

THE CHRONICLE.

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Editorial

The recount in West Huron resulted in a tie, the seat being given to Mr. Garrow by the returning officer. It will be protested.

The Yukon Railway Bill is being fought out in the Senate, where it is likely to be defeated by a majority of about twenty.

Mr. Fielding brought down the estimates on Monday night last for the fiscal year. The total amount asked for on account of current expenditure is \$39,175,879, and on account of capital expenditure \$5,786,691. Total \$44,912,571, or \$305,333 higher than the estimates brought down last session.

Several protests are being entered against the members recently elected for the Ontario Legislature, Dr. Jamieson being one against whom an attack is to be directed. Having secured the election fairly, and being firmly ensconced behind an impenetrable fortress of honesty he has nothing to fear. If the intention be to furnish a case for a "saw-off" the prosecutors will find their little scheme a failure. The Dr. will allow the prosecution to go on rather than submit to such concessions, but—

The Paisley Advocate tells the following experience of departmental stores: "A person of this town some time ago purchased from a departmental store a pair of shoes, paying \$3.00 for them and some gent's linen collars at 19c each. He has since found out that the same make, style, and quality of shoes can be purchased from Paisley dealers for \$1.90. The collars can also be bought in Paisley for 18c each. This party's experience should be as valuable to any other person as it is to him." What is said of Paisley applies to all towns and villages—the home merchant, and especially the Durham merchants sell goods as cheap as they can be sold anywhere.

Two weeks ago we referred to the imposition of a fine of fifty dollars each on two of our hotel men for a violation of the license law by selling liquor during prohibited hours on election night. Since that a number of persons in the vicinity have learned that not only those who sell, but also those who ask for, purchase, drink or in any way act as abettors to the sale of intoxicants during prohibited hours are amenable to the law, and punishable by a fine of from two to ten dollars, and costs. We are informed that over one hundred have been summoned to appear on one or other of the above named charges. A number have already satisfied the law by paying the two dollar fine, rather than have the matter brought up in court. Considerable displeasure was manifested by some over this wholesale effort to carry out the spirit of the law.

We have not the least doubt that many who would not think of violating the law at any other time felt the event was sufficient to justify them for indulgence in a little conviviality on this occasion. It is possible too that many were ignorant of the law and didn't know they were violating any of its principles, but as ignorance of the law will not save one from its penalties, we can scarcely see how any other course could have legitimately been pursued though we feel like sympathizing with those who didn't know their danger.

Some will say, why interfere in the matter at all? Why not let the thing pass unnoticed and say nothing about it? There are many, too, who would overlook a transgression of this sort, who wouldn't for a moment think of screening a culprit from any other breach of the law. Every law on the statute book is placed there presumably to be kept, and a rigid adherence to each and every one of them is equally imperative. One violation, without the specified penalty only paves the way to another infraction, and thus on till all law becomes a dead letter and the country sinks to a spirit of anarchy.

While every law should be equally binding, and the enforcement of each should be administered with equal impartiality, it does seem that certain legislative enactments find their

way into the statutes against the will of the legislators, and without any thought or expectation of their enforcement. This seems to be especially true in much of our temperance legislation. It is a well known fact that many of our law makers, though they vote for temperance reforms, and make a showing of support in the restriction of the license laws, are not in sympathy with the temperance movement, only so far as it may serve in winning the next election. Though out of harmony with the movement they deem it advisable to put on a veneered semblance of sympathy in order to satisfy the temperance people and retain their integrity.

Now that we have hinted at a want of sincerity among our legislators, it will be necessary to add that the temperance people themselves are lacking in the same moral quality, and herein lies a weakness which militates against the success of their best laid plans. Too many of the apparently profound, temperance enthusiasts are nothing short of temperance hypocrites, and this strange intermixture of enthusiasm and hypocrisy, will not only bring reproach upon themselves but upon the cause they are advocating. Though it must be admitted there are many sincere temperance workers, it must also be admitted that too many are to be found of the class we just endeavored to describe, and, as in every other moral movement, the hypocrites are used as targets for their opponents to shoot at.

TOP CLIFF.

March is wearing away and the busy season will soon be on hand. We have plenty of mud, slush and dirty roads for the last few weeks, or in other language, "Poll Eabhra agus cl'ar criadha ga lore fo-cheann da s-heachdan."

Well we are busy preparing for Spring. Everybody that can is busy at the plow. There's no sowing yet but some will be at it soon. This has been a fine spring for making maple syrup. Mr. Alfred Hinks has made about fifteen gallons and others less quantities.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mather were visiting friends in Bentinck, Friday and Saturday of last week. The object of their visit was to bid farewell to some near friends who are to take their departure this week for the North-west.

Mr. Alex. McEachern rented Mrs. James McDonald's farm near here for one year, and has secured the services of Mr. Thos. Fisher, late from "No-leton" for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. McPherson, near Flesherston Station, and Arch. McLean, Mrs. McPherson's brother, will leave Monday afternoon and take the train at Durham, Tuesday morning for Billings, Montana, where they expect their brother, Mr. Neil McLean, to meet them with a four-horse team for a three or four day's journey of 90 miles to their destination. McLean and McPherson have both good situations awaiting them on their arrival.

Miss Flora McIntyre, of Toronto, is home for the summer with her mother at Top Cliff.

Mr. Neil McCannel has secured the services of Herbert Pepper for the summer months. Mrs. McCannel is sure to have pepper enough for her soup.

Miss Hannah McKinnon left for Buffalo last week, where she intends to remain for some time.

Mr. Angus McDonald writes from Alaska stating that fresh arrivals of hands are coming there every week, and probably the wages will be pulled down this summer.

Mr. Archie McKinnon (Big Archie) has been confined to his house most of the winter from a severe attack. He is on the mend and we hope to see him round when warm weather comes.

On Thursday next the Rev. John A. Matheson B. D., of Caledon, will be inducted to the charge of Priceville Presbyterian congregation. As the majority of the residents of Top Cliff are Presbyterians we hope to see a good representation of them there. A good time is expected in the evening.

Mr. Ned. Harrison was engaged lately making barn timber for John McLean. Ned is not particular what he turns his hand and attention to.

About two hundred yards west from here on Mr. A. McCuaig's farm a stranger might think there was a Railway Station somewhere near on account of so much square timber lying about. However it is only the timber for Mr. McCuaig's mammoth barn which is to be built in the early part of the summer. It is said that there are over 300 pieces of timber on the ground for the frame which will no doubt be one of the largest in the county. It will be about 60 feet from the peak of the roof to the bottom of the foundation.

The leader of the "Canadian band" has been trying to strike up the keynote for the past few nights, but as yet his lungs are rather weak after the frosts of winter.

Mrs. Jas. McDonald will be moving back to her own house on the South Line. As the old lady was living alone when at home, she spent the most of the winter with friends in Proton.

Mrs. McIntyre, who has been unwell, is able to be around again.

Our bell at Top Cliff school has been silent for the last month or two on account of losing its tongue. The makers promised to repair the damage, and we hope they will do so soon as we miss the bell greatly.

After months of silence we see our Bunesan friend has again appeared, with full measure well pressed down and running over with the best in season—(taffy season).

TRAVERTON.

Fall wheat is looking well, so far, in this neighborhood.

Sugar-making has been quite a success but isn't all fun.

Mr. Will Smith from near Guelph is up on a fortnight's visit to relatives. This is his fourth year in the smithy trade and he is engaged at a good sound salary. Will is as strong and supple as a panther, and he isn't afraid to use his muscle either.

Mrs. Wm. Anderson of the 6th was taken seriously ill on Friday night.

Mr. Thomas Cook has rented the greater part of Mrs. Delaney's farm, and is going in for a big crop this year. Tom is having great success with young stock.

Arthur McClocklin left on Saturday for St. Mary's, after spending a few weeks among relatives, and at the old home. Arthur is popular with everybody.

One of the 4th con's handsome and most stalwart boys, John Allan, left last week for the lower counties.

Mr. John Hunt has engaged a son of Mr. Livingston, over at the Lake, for the summer months. Mr. H. had a wood bee last week at which the lads piled up heaps of wood and stowed down piles of good things.

Mrs. John Fallaise, who was lately stricken with paralysis down one side, is recovering very slowly.

Rev. J. Ferguson's sermons are drawing a full house at Zion. He is a profound thinker.

Joe Firth has nearly all his farm turned over. He is a rustler.

Jimmie Davis has been in Manitoba a fortnight now. He is just in the spring of young manhood, and will be able to do well up there.

"Ok! Uncle Jim do come home, it is dark, dark, and ever so late!" whimpered the little nephew; but he stayed and stayed, till the poor tired girl opened the door and put the groceries and the Gander out into the dark night and the deserted streets.

The first raising of the season took place at Mr. Jim Nelson's. 'Tis a snug barn 28 x 58. Messrs. H. Firth and Hugh McNab Jr. as helpers. Everything fitted together perfectly and went up without a whit of trouble. Jim has a good farm, being the west half of the old Lauder homestead; the old spot was noted for its coekery in bygone days, and hasn't lost any of its reputation under Mrs. Nelson's hands. The table spread was one laden with the best of everything.

GLASCOTT.

March '98, we judge has been a record-breaker for scarcity of snow, as it disappeared shortly after the month came in.

Plowing has commenced. Early sown Fall wheat looks promising. Lots of straw will be left over in the barns this spring. Quite a contrast to the spring of '96.

Assessor Ritchie has been on duty valuing up the property around our burg this week.

A quiet home wedding took place this week at the home of Mr. John Baines, when his third daughter, Miss Sarah, was united in wedlock to Mr. Batty Wright of near Markdale. We extend congratulations.

Dogs have been getting a general thinning out this winter. Some ten or twelve have dropped from the effects of poison which has carefully been made use of. The authorities have been making it serious for some parties, and are, we hear, on the track of others.

Messrs. Wm. Williamson and A. McDougall are both lying seriously ill after a prolonged sickness.

Master Herb Lamb has been confined to the house for the past two weeks from the effects of a cut on the knee, with his axe while out in the bush chopping.

John McLean of Sydenham has moved in and settled on the Carrie farm, where he will test the quality of our soil in North Glenelg.

Seeds! 1898 Seeds! The Selection of Seeds is from the best British, American and Canadian Houses, and prices (quality considered) will compare favorably with other dealers. GARDEN SEEDS in bulk and papers, our own paper seeds, two for 5c. Flower Seeds, PLANTS in Season. Cabbage, Califlower, Celery and Tomato. CLOVER Seed all varieties. Prices Timothy Seed. (Low.) ORCHARD GRASS and mostly all other sorts of grasses. SUGAR Beet, CARROT, all the best. MANGEL WURTZEL: Carter's Mammoth Long Red—a very large mangel. Carter's Giant Yellow. Evan's Saw Log Mangel—an immense cropper. SWEDE TURNIP Seed. All the best varieties. (See our Catalogue.) H. PARKER, Druggist and Seedsman, DURHAM.

Wm. Stedwell has lately taken his flight to lands unknown. It's rumored that he is treading on Manitoba soil, Bill is too smart for the Co'y Agents altho' he has a stiff knee. John Duncan and Jas. Boyle have about completed the framing of John Ritchie's barn, which will be erected this summer on a stone wall. Mr. Wm. Malone is still suffering from the effects of a cancer on the lip, which he is endeavoring to cure. Old Mr. John English who has been keeping the bed warm all winter, although nearly blind, was greatly interested in the late provincial elections. He has always been a strong Tory and is close up to 90 yrs of age.

Dr. Chase's Cures Catarrh after Operations Fail. Toronto, March 16th, 1897. My boy, aged fourteen, has been a sufferer from Catarrh, and lately we submitted him to an operation at the General Hospital. Since then we have resorted to Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure, and one box of this medicine has made a prompt and complete cure. H. G. FORD, Foreman, Cowan Ave. Fire Hall.

VARNEY. Ezekial Sirrs left Tuesday morning for the lower settlements, where he is engaged for the summer months. Com Knapp drove through our town the other day with Lulu. Don't think "Baby Boy" is in it with her at the gate she was going. Bert Allan is employed with Mr. R. Morice for the summer months. Mr. Clark is around enlarging photos and is making quite a success of it.

J. Nediger and J. Wilson are around picking up all the hogs that Brown and Calvert left. Mr. S. T. Orchard has been selling quite a number of organs around this vicinity.

The young man who took the trip to Guelph, and forgot his nightshirt, is thinking of going back to see if he can get any trace of it.

Mr. John McCalmon has been under the weather for the last couple of weeks.

Mr. James Ferguson and Mr. Chas. Caldwell have been under the weather for some time, but are progressing favorably under Dr. Jamieson's skillful treatment.

Mr. Wm. McCalmon was visiting Flesherston friends one day last week.

DR. CHASE'S REMEDIES. Some of their Remarkable Cures. E. J. Lasalle, Dunnville, Ont.—Cured of severe Kidney and Bladder Trouble by Chase's K.L. Pills, a cure that created a sensation. Mrs. A. T. Stewart, Folgar, Ont.—Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine saved her little boy, who was sinking rapidly from Lung Disease. R. D. Robbins, 148 Cowan Ave., Toronto, Ont.—Cured of an Eczematous Bore extending from knee to ankle. Eight doctors failed. Dr. Chase's Ointment cured. Miss Anna A. Howey, Eden, Ont.—Cured of Catarrh of 10 years' standing and Catarrhal Bore Throat by Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure. Mrs. Joe. Querin, Ethel, Ont.—Cured of Eczema of the Head and Face from which she suffered 9 years. Head a mass of scabs. Dr. Chase's Ointment cured her. Dr. Chase's remedies may be had of all Dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto, Ont.

Market Report. DURHAM, Mar. 30th, 1898. Fall Wheat..... 82 to 85 Spring Wheat..... 82 to 83 Oats..... 27 to 28 Peas..... 55 to 57 Barley..... 35 to 40 Hay..... 5 00 to 8 00 Butter..... 14 to 14 Eggs per doz..... 8 to 8 Apples..... 50 to 1 00 Potatoes..... 50 to 60 Flour per cwt..... 1 75 to 2 25 Oatmeal per sack..... 2 00 to 2 25 Chop per cwt..... 75 to 1 00 Dressed Hogs per cwt..... 5 75 to 5 85 Hides..... 7 to 7 Sheepskins..... 65 to 1 00 Turkeys per lb..... 9 to 10 Geese per lb..... 5 to 6 Ducks per pair..... 40 to 50 Chickens per pair..... 30 to 35 Wool..... 17 to 20

BIG 4 UPPER TOWN. DURHAM.

New Goods. 36 in. Cashmere in Navy Blue and Black 12 1/2c. a yard. 40 in. Black and Colored Wool Serges 25c. a yard. Fancy figured Lustras (a snap) 30c. and 35c. a yard. Tartan Gingham 7c. a yard.

Shoes. We have just received a shipment of Sterling Bros. celebrated hand made Shoes for Men, Women, Boys & Girls. Just the thing for Spring. DON'T forget we sell "Salada" Ceylon Tea at 25, 30 and 40c. a lb. Black or mixed, in lead packets—pounds and half pounds. Come and see what a lot of TIN-WARE we give for \$1.00. A fresh shipment just in.

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A. GORDON, UPPER TOWN.

Matrimonia I really did not sober man of for one, about never been able maybe it was Fat more probably it love of fun. At any rate, my been in the colum a year ago, the ment: MATRIMONY aged twenty-eight private income ad sion. wishes to me a view to matrim lady must be bo musical, and a good society. Pec consideration that Address, S.S.A. I am ashamed of misgivings, notli amusement and composition in the I have confessed, eight, but forty. less, my private in a few gold shares intermitent divid to keep me in glo in love and in war and this trifling (or, as we lawyers tio falsi"), while it to the flame, wou stay the course of "True love!"—the key, and I laughed er my little joke myself that I had to reverse my ind Now, although r ceived in the spiri very serious issue, understood that I er truth an actua only such changes as will conceal th unhappy ladies wh I awaited the exc tention with exi thick and fast. T following morning and by the end of ed the unlucky r Four came next ( they dropped in t after my advertis record was closed I will say nothi reading these pte offering me, a s youth or accomp My object is to s few, which may b of all, for the be of my readers. I say no compuncti writers cannot be should see the re gotten episode in t tful lesson may b My first letter, in a somewhat mas follows: Dear Sir: I hope me wanting in m your advertise ment very diffident and the happiness of t stake, it is no tim It almost seems t signed us for each your own age; am ver and accomplish ately fond of musi in any society. I been married—for years. This, I hope qualification. I kn bitters of married eence of domestic v be very helpful. I arrange a meeting, yours. A straightforward The unconscious a ges were the same or. I was not quit some a second strin and I fear that nat been frustrated in next letter was wri rmed hand, with ed, no doubt, to im due it as written: Mr. S. S. A.—Sir: advertisement, I am gentlymanly Part to be. I am tall an d of concerts an family is down in t earning my living i but when father w in the best circles you walk in Centra afternoon at three y body near the Obelish and pink roses me.

Yours resp It is needless t met the young lad rasol in her hat. My next letter wa nt type. It was de and written in a n from New Jersey. Dear Sir: I hope I ang maidenly reser ou. I am so fearfu delicate that I ha ster into my com quite approves of m ot for some years I rriage. I had int yself to my dear h me; but she is t a wealthy stockbr ure my devotion t you struck by the of your advertisement e out to you. I ed suicidial; inde while and I jointly e music lessons in e smaller with th me. My dear To