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Our Toronto Letter.

Any record of our doings in Toronto during the last two weeks would not be complete without mention of the Exhibition, which came to a close on the 17th of this month. The grant of ten thousand dollars from the Dominion Government no doubt helped the Directors to add to the number of its attractions, and thus secure a larger attendance; but the number and excellence of its exhibits and the general interest that is shown, is almost entirely due to the excellent management that has ever characterized it. There has probably never been an exhibition in Canada so largely attended. The sum of fifty-two thousand dollars taken at the gates and for admission to the grand stand, will help the management to make it even more successful in the future. The movement to have the grounds enlarged is a good one and should be carried out. Some of our papers have taken advantage of the occasion to urge the abolition of the Township Fairs which are so numerous throughout the province. Such a course it appears to me would be a mistaken one. There may be instances where local jealousies have caused divisions which it were better did not exist. But we have few, if any, institutions which give such a stimulus to general agricultural enterprise. Every farmer is there brought into direct contact with his neighbor, who has no special advantage over him, such as is possessed by the stock fanciers who patronize the larger exhibitions and carry off most of the prizes there, and he puts forth every effort in order that his horses, his cattle, his grain, or his roots may receive the highest awards. His wife endeavors to excel her friends in bread and butter making; his daughters work early and late in order to attain the highest degree of perfection in fine arts and fancy work, whilst the boys work from one year's end to another to get into the best condition the colt or calf, which they call their own, in order that they may come out ahead of the one being raised by Bill Jones on the next concession, and which he intends to show in the same class. I can well remember how, when a boy at home on the farm, I used to spend every spare minute at my disposal in working amongst the mangel wurtzel and cabbages that I intended to show at our Township Exhibition in the Fall; how proud I was when I saw the red ticket on both of my exhibits, and how I used to stand near them and listen to the admiring remarks of the passers by. No city exhibition could ever create an interest like this. And it is in this particular that Township Fairs occupy a place which no others can fill.

Next to the Exhibition, perhaps, that which has excited the greatest interest in the minds of our citizens during the last few weeks is baseball. The Toronto club has, by a series of almost unbroken victories, reached first place in the race for the International League pennant. Such enthusiasm as was shown at the two games played with the Newark club on the Toronto ground on Saturday, 17th inst., when the home club first attained the lead, are seldom seen on that or any other ball ground. The eight thousand people present seemed to go almost wild, they stood up on their seats and cheered and waved their hats and canes, whilst thousands of cushions were flung from the grand stand at the crowd in front and from the crowd back into the grand stand. Toronto is a base ball city.

The Young Conservative Convention which was announced for the last exhibition week, turned out to be in every respect a lamentable failure. Although stated to be a provincial gathering, the attendance was, I am informed, less than one hundred. The young men of the city largely held aloof from it, while the party leaders, though in town during the first day's proceedings, declined to attend the proposed banquet, which accordingly fell through. The resolutions passed contained no new sentiment, but simply reaffirm the old party platform. It must be evident to all that these old issues can arouse no enthusiasm among the young men of our country. Their day is past. New questions are rapidly coming to the front. And many young men are holding back until the Commercial Union party—and that is the party of the future—shall have taken definite shape. At the Convention no resolution regarding Commercial Union was submitted, and this gathering of young men separated without expressing an opinion upon the liveliest question before the country to-day. It may be interesting in this connection to know that at the Young Liberal Convention held in Toronto in September, 1885, a resolution declaring for Commercial Union out and out, was introduced, but voted down by a small majority.

By the death of Senator McMaster, Toronto has lost one of her best citizens. His was a household name throughout Ontario, and I need not enter into his history. Coming to Toronto a poor lad he worked his way up until he became probably the leading merchant of our

province. Realizing what too many of us fail to comprehend, that we are placed here to use for the good of all the abilities and means at our disposal, he devoted a large portion of his time and wealth to the promotion of christian work and the dissemination of education throughout our land.

NEWS ITEMS.

Hon. William McMaster, of Toronto, died suddenly at his residence on Bloor St. last Thursday morning. He was addressing an audience in McMaster Hall the previous evening, when he became faint, and remained in an unconscious state for a short time. He was 76 years of age and was one of Toronto's most useful and respected citizens.

The town of Gravenhurst was visited by a destructive fire on Thursday night of last week. The fire broke out in a foundry, and burned the whole of the business portion of the place. Late reports give the losses at more than \$500,000. Active measures are being taken to extend aid to the destitute sufferers, and contributions amounting to several thousand dollars have already been received. The Ontario Government has granted \$1000 for the sufferers, and the Toronto City Council \$400.

The body of Thomas Campbell, of Durham, County of Grey, who was supposed to have been drowned in the Toronto bay in the recent collision between the Gertrude, the Queen City and the Sadie, was found on Friday afternoon last about two o'clock. The dead body was brought ashore and taken to the Morgue, and identified by his father, Quinten Campbell. A sum of money, a silver watch, a return railway ticket from Durham to Toronto, and several other articles were found in the pockets of the deceased. The authorities are proceeding with the inquest.

Rev. Father Sheehan, of Pickering, had a desperate encounter with burglars last Thursday night. Having effected an entrance through a cellar window the robbers ransacked the house, but finding nothing to suit them, they made their way to Father Sheehan's bed room, which they found locked. He asked what they wanted. They answered, "Your money or your life." He got his six barreled revolver, and told them he would shoot the first who entered the room. Immediately the door was burst open. Shots were then exchanged from both sides, but without effect. After the first shot, Father Sheehan's revolver refused to go off. He then jumped through the bed room window, which was 20 feet from the ground. Fortunately he lit on his feet, and soon aroused the neighbors, but no trace has since been found of the desperadoes. He says he would not be able to identify the parties.

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From our own Correspondent.

On Sunday night a woman named Ann Morrison, who lives between the 6th and 7th Cons. of Vaughan, was robbed. The robber effected an entrance through the kitchen, and seizing the woman in her bed demanded her money, and after searching he found it between the ticks of the bed. He got away with about \$400 in cash, besides a number of notes and bank receipts, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1,600. She is able to describe the thief, and in consequence he may be found. The woman lived all alone.

Mr. Jos. McQuarrie, a student of Knox College, who has spent this last summer in Muskoka District doing mission work in behalf of the Presbyterian Church, returned home last week ill, and since then has been very low. We are glad to hear he is improving.

Rev. Jas. Pearen has had a water gauge sent him, and is expected to give an account of the quantity of water that falls during the year.

Woods, the butcher, is having his horse bric-k-clad. Walker Bros. have the job.

In the suit of McDonald vs. McLean, Oliver and Jas. McLean, the former sued the latter for rent unpaid. Judgment was given for the plaintiff for \$706.

Temperanceville.

From our own Correspondent

Mr. J. Fisher has sold his farm to Mrs Roberts, of L'Amaroux, for \$3,700. We have not heard where Mr. Fisher is going to live.

Mr. J. Fleury, sr., has purchased the house and lot now occupied by Mr. Lewis from Mr. J. Follitt for \$500. We understand that Mr. Lewis intends moving to Richmond Hill this fall.

On Wednesday, the 14th inst., Mr. Gilbert Follitt, an old and much respected resident, died. He was interred in the new cemetery near Springhill; his was the first burial in the grounds.

On Sunday night the cars ran over and killed a mare and colt belonging to Mr. C. Whitney.

(Too late for last issue.)

It is our sad and painful duty to record another death this week, that of Frank Cain, who died on Sunday, the 25th inst., and was buried in the Aurora cemetery on the following Tuesday. He was nearly 18 years of age. We believe his experience is "to die is gain."

Mr. William Love, son of the late Jno. Love, who went to Manitoba about eight years ago, was accidentally shot while out hunting with some companions, and died from the wounds. He was well known in these parts.

Mr. and Miss Beynon, of Brampton, and Miss Webb, of Toronto, have been the guests of Mr. J. Beynon during the past week.

Mrs. Love, widow of the late Robert Love, of Mount Forest, formerly of this place, spent a few days this week visiting old friends.

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