

THE CHRONICLE.

DURHAM, August 4th 1898.

The Prohibition Plebiscite is to be taken Sept. 29th.

The religious plank is the latest addition to the Hardy platform.

If Hardy succeeds in his scheme he will attribute it to divine favor. If not what then?

The Ontario Legislature is now in session to do those things which may be set forth by the Hardy proclamation. One of the leading characteristics of the party is to put up a good religious showing on the eve of an election, or when threatened with danger. Now that the government is standing on one leg, as it were, with a number of cases before the courts, almost sure, under existing circumstances to suffer defeat, "the favor of God hath ordained," that an emergency session shall be called, to set their house in order, and head off justice in legalizing voters who were ineligible at the time of the election.

The present session, an emergency session, has been found necessary by the incompetents to legalize the votes of the ineligible, secure the positions of tottering members and save a tottering government from destruction by retro-active legislation. It is high time for a change.

Even to the most impartial observer, the present state of the Ontario Legislature must seem to be a strange muddle. Two ministers who by popular vote were told to step down and out are still hanging to their portfolios, exercising the functions of their office and participating in the emoluments. This is truly a state of affairs unparalleled and unprecedented in the annals of Canadian government. Others again have secured their seats by the narrowest possible majorities, the electors some of whom were ineligible to exercise the franchise.

Prince Bismarck died on Saturday night last, and Germany mourns the loss of her greatest son, and one of the greatest men of the present century. Born April 1, 1815, he was in his eighty-fourth year. Details of his death were obtained with difficulty owing to the isolation of the castle and the strenuous efforts of the attendants and of the family to prevent publicity.

The Roman Catholics are again called upon to mourn the loss of another distinguished prelate in the person of Archbishop Walsh, of St. Michaels, Toronto, who died suddenly on Sunday night last from heart failure. About three weeks ago the Rev. prelate met with a slight accident by which he sprained his knee, but under the best medical skill he was fast recovering and no danger was anticipated until about 10 o'clock Sunday night when heart trouble began to assert itself and the death summons ensued about an hour later. He was sixty-eight years of age 23rd May last. He was born in the County of Kilkenny, Ireland.

VARNEY.

Mrs. S. Stewart, who has been under the weather for some weeks is around again, looking hale and hearty.

The young man that was making love to a girl the other night and rejoicing because she was Scotch, with beautiful hair and such pretty little feet (just took a No. 8 shoe) and exclaimed if there wasn't that streak of Scotch in her he would not be her young man, had better take a more private place to express his emotions.

Mr. A. McColman, of Flesherton, is visiting friends in and around Varney the last few days.

Mr. Jack Yandt got kicked with a horse one day last week which will lay him off work for a few days. Hard lines these busy times.

Mr. John McCalmon was visiting friends at Flesherton last week.

Mr. Wm. Petty and his two daughters were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Petty one day last week.

Ezekiel Surr is engaged with Sam O'Neil for the summer months.

No service in the church next Sunday morning. Service at 7 o'clock instead.

Miss Susie Gadd was in poor health of late, but is now feeling somewhat better.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Gadd were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. Gadd one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eldt were visiting friends in this vicinity last week.

FLESHERTON.

On the morning of July 26th, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. W. Simmons, 4th line, Artemesia. Mrs. Blackburn, Sr., relict of the late Wm. Blackburn, after a brief illness, passed away in her 80th year to her home above. On Wednesday afternoon her remains were followed by a large concourse of friends to the Flesherton cemetery, where, borne by six nephews she was laid alongside her husband who preceded her in death a little over eight years ago. Her minister, Rev. L. W. Thom of this place, improved the occasion by preaching an appropriate sermon from II Cor. 5:1. Mrs. Blackburn, whose maiden name was Isabella Watson, was born and married in the county Tyrone, Ireland, and with her husband and family came to Canada in 1855 settling for nearly ten years in Laskey village, county of York, and since then, 1855, has been a resident of Artemesia township. She was for more than half a century a member of the Presbyterian church and though her last years were characterised by much suffering she loved, when able, to attend the ministry of the Word. She bore clear testimony to the cleansing and saving power of the blood of Christ and had within her a bright and sure hope of a glorious immortality. Five of her family preceded her, the members who survive her are: Samuel and James, of Nattawasagga, William, of Sunnidale, George, of Osprey, John, Mrs. Geo. Thompson and Mrs. W. Simmons, Artemesia, Mrs. S. Cleland, Baltimore, Man., and Joseph of this place. One brother and four sisters also survive her the youngest of whom is 68 and the eldest about two years younger than the deceased.

On Wednesday morning last as the sun rose to flood the earth with light the spirit of W. H. Flesher was released from the body and took its flight into the clearer light and liberty enjoyed beyond the stars of God. For several months he had suffered severely with cancerous trouble in the stomach, but his illness throughout was borne with great fortitude and Christian resignation. Mr. Flesher, who was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Flesher, was born in this village, 43 years ago and grew up to be a useful and highly esteemed resident of the place. He was converted at special meetings held in the Methodist church over twenty years ago and has since been an active member of the church, for some time serving in the capacity of class leader and assistant Sabbath School Superintendent. The members of his class were much attached to him and will long remember his words of counsel and earnestness manifested for their spiritual growth and welfare. A mourning wife and four children feel keenly the loss of a kind husband and father. An aged and affectionate mother and a devoted sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Sproule, waited untiringly by him and did all that loving hands could do to relieve his suffering. Deceased was a member of Prince Arthur Lodge A. F. & A. M. here and his remains will be interred in the Flesherton cemetery to-morrow (Wednesday) forenoon with Masonic honors.

On the evening of July 27th the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Swanton of the Toronto Line was the scene of a quiet matrimonial event when their youngest daughter Miss Lizzie was united in matrimony to Mr. W. J. Davis who also lives on the Toronto Line about a mile west of this place. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Joseph Ward, B. D., Methodist pastor here. Miss Bella Christoe acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Arch. Cairns assisted the groom. A wedding supper was served and later the happy couple went to their own home. May continued happiness and prosperity attend them.

Mr. David Jamieson, of the 3rd line with his wife and daughter was driving home from the village in a democrat one evening last week and when going down a hill nearly opposite Fisher's on the 4th line the neckyoke gave way allowing the tongue to drop. The horses took fright and ran capsizing the rig with its occupants, Mrs. Jamieson and daughter receiving some severe bruises. The conveyance received some damage and the horses were not captured until after running about a mile.

Mr. John Whitten, builder, is about again after being laid up some days from injuries received in the back by being struck by a board while at work on Mr. Mattheson's dwelling a little west of the village.

Mr. James Grant, teacher for eleven years in one of the Wellington Schools near Guelph, Mrs. Grant and Mr. E. L. Weisner, of the Boys' Home Stratford, were the guests of Rev. Mr. Thom part of last week. Mr. Weisner, who has been accepted for the Foreign Mission Field, preached an interesting sermon in the Presbyterian church on Sabbath evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Henderson, Dr. Little, F. VanDusen, Robt. Wright, Mr. McKay, Owen Sound, the Misses Strain, Miss Vanzant, Miss Belle Henderson, Toronto, and Miss Hanbury, Dundalk, are camping at Bell's Lake.

Miss Annie Richardson, electionist, left last week to fill engagements at Listowel and Niagara On The Lake.

Miss Maud Richardson is visiting friends at Listowel.

Mr. Joseph Stafford, B. A., now on the Toronto University staff, with his wife and children are holidaying with his brother-in-law, Dr. Ottewell here.

Mrs. W. W. Trimble accompanied by her sister Mrs. (Dr.) Reid, of Shelburne are visiting their sister Mrs. (Rev.) Edwards at Monkton.

Miss Hattie Cole is home from Toronto visiting her parents.

Rev. Mr. Darroch has been holidaying for some days at Chesley when he was invited to perform his initial marriage ceremony. Rev. Mr. Phillimore supplied his pulpit here on Sabbath.

Mr. Allan Gibson is home from Toronto visiting under the parental roof.

Mrs. Rippon and two children, of Woodstock visited the former's sister, Mrs. W. Petch last week.

Miss Gerdrum, milliner, is home from Comber for holidays accompanied by her friend Miss Halliday who will visit for a few days before going on a lake trip.

Dr. Mahan visited friends in town the beginning of the week.

Mrs. Campbell and niece, Miss Katie Campbell, of Collingwood, are the guests of Mrs. (Dr.) Christoe.

TOP CLIFF.

Quite a few of the farmers around here have been harvesting, while a few are not done haying. The wheat crop is a very good sample. Peas and oats in general ripened too fast and on that account not so plump as they might be. It is nothing to have two or three tons in some instances to the acre. Alfred Hinks had a piece which yielded about 3 tons to the acre. While John McLean of the south east corner of Glenelg, had off two acres 10 big loads and a lot of others nearly as much.

The raising at Mrs. Joseph Hoopers on Friday came off well. Councillor Moore of the town of Durham fills the bill to perfection as tradesman and is as capable of framing a barn as he is of filling the alderman's chair, both of which he fills to perfection.

Miss Flora McIntyre (big Flora) received an ugly gash in one of her feet while picking berries. Dr. Boyle had to put some half dozen stitches in the cut and she is getting along well again.

Miss Kate McQuarrie of Daluth is home at present at her fathers, Mr. John McQuarrie, of the north line.

Miss McLeod, who has been unwell for some time is improving, and we hope to see her ere long as rugged looking as ever.

Rev. Mr. Matheson held a prayer meeting at Mr. Allan McQuarrie's, Durham Road, on Thursday last. It was well attended. Thursday next he will be at Mr. Jno. McArthur's (Glen) at 8 o'clock p.m.

Mrs. Neil McDonald, south of this place, who had a severe attack of inflammation of the lungs, we are pleased to state is getting better and is able to be up for at least part of the time. Dr. Hutton of Priceville treated her.

Mr. John McLachlan, who received a kick from a horse, is able to be about again.

Alfred Hinks and Roger McKechie have each purchased new Moscov binders from agent Sharp of Durham.

Miss Kate McIntyre of Toronto is spending a while at the old home with her mother, Mrs. McIntyre, south line, Glenelg.

The weather has been extremely hot for the last couple of weeks, but we think a change will soon take place, if not already, for we have had a few showers of rain of late which will enliven the green crops greatly. The hay crop was an exceptionally good crop this year. Some good plots of land yielded abundantly.

The Misses Mary and Maggie Simpson, of Chicago, cheer the home of their aged father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, of Priceville, and is to remain for some time.

Mr. Neil McConnell is busy putting leans to his barn for the past week.

Miss Sarah McIntyre is busy at the dress making with Miss Simpson of Priceville.

Died.—At Maple, in the Township of Vaughan, Catherine McKinnon, widow of the late Archibald McLean, blacksmith, and aunt of the McLean family, S. E. Glenelg.

Berry picking is the order of the day, and it is nothing strange to see young able bodied men going to

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their pails to the berry patch, with their young wives or somebody else coming home laden abundantly with vessels full of fruit.

Mr. McDonald, teacher, was laid up with a sore arm for the last few days and is getting all right again.

The Misses Stonehouse are home to their father, Mr. Martin, Durham Road, Glenelg.

Mr. A. Flowers, of Toronto, spent a few days with his father-in-law, Wm. Smellie, near Bunessan.

Notice to Debtors,

In the Estate of Francis Wait, late of the Village of Priceville in the County of Grey, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons indebted to the above Estate are required to settle with the Executors, John McArthur and Dugald McCormick, at Priceville, on or before the

15th day of August, 1898,

After which date all unsettled Notes and Accounts will be placed in Court for Collection.

Dated at Durham this 1st day of August, 1898.

LUCAS, WRIGHT & BATSON,

CALDER'S BLOCK LOWER TOWN,

Solicitors for Executors.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, has returned to his home in Arthabaskaville, Que., where he intends taking a month's rest.

Puny Children.

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S. Scott.

THE FIRST BOMBARDMENT

HANNED WAS THE FIRST COMMANDER TO USE SIEGE GUNS

Trained his Bombers on the City of Constantinople—Their Execution enabled him to capture the Town. Siege operations are as old as the world itself, or at least as the world of the world, but bombardment is older than is generally imagined and was used as early as the 13th century. It was Mohammed the first used cannonading to see the fall of a besieged city when he captured Constantinople. Mohammed II, had resolved upon the capture of the city. That had been the dream and ambition of the splendid city was then the capital of the eastern empire and the seat of the eastern church; its commanding site was girt with formidable walls; its population, even in these days of decline, numbered more than a hundred thousand. But it was the force within that Mohammed feared. He knew that it was more than a demoralized mob, and was able to bring against it an army of fully 200,000, including some of the finest and fiercest troops ever known. To beat down those massive walls was the real problem. With this in view, Mohammed gave great attention to the new science of artillery—then in its infant state. He had a more brilliant than effective. Bombards, a sort of primitive mortar, were chiefly of the shape of a short, thimble shaped affair having a wide, flaring bore like a chamber-pot, used for tossing big stones at a high angle, with an awe-inspiring detonation. The small damage—except to the garrison in the event of bursting. The bombardment was no infrequent calamity, especially in the beginning, when bombards were made of iron rods laid together like barrel staves and strengthened with rings of the same metal. This style had happily gone out of fashion and genuine cannon were now used in bronze. With this improvement Mohammed was already better supplied than any other war lord of the world; but he was still restless and uneasy, fearful that the solid city walls might balk even great force.

There had come to his camp a report of a poor gun-caster named Urbain, despite his mastery skill, had been starved out of Christendom. He was called before him. "Can you give me a cannon big enough to breach the walls of Constantinople?" he demanded. "I can cast you a cannon that would breach the walls of Babylon," he replied. "And he kept his word. Within three months the Turk had the most tremendous piece of ordnance the world ever seen. The bore was twelve feet—that is, three feet—across; the muzzle could have been thrust down a mule. The weight of the projectile was at least 600 pounds; twice that of any other cannon of the time. When fired—which was not until the army had been cautioned, for ten miles around, and the stones in the earth to a depth of six feet—short, it made a bigger uproar than most powerful modern guns. With a penetration that was significant; but it was not used in those days. To move heavy wagons were chained together by a caravan of sixty oxen, and a procession of 200 men on each side, with ropes and poles to keep the oxen from straggling. To haul it to the scene of action, 150 miles away, required, NEARLY TWO MONTHS. This overgrown giant, two or three times as large as any other cannon almost as huge had been ready. Constantinople, situated at the point of a triangular peninsula, itself has the walls of a triangle, each side being four miles in length. The sides towards the sea were too strong for attack, and the side towards the harbor could not be reached, for a chain, which stretched across the entrance. The side facing inland. This was protected by a double wall and a trench a hundred feet deep. Here Mohammed and a multitude of smaller batteries opened fire with a roar of ordnance which he had brought his own noise could shake down walls, that at the tenth blast; but the balls of stone masonry, and at first even the mighty gun that was not long before overhauled the walls of Babylon because surprising because with the most diligence it was found impossible to load and fire it more than once a day. The ingenious Mohammed, saved the rest by the use of gunning oil into the muzzles.