buyers were again established. During the past four years the business of the market here has been conducted by agents of commission men, whose remuneration has come out of the pockets of the farmers in the shape of a reduction from current market prices of from two to five cents per bushel. This is unfair to the farming community who resent it as far as possible by teaming their grain to outside points in order to secure the higher prices offered. There is no reason why Acton buyers should not pay prices equal to those paid at Guelph, Georgetown, Glanville and other places in the vicinity, and until they do the bulk of our grain will go past them. The merchants and business men here have the market in their own hands. With united action desirable buyers can no doubt be secured and the profits to themselves and the community in return for such effort would be marked indeed. There is no better grain producing locality than this and with buyers up to the times all the grain possible to be shipped here would be offered.

CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION
The Thirty-Second Annual Meeting held on Tuesday.

The thirty-second annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association was held in one of the parlors of the Royal Hotel, Toronto, on Tuesday, and the sessions of the day were full of interest. The address of the President, Mr. Roy V. Somerville, was considerable of a departure from the usual lines, the tenor throughout being calculated to establish the Association upon a more thoroughly practical basis. He stated that much good had been accomplished in the past, but that it is time that a more aggressive and business-like policy should be adopted. The various discussions which followed during the day were certainly aggressive and several suggestions contained in the address were adopted. The secretary is now located in Toronto, and the time for the annual meeting is changed to February. The auditors submitted their report for the year, showing a balance to the credit of the Association of \$13.68. The receipts were \$34.14 and the expenditure \$20.46.

H. P. Moore gave notice that at the next annual meeting he will move that from January 1st, 1901, the fee for membership be increased to \$6.00 and the annual dues to \$2.00.

The following officers were elected:— President—Andrew Fennell, Sentinel-Review, Woodstock. Vice—E. P. Moore, Free Press, Acton. Secretary—J. C. Jamieson, Intelligence, Belleville.

REGENT-THEATRE—J. H. McLean, Empire, Toronto. ASSISTANT SECRETARY—J. S. Brierley, Journal, St. Thomas. EDITORIAL COMMITTEE—L. G. Jackson, Era, Newmarket; J. B. Trayer, Times, Port Hope; T. H. Platon, Express, Brantford; W. R. Clunie, Sun, Bowmanville; A. F. Pitt, Banner, Dundas. ADDRESS—A. R. Fawcett, Review, Stratford, and C. B. Robinson, Presbyterian, Toronto.

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed expressive of the long, faithful and efficient services of Mr. Climie, the retiring secretary.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring president, who responded briefly, thanking the members for the courtesy extended to him, and hoping that should he again return to the press he would not be denied membership in the association.

THE BLYTHE MILLIONS.
Florence Wins Her Suit After One And A Half Year's Litigation.

San Francisco, Aug. 5.—The celebrated Blythe will contest, which began Jan. 15, 1898, ended today in Judge Coffey rendering a voluminous decision in favor of Florence, illegitimate child of Thomas H. Blythe, the deceased millionaire, awarding her the bulk of the estate of a total value of about \$4,000,000. The contestants included the plaintiff Florence Blythe, Alice Edith Diakon, alleged widow of Blythe, the Williams heirs in Liverpool, the Blythe Company, the Gray Blythes, the Savages of London, the Scotch-Irish Savages, Jas. W. Pearce and William and David Savage. The court's opinion held that according to the laws of the state Florence had established her claim to Blythe's patrimony, the latter orally and in writing having acknowledged her as his child. In the case of the alleged widow the court says the contradictions in the case of this claimant are irreconcilable and cannot be reconciled on the facts that defendant and defendant were man and wife.

It will be remembered that Billy Blythe formerly a member of Company 6, Hutton Battalion, was one of the claimants in this case.

KILLED AT EDEN MILLS.
Mrs. Wm. Geddes Instantly Killed While Picking Berries.

A very sad accident occurred near the village of Eden Mills last Thursday forenoon, when Mrs. Wm. Geddes was instantly killed. She, in company with her daughter and others, were picking raspberries on Mr. Thomas Kemp's farm, when an old dead birch stub blew down and crashed Mrs. Geddes beneath it, killing her instantly. Mrs. Geddes was a highly respected citizen and the bereaved husband and family have the sympathy of the whole neighborhood in their sad bereavement, which has cast a deep gloom over the whole village. The deceased was about 54 years of age, and leaves a husband, four daughters and two sons.

At St. Catharines rising floodwaters swept away a bridge consisting of the iron of the bridge, and the bridge was carried away.

TALK OF THE DAY.
Edith's and the World's Doing During the Week.

CANADIAN NEWS.
The Austrian Emperor is on a visit to Graft.

The Quebec Cabinet will be reconstituted on Saturday.

Judge O'Reilly lies dangerously ill at Hamilton.

The C.P.R. agent at Belle River has disappeared.

The Bourne at Bascoo Ayres re-opened on the 10th inst.

Wheat cutting throughout Manitoba is now general.

Four hundred deaths from cholera swept across Sunday.

The British fleet will pay a visit to Quebec on Sept. 1st.

Pekin, China, is submerged and business there paralyzed.

Hon. C. C. Coby leaves for Europe with his son this week.

A hailstorm caused a loss of \$150,000 in Minnesota on Saturday.

An Austrian gang of counterfeiters has been captured at Prague.

Three Mormon baptisms took place at London, Ont., on Saturday.

Cholera has appeared in Portugal and the frontier is now cordoned.

Another plot against the Czar's life is said to have been discovered.

The Canadian Pacific steamers contemplate calling at San Francisco.

Very favorable reports reach us of crops throughout the district of Muskoka.

William Leith, a young man, has been held at Strathroy, Ont., for forgery.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain leave England for America on Wednesday.

Mrs. Valliniera, of Tecumseh, has died after fasting 43 days, from dyspepsia.

Richard Jones, an old British soldier, died at St. Thomas yesterday, aged 76.

Hail and lightning have done some damage to the crops in Southern Manitoba.

The two-row barley seed experiments in Canada are pronounced a grand success.

Arrangements are being made for the settlement of a Welsh colony in Canada.

James Lane, a farmer of Rosebank, Man., was killed by lightning on Saturday.

King's planing mill and saw factory at St. John, N. B., was burned out the other day.

Mr. Davis and a boy named Frazer were drowned while boating at New Bedford, Mass.

The Lincoln woolen mills at Omaha were burned on Saturday at a loss of \$70,000.

St. Petersburg and Berlin are being connected by telephone via Moscow and Warsaw.

SAD DROWNING.
A young girl was drowned in the harbor of Guelph.

THE OCEAN CATTLE TRADE.
Efforts to Restrict It—Canada Must Protect Her Interests.

A special London cablegram to this morning's Globe says:—It is quite clear from Mr. Chaplin's statement in the Commons last night that the Government intend to make an enquiry into Mr. Pilmott's charges respecting the live stock trade. The departmental committee appointed will not only make enquiries, but will also frame the suggested regulations for the future control of the trade. It is most important that the Dominion Government should push forward the enquiry in Canada as speedily, and send to the home authorities any information obtained. The enemies of the trade are certain to try to profit by any chance of restricting in which the present agitation may afford.

THIRTY EIGHT PETITIONS FILED IN 1898 AGAINST 2877 TIME.
In last issue it was stated that there are more countervoted elections over this campaign than the last one, or in fact any preceding contest. This was not so. After the preceding elections of 1898 there were no less than thirty-eight appeals, while the late election has only produced twenty-eight. The time is yet open for a couple of more appeals, and some cross petitions. In some quarters the opinion prevails that there will be an appeal from Nigising. There is yet a little time for this protest, but it has not yet in appearance yet. \$20,000 is lying in the hands of the courts as a result of the petitions.

BIRCHALL'S DEFENCE.
Eminent Counsel Retained by Birchall's Alleged Murderer.

Worcester, Aug. 5.—Mr. George T. Blackstock, Q.C., has been retained as senior counsel for the defence for the Birchall case, says the Standard Review. Messrs. Halliwell & Co., of London, will act as second counsel. Messrs. Finkle, McKay & McMillen, of this town, have also been retained for the defence. A cablegram from Mr. Blackstock from Brighton, Eng., on Saturday night, signified his acceptance of the retainer. Detective Black will remain in town until the trial is over.

1,000 KILLED, 5,000 WOUNDED.
In the Bombardment of Buenos Ayres During the Insurrection.

Buenos Ayres, Aug. 4.—During the insurrection here the iron-sided fleet, which has joined the revolutionary movement, bombarded the city for two days. Serious damage was done to many buildings, especially those in the vicinity of the Plaza Victoria. One thousand persons were killed and five thousand wounded. The shipping in the port sustained no damage.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a child, she cried for Castoria. When she became a man, she clung to Castoria. When she had children, she gave them Castoria.

Off to Europe.
MR. E. B. BOLLETT left for the Old Country on Thursday, July 17th, to make purchases for the Fall and Winter trade. He will visit England, France and Germany, before returning, and select the very finest goods that can be found in the Old World, as no other goods will suit us. We intend to maintain our reputation, that is to have one of the finest stocks in Canada. It is a true and honorable business to make a widower and desirable customer in the best markets of the world, and give us the benefit of always making our purchases under the very best terms, and lowest prices, so that quality considered, our value will not be found underrated by any legitimate house in the business.

The best Sunday registered 90 in the shade pretty generally through Ontario. It was the hottest spell in the last two years.

United States emigration agents are carrying on a vigorous competition with the Canadian authorities in quest of Ontario settlers.

A loss of \$3,000 has been occasioned by the burning of the C. P. R. depot at Belmont. Business is now carried on under a big tree.

The emigrant Islanders are well content with their lot in Manitoba. They celebrated their National Day on Saturday amid great rejoicing.

Samuel Langlois, proprietor of Harbour House, Windsor, was fined \$20 and costs by Magistrate Barlett for selling liquor on Sunday.

Frank Graham, check boy in the Great North-western Telegraph Company's office at Quebec, was drowned on Saturday evening while bathing.

Sunday afternoon Charles McCaffrey, the Canadian bridge jumper, jumped from the Atlantic works, East Boston, a distance of 150 feet. He was killed.

Farmers in western Ontario pronounce the growth of the two-rowed barley seed imported from England by the Dominion Government a grand success.

Mrs. Dorell left Woodstock on Wednesday evening, to visit friends at Niagara Falls, for the benefit of her health, which has been very delicate of late.

Mr. M. C. Dawson, a member of the old Canadian Parliament, died from the shock of the Belmont Hotel fire in Montreal last week. He was buried in Ottawa, Sunday.

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MONDAY—Silk & Dress Goods Department.

TUESDAY—Fancy Goods Department.

WEDNESDAY—Shoes Department.

THURSDAY—Men's Furnishing Department.

FRIDAY—Parasols and Sunshade Department.

SATURDAY—A general review of all the departments.

Now, we will do our part and go through each department and have the goods marked at prices that will be clear to you, commencing on Monday and continuing until further notice.

E. B. BOLLETT & CO.

OUR WAYS OF BUSINESS.
Have been told many times, but they need to be told again, and may have to be told many times again.

We buy and make various sorts of merchandise just as cheap as possible. We tell the truth about it all. We sell everything at the very least prices, and every time we are as low as the market, or lower. The business is simple as can be. The price is named distinctly for each article. And anything you make or save thereby is yours, not ours.

You are perhaps accustomed to read the reckless talk of thoughtless or unscrupulous advertisers that you discount the statements of careful merchants. You know our ways, but we need to remind you again that nothing is printed about our goods and prices that will not bear examination. Every word is important.

We have just completed another series of reductions throughout our different departments, and the most economical buyer will be pleased and surprised at our prices. To give an instance, we are offering our All Wool French Delaines at 25c., 30c., and 40c. per yard.

Prints, Satens, Remnants, Dress Goods, etc., at correspondingly low figures.

A glance at these goods will convince you of their value and cheapness. Other goods at proportionate reductions.

G. B. RYAN & CO., Guelph.

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We are showing great bargains in

Summer Dress Goods

From eight cents per yard up.

COLORED MUSLINS

at cost and under.

All remnants of Dress Goods and Prints at cost.

We have just received a large range of

New Prints

in all the new Patterns.

New Embroidery Shirtings for 50 cents per yard.

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Large assortment of

Gloves and Hosiery

at low prices.

See our low lines of Ready-made Clothing.

Extra value in the Boot & Shoe Department.

Fresh Stock of Groceries always on hand.

Remember our 25 and 50c. T's are the best.

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Or Exchange For Other Property
THREE-FIFTHS of an acre, with comfortable house, stable and other outbuildings, situated in the village of Acton, near the station. Apply or address:—W. M. GIBSON, 12 High Street, Hamilton.

Voice Culture, Violin, Piano and Organ.
PROF. MALLORY of Guelph, will visit Acton on Friday with a view to giving private lessons in voice culture, violin, piano and organ. All who desire to meet Prof. Mallory are requested to leave their names at A. Kavanagh's drug store.

Acton Lodge, No. 204, L.O.G.F.
MEETS in the Oddfellows Hall, Malherbes Street, every Wednesday evening. Visiting brethren always welcome to the undersigned or any of the members.
W. WILLIAMS, H. H. WOODEN, Secretary.

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THE BEST AND CHEAPEST OF ALL FARM AND GARDEN FENCES.
Highly commended and awarded Diplomas at Guelph Central and several Township Fairs.

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We beg to announce

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Reductions

In several lines of Summer Goods.

Military reduced.
Maniles reduced.
Parasols reduced.
Dress Goods reduced.
Prints reduced.
Ready-made clothing reduced.
Carpet reduced.
Clothes reduced.
Moss Shawl Hats reduced, in fact the piles of goods reduced.

Below we quote a few specimens.
Ladies' Hats 30c. regular price \$1.00.
Men's Hats 30c. regular price \$1.00.
Dress Goods 5c. regular price 10c.
Printed Dress Muslins 5c. regular price 10c.

Colored Dress Silks 30c. regular 50c.
Black Dress Silks 50c. per yard regular price 70c.
A lot of Dress Trimmings 5c. per yard regular price 10c. per yard up, great variety.
Gingham 6c. regular price 10c.
Striped Zephyr Gingham 10c. regular price 15c.

Checked Shirtings 60c. regular price 10c.
Factory Cottons 30c. regular price 50c.
Tweed 30c. regular price 50c.
Men's Top Shirts 40c. regular price 75c.
A job lot in Regatta shirts 50c. regular price \$1.25.

Don't forget our Millinery department. Our Dressmaking department. Our Order Clothing department. They are second to none in the country for having our stylish, well-made and reasonable priced goods. We are still giving the great Silver and Black dresses to them (as per check) \$20.00, \$30.00 and \$40.00. Just reduced to the adjustable dark white shirt, no buttons. If anybody, please, please, please. This is the time to get bargains and presents. We respectfully request you to come.

W. McLEOD & Co.

GEORGETOWN

A great boom at Kelly's Base in Springville. Prices each everywhere.

Wool. 50,000 lbs wanted. The highest price in cash or merchandise will be given for good clean merchantable wool.—W. McLEOD & Co., Georgetown, Ont.

Everyone should call and see our \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 Suits made to order. They are better value than can be got anywhere else in town by three dollars. Suit inspection invited. All guaranteed. Kelly's Base.

A couple of dollars per pair will buy an Aurora masculine pair of Slippers. They thought they saw a good thing and the temptations of the night temptations and accordingly they bought two and a half little of life "arise" with their slippers and doing a good stroke of business. Inspector Mallory got on the ground and were announced to appear at 10 o'clock on Saturday last, when they were paid for. Inspectors Mallory and Kelly's Base.

KENNEY BROS., ACTON.

Fresh Eggs taken in Exchange for goods.