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TORONTO

Agents for the Grey Review.

G. R. Middleton,	Dundalk.
Alexander Webster,	Priceville.
Colin C. McFayden,	Glenelg.
Daniel Keith,	Holstein.
Alexander Taylor,	Dromore.

THE REVIEW.

Durham, July 14, 1881.

—President Garfield continues to improve. Although he is very far from being out of danger from the effects of the wound, still he seems to be passing through the successive stages of repair so satisfactorily, that hopes of perfect recovery are increasing in strength every day. The reports issued from time to time by the physicians in attendance are very encouraging, and do not as yet indicate any unfavorable symptoms. The President remarked on Tuesday morning: "I think I am getting well," and this of itself may be regarded as a good sign, coming from a man in his condition. It seems now to be agreed among the medical gentlemen in charge of the case, that the ball pierced the liver and is now lodged in the anterior wall of the abdomen. No attempt has yet been made to extract the ball, nor will this be done for some time to come.

—We have received a copy of the revised edition of Lovell's Gazeteer of British North America. This is a tastefully got up volume of over 500 pages. It contains a good map of the Dominion of Canada, gives a large amount of information regarding the locality, extent and capabilities of of over 2300 Lakes and Rivers, a table of routes of travel by railroad and steamboat, and full descriptions of over 7,500 cities, towns, villages and smaller places in the Provinces of the Dominion and Newfoundland. It is a veritable *multium in parvo* and is indispensible to the travelling public, but especially to men in business. The description of places given is full, and appears to be accurate. A slight mistake occurs in the notice of our Town. The Gazeteer says:—"Durham or Bentinck, a flourishing post village in Grey Co. &c." Now, Durham is an incorporated Town of some years standing, and it is known always as Durham, never Bentinck. The work as a whole is very creditable to the Publishers as well as the Compiler. The Messrs Lovell & Co. have in course of preparation a Business Directory of the Province of Ontario and the City of Montreal which will be issued in November of this year. It will no doubt be a most valuable compendium to every person engaged in business in the Province of Ontario.

—We learn from the *Scientific American* that the Suspension Bridge across the Niagara River, has been recently renewed and the anchorage of the wires on the New York and Canadian sides of the river reenforced without a moment's interruption of the traffic. This is truly a wonderful feat, and the fact, that although the bridge has been in constant use for a period of twenty-six years, and subjected to an almost constant strain of one hundred and ninety tons of railway freight passing over it at the rate of 10 miles an hour, the wires forming the cables and suspenders are found, with a slight exception to be in a sound condition, is cheering andre assuring to the travelling public. The bridge was built in 1855, and crosses the Niagara river a mile and a half below the falls. It is 822 feet long, 40 feet broad, and 250 feet above the water. It carries three lines of rails and a road for veichles and foot passengers seventeen feet beneath, and is supported by four wire cables, each containing 3640 wires, which rest on masonry towers at each end and are securely anchored in the solid rock to the depth of twenty five feet. In the recent examination into the the state of the structure only sixty five wires out of the 3640 were found to be impaired, and these affected at the anchorage where the uneven strain by passing railway carriages had loosened the cement and in consequence allowed the exposure of the outer strands of wire to the action of the moisture of the atmosphere. The inner strands of wire were found to be in as good a condition as when first put in. The deficient pieces were cut out and replaced by new material. The only other large suspension bridges in the world are, that over the Menai Straits, and the Clifton Bridge near Bristol, the latter having a span of 703 feet, and the former 580 feet.

It is extraordinary news about the comet that comes from the Cincinnati observatory. Prof. Stone reports that on Wednesday night he perceived evidences of tremenduous agitation in the nucleus, and a separation into two parts. If the comet should split in two, the astronomical world would have excitement enough. Biela's comet in 1846 became divided, and two darts were seen racing side by side on the comet's return in 1852, and after that the comet was never seen again. But in November, 1872, when it should have been visible, if it yet existed, there came suddenly out of that quarter of the heavens where the comet was looked for a driving shower of fire balls, and the astronomers said that these meteors were fragments of the lost comet. Prof. Pierce showed, mathematically, that the nuclei of some comets must be as dense and tenacious as steel. If that is true of the present comet, and if the estimate which gives its nucleus a diameter of 1,000 miles or more are correct, who can conceive the terrific power of the force needed to rend it in two? The theories that the nuclei of comets are dense swarms of meteors, or clowds of liquid particles, or masses of gaseous matter, seem far more likely to be true in this case than that the nucleus is a metallic ball of planetary size.

A large number of Canadian cattle and sheep were thrown overboard recently from the British steamer "Ashbourne." She went ashore on the banks of Newfoundland.

SIR RICHARD CARTWRIGHT AT COBOURG.

On Friday evening last Sir Richard addressed the citizens of Cobourg on a few of the public questions of the day. And first of all of the Syndicate, showing very clearly, that from the first inception of the Canada Pacific Railway in 1871, when Sir John Macdonald without any knowledge of the subject, and without any sense of the responsibility incurred—in agreeing with half a dozen British Columbians to build three thousand miles of railway across the Rocky mountains, when the British Columbians themselves only wanted a good waggon road—down to the completion of the insane bargain with the Syndicate, that every succeeding step taken by the Government of Sir John in the matter has been more disastrous than the former. Nothing could more clearly show how completely the Government has sacrificed the interests of the country to the Syndicate, than the fact, that the South Western Railway Company running to the Souris district from Winnipeg a distance of 312 miles, will pay the Dominion Government $3,840 a mile or about $1,200,000 in cash for 3840 acres of land along the line, when the Syndicate, building a parallel road, will receive from the Dominion Government for 900 miles a cash subsidy of $10,000 per mile and a land subsidy of 12,500 acres per mile. The Honorable gentleman then dealt with a subject of considerable importance to the people of this Province, viz:—the disposition of the Dominion Government to meddlesome interference with the affairs of Ontario.

"I have always felt" said Sir Richard, "that as Ontario was the largest and most powerful of all the Provinces she ought to act not only justly, but generously to her sisters in the Confederation. I would be the last man to ask that her power should be used to do anything unjust. But at the same time Ontario's fair and just rights ought to be respected, and when by the award of arbitrators duly appointed she received a large portion of territory, it was the duty of the Dominion Government, if they did not obey the award, to have the matter decided in some way, and not to have placed on the statute book any Act calculated to bring Ontario into collission with a sister Province. (Loud cheers.) It was a scandalous abuse of power to hand the territory in dispute over to Manitoba. (Renewed cheers.) Fortunately the Legislature of that Province was more sensible than that of the Dominion Parliament and refused to embroil itself in any such difficulty. But for this their might have been a collission between these two Provinces, which, for many special reasons, should maintain the most friendly relations. That was a glaring instance of disregard for the peoples rights. All citizens of Ontario ought to unite in seeing that it is not repeated, or that such an Act is not allowed to remain on the state book. I fear that there is too much reason to believe that there is a settled plan to deprive Ontario of her control of her own affairs. I had the honor of sitting in the last Parliament of the old Province of Canada, and I remember how hard it was then to avoid great difficulties with Lower Canada. I remember how difficult it was for us, who contributed then, as we do now, the greater part of the taxes, to obtain our just rights under a system of legislative union, and I felt that one of the great advantages of Confederation would be to remove our affairs from a body composed of elements more or less discordant with our mode of thinking. Quebec affairs, as we know, have not been conducted so successfully as ours, and that Province is not in such a good position as Ontario, and we will be in the last degree censurable if we allow our local rights to be interfered with in any way whatever. Yet in a matter which belonged to Ontario, the Dominion Government asserts itself most arbitrarily by disallowing without giving any good reason an important Act passed by the Legislature of Ontario. If you are of my mind, whatever else happens, you will assert your right to the control of your own affairs. If you allow yourselves to be drawn into a legislative union, you will find yourselves subject to a system of log-rolling of which at present we have no conception. This is not the first time the privileges of Ontario have been interfered with. One of our main reasons for entering Confederation was to secure the representation of Ontario according to her population in the same proportion as the other Provinces. That principle has been set at naught in the cases of British Columbia and Manitoba. I am willing to admit that very considerable allowance should be made for their rapid increase of population, and if necessary would agree to an amendment of our constitution and provide for a census and reorganizatian of their representation every four or five years. I am willing to consent to any reasonable provision to secure them in their rights. But I am not willing to consent to allowing five or six members, as in the case of British Columbia, to a population not greater than that of this riding, or Manitoba four members, as she originally had, to a population of twelve or thirteen thousand. I call your attention to this because there may be a scheme on foot to deprive us of the weight we ought probably to have in the councils of the Confederation."

THE Montreal *Witness* says that the Okanson case has at last ended. The Roman Catholic Church was burnt in June, 1877. Seventeen Indians were charged with setting it on fire, arrested and tried for the crime. The chief witness was a man whose perjuries became so outrageous and so offensive that at last the officers of the Crown and private prosecution grew ashamed of him, and reluctantly, were compelled to discard him. Twice at Ste. Scholastique and twice at Aylmer the jury disagreed, but on fifth trial one of the prisoners was found "not guilty." Against him the evidence was as strong as against any of the other prisoners. It is not then to be wondered at that at Aylmer on Saturday last the Crown entred a *nolle prosequi* which ended the vexatious prosecution that has lasted so long.

Several cases of sunstroke occurred in Toronto on Wednesday.

Local and Other Items.

READ Parker's new advertisement.

A LARGE stock of groceries cheap for cash at G. C. McFarlane's.

JOHN Cameron is selling 4 lbs of Christie Brown's Soda Biscuits for 25 cts.

BUY your Paris Green for Potato Bugs at G. C. McFarlane's. The only reliable destroyer.

DR. Kiernan, late of Durham, has removed from Orangeville to Creemore, Co. of Simcoe.

SOCIAL—The social at J. H. Hunter's, which was announced for Wednesday, will be held, this (Thursday) evening.

JOHN CAMERON received another fresh supply of Christie Brown famous Biscuits. Cristal Sets 50cts., and Tea Sets $2.50.

THE first train arrived in Hanover yesterday, and it said only *forty* barrels of Lagar Beer were laid in for the occassion

THE RAILWAY.—Work on the Railway is being rapidly pushed ahead by Mr. Thos. Newman, the Contractor. The Turntable which had warped by standing so long, will be in working order in a day or two.

HAYING is very general in the surrounding Townships, and the Fall wheat will soon be ripe, and while generally it is thin, being badly winter-killed, yet as it now stands it looks remarkably good in some fields.

BURGLARY.—The premises of Mr. Ira Fike, were entered on Sunday or Monday night last and most of his barber apparatus stolen, As the parties who perpetrated the theft are well known to Mr. Fike, if the articles are not returned forthwith, he will take action at once.

THE TARA LEADER.—This is the title of new candidate for public favors published by W. Whitlock, in the village of Tara. The paper is a 24 column, four page, and from a sample copy before us is got up in good style, and is a neat well printed paper. We have no doubt but from its appearance it will be well supported by the country surrounding Tara.

CRICKET.—A practice match will by played on the Cricket ground to-morrow, Friday, the 4th inst., between the members of the club under and over 23 years of age. Wickets to be pitched at 3:30 p. m. sharp. We hope that all cricketers old and young will make an effort to be present, what our teams require is systematic practice, which can only be had in playing with a full field.

TAKING COALS TO NEWCASTLE.—We notice that several car loads of wood have been sent up to the station in Durham, to be used as kindling wood on the engines here, and when the road is finished more will be needed. This appears to us a rather singular mode of doing business. We venture to say that if twenty or thirty cords or more, of two foot wood, were advertised for to be laid down at the station here and split, that it would be bought far cheaper than can be bought anywhere else along the line, and brought in at once too. Thus saving the trouble of loading, and unloading on the railway, and bringing it from a distance.

EGREMONT AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—A meeting of the Directors of the Egremont Agricultural Society was held at Holstein on the 2nd inst., at 2 p. m. They decided to hold their Fall Show in Holstein, on the 11th day of October next. The prize list was revised and corrected, which will make it much better for exhibitors. A change was made in the rules and regulations, which will limit competition to residents of the Township in manufactures, (with the exception of agricultural implements which are open to all.) James Paul, Adam Brown and James Sim, were appointed a committee to see about the ploughing match. We hope that all who are interested in the match will indeavor to see some of the above committee.

SAD DEATH OF A LITTLE BOY.—A little boy about two and a half years old, son of Mr. John Wark, who resides upon the first concession of Arran, was suddenly killed on Thursday last, June 30th. The little fellow with a brother of six or seven, was walking through the fields and as the younger lad attempted to crawl through a fence he got stuck fast. The elder boy called to his father, who was labouring at some little distance away, but he could not make him hear. He then attempted his rescue by the removal of the fence, but the breaking of a rotten rail let the whole weight of the fence down upon the fastened boy, and his tender life was crushed out ere relief could reach him. Mr. and Mrs. Wark have the sympathy of the whole community.—*Tara Leader.*

ARRESTED.—A Mr. H. McKinnon from Mount Forest arrived in town this week, and put up at the Queen's Hotel, on his way to Manitoba, but on information from Messrs. Fogerty Bros. of Montreal, charging him with getting goods to the amount of $500 on false pretences, a warrant for his arrest was got from G. Price, Esq., J. P. Instead of taking the boat here, however, he had taken a buggy and driven to Southampton to catch the boat there. Constable Currie followed and captured him bringing him back to town last night. He will be brought before Mr. Price for examination to-day.—*O. S Times.*

ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday last an employee of Mr. Charles Green, Maple Hill, named Armstrong, met with a severe accident by the upsetting of a wagon rack laden with manure; Armstrong being buried under the load. When taken out he was found to be seriously injured, one arm was dislocated and broken, several ribs also broken and he was badly bruised. Dr. Lauderkin was called upon to attend to the sufferer, and under his skilfull treatment the patient is in a fair way of recovery.—*Post.*

BURGLARY.—The basement of the Methodist church Flesherton was broken into and some books and money belonging to the Sabbath School stolen. The lock of the library was forced. We have also been informed that the store of Mr. Hogg, Eugenia, was burglarized on the night of the 24th ult., and $33 in cash taken. We hope these burglars will be brought to time—when caught.—*Flesherton Advance.*

The Twelfth.

On Tuesday last the 12th of July, was celebrated with more than usual eclat, in many places in this Province. In Toronto more than a hundred Lodges assembled, with about forty bands, and the procession there is said to have been witnessed by fifty thousand people. Mr. Thomas Newman, contractor on the G. B. & W. Railway ran an excursion from Durham to Mount Forest, fare there and back being only 40 cents. Several Lodges with their friends went down on the train, and were met by the Mount Forest Lodge and such other Lodges as had arrived previously. A grand procession was formed and after marching through the town, they dispersed for dinner. Shortly after two o'clock the Orangemen assembled in the Skating Rink, were stirring addresses were delivered by Revs. Messrs. Cordner and Baker, and Joseph Reid, Esq., B. A., Head Master of the High School. Sixteen Lodges of Orangemen met in Mount Forest, many of them being from S. Grey. The excursion returned to Durham in the evening, reaching here about nine o'clock. The railway between here and Mount Forest is almost as level as it will be and trains run on it very smoothly. Our southern neighbors had made every preparation to receive their visitors; flags were flying from many buildings, and a large number of evergreen arches had been erected on the principal street. The weather was very fine, although a little threatening.

Presbytery of Saugeen.

The Durham Church case again came up before the Presbytery of Saugeen, a meeting of which was held at Harriston on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 12th inst. The Rev. Mr. Smith, who has for some time been conducting services in the Town Hall of this Town has been appointed to conduct services in the village of Arthur, the charge in that village being vacant. The Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Priceville, was appointed Moderator in Durham. The vacancy thus caused by the removal of Rev. Mr. Smith to Arthur will be filled as follows: The Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Markdale, will preach morning and evening in the Town Hall on the following two successive Sabbaths; and after that the services will be conducted each Sabbath, morning and evening, by Probationers, or in other words they, the congregation, will have a new Clergyman every two weeks without intermission until they get a clergyman to suit them. In the meantime we presume the organization, election of Managers and Elders, &c., will be proceeded with under the guidance of the Rev. Mr. McLeod and two of his Elders.

Pic-Nics.

PIC-NIC No. 1. The annual pic-nic of S. S. No. 9, Glenelg, was held in Mr. Jamss McGirr's grove on Friday the 8th inst. Although a little dull in the morning, the day was all that could be desired, and during the afternoon a very fair attendance was on the ground. Abundant provisions for both dinner and tea had been provided, to which ample justice was done, especially yb the younger members of the attendants; but who could blame them as the affair was got up for their special benefit. The day was spent in swinging and other amusements. The company broke up about 7 o'clock, some going home and the rest over to Mr. McGirr's barn, where dancing was kept up for a few hours longer. If dancing is harmless under any circumstances, (which some object to,) it surely is on an occasion of this kind.

PIC-NIC No. 2—The annual pic-nic of the Presbyterian Sabbath School, of Durham, was held at Varney on Monday afternoon last. Teams were provided to take the children down to the ground, where amusements and refreshments were provided. The attendance was very good, perhaps too good, as there are quite a number of children in this as well as other towns, who think by some mysterious connection, that they belong to the Sandy Skool on pic-nic days. We think it would be better for Sunday Schools, if a small charge was made, to all who do not belong directly to the School, and the proceeds used to buy library or periodical literature.

Pic-nic at Shrigley.

Last week the Sabbath and Day School Pic-nic came off at Shrigley, and was a success, many from a distance attending. The programme prepared by their teacher Mr. David Stewart, was very acceptable, in being deversified by singing, dialogues, recitations, &c. &c. The ladies as usual had all prepared to satisfy the most fastidious appetite. Flags, Banners, Mottoes, Swings, &c. enlivened the scene. The Rev. Mr. Potter of Dundalk, addressed the audience for a considerable time on the importance of the Sabbath School.

Mr. August was called upon, he thanked them for being invited, he remembered near 20 years since he was called upon to obtain a school Site here, and he felt proud to see education so far advanced. He hoped ere long a more liberal system on a broader basis would be established throughout the Townships for the education of the rising generation.

Mr. Allen was called upon, he urged the children to improve their time, and showed the importance of education. He gave biographical sketches of eminent men, who from a sphere of life by honest industry and perserverance raised themselves to the highest position, and he advised his hearers to go and do likewise.

PUBLICOLA.

Melancthon, July 6th, 1881.

Hornings Mills.

School examinations appear to be the order of the day. I am glad to see such interest taken in school matters. The rains have done much good and "Strangers" (Land buyers) say they have not seen better looking crops. I dug new potatoes on the 8th. Prospects good. Barns and dwellings are going up in all directions.

COM.

Dr. Joseph Garbert, of Orangeville, has been appointed jail surgeon for the new County of Dufferin.

Around Hampden.

Hot weather; Poor crops; Vener's weather predictions and Donaghy's photographs are the general topics of the day in this vicinity. The people here are well through with their hay which was a very poor crop this year, indeed some fields were not worth mowing, as the hay taken off would not pay for the labor. The fall wheat is in general a very fair crop although some was killed with the frost but we have no reason to complain when we see the damage done by the frost in other places. The spring crops which were not very promising some time ago, now look remarkably well since the rain, and appear to be as good if not better than last years crops.

New buildings are all the go around here, There is a new Presbyterian Church being erected on Mr. J. Byers' corner. Mr. Hopf and Snider have each got fine frame barns put up this summer. Mr. H. Byers, Postmaster, is erecting a new dwelling house and W. Sharp has put up a back kitchen to his house, in order to make room we suppose, for his intended helpmate this coming winter.

Mr. Donaghy, photographer of Durham, was out in this vicinity at S. S. No. 8 taking a photo of all the children in the school. The photos are received and all are well pleased with them. Those who have seen other groups of school children taken, say that this one taken by Donaghy surpasses all taken by others. There are 110 in the group and if any other country school think they can turn out as large and good looking a group let them try, and then—Why!—just send for Donaghy, and he will go out and take the photos in first class style.

COM.

Dornoch.

A Bas Ball Match was played on the ground of the Dornoch Star Base Ball Club on Wednesday the 6th inst., between the married men and the unmarried men of the above club, which resulted in a victory for the former with 11 runs and one innings to spare. The following is the score.

Married Men.	RUNS.	Unmarried Men.	RUNS.
E. Battie,	7.	T. McKnight,	3.
J. Skene,	5.	J. Luney,	4.
W. Grierson,	6.	J. Collet,	5.
J. McNichol,	3.	J. Wayet,	6.
J. Lennon,	5.	R. Austin	5.
R. Dargavel,	5.	T. McCormic,	4.
R. Waters,	6.	A. Ledingham,	4.
J. Robertson,	5.	E. Muldoon,	3.
D. Campbel,	5.	C. Robertson,	2.
	47		36

J. B. Jackson, Umpire. J. J. Skene and J. Vasey, Scorers. COM.

Honor Roll.

The following are the names of the pupils in School Section No. 8, Normanby, who succeeded in taking a sufficient number of marks at the promotion examination held June 28th and 29th to entitle them to be promoted.

From 3rd to 4th class,—Annie Young, Wm. Patterson, Alex. Ball, Katie Derby, Harriet Ball.

From 2nd to 3rd class,—Jane Cooper, Amelia Byers, Jane Henderson, Lizzie Henderson, Violet Patterson, Helen Derby, Sarah Marshal, Richard Nichol, Mary Fulton, Wm Shewel, Matilda Esch, Maria Esch.

The school was kept open 125 out of 126 days. Two pupils Helen Derby and Micheal Byers were each present 124 days and two others, Amelia Byers and Richard Nichol were each present 123 days out of 125 days.

Average attendance for the half year—63.

T. C. SMITH, Teacher.

Honor Roll.

S. S. NO. 2 NORMANBY.

The following is the half yearly report of the standing of the pupils of S. S. No. 2, Normanby in General Proficiency for the half year ending July 7th, 1881.

GENERAL PROFICIENCY.

Fourth Class Sr.—1st Catherine Murphy and Isaac Elder equal, 2nd Nellie McPhee, 3rd R. Murphy.

Fourth Class jr.—1st Duncan McPhee, 2nd Katie Curran and Wm. Elder equal, 3rd James Duignan, 4th Micheal Handerhan.

Third Class.—1st Patrick Taylor and Donald McPhee, 2nd Charles Murphy, 3rd Maggie Curran and E. Handerhan, 4th Frances Duignan.

Second Class.—1st Wesley Stephenson, 2nd Chris. Ryan, 3rd Micheal Ryan, 4th Isaac Bogle and Maggie Osborne.

F. S. MEARNS, Teacher.

On Saturday evening about six o'clock a little girl, about two years old, the daughter of Mr. S. B. Cuttle, of the *Grzette*, Orangeville while playing, accidently fell into a tub of water and was drowned.

OBITUARY.—Died on the 7th of July, at Brantford, Ont., in his 84th year, Robert Parker, Esq., J. P., father of the Rev. W. R. Parker, M. A., of Thorald, and the late Dr. Parker, of Guelph. Ex-M. P. for Centre Wellington.

DROWNED.—A young girl about 15 years of age, named Violet Wilkins, was drowned at Owen Sound on Monday morning while bathing in the river. And on Tuesday her mother attempted to commit suicide through grief, but was prevented.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.—While Mr. J. Montgomery, Baker, of Markdale was going from Flesherton Station to Flesherton Village on Tuesday, his horse took fright at something and ran away. Mr Montgomery was thrown out and the waggon ran over him. He was injured about the head and also internally. He was brought home on Wednesday.—*Standard.*

SURVEYING.—By the *Globe* of Monday last we observe that Mr. Niven, P. L. S., of Haliburton brother of Rev. D. P. Niven of this town, is making an exploratory survey of the county north of Lake Nipissing. He will make a thorough exploration of the district, and will run outlines in certain townships as a base in their subdivision hereafter.—*Mount Forest Confederate.*

Agricultural "Probs."

A correspondent says this being mainly an agricultural country, predictions of the weather during succeeding periods of twenty-four hours are worthless to the bulk of the community unless sent into country places as well as into cities and towns. It is of very little comfort to a farmer whose hay has been spoiled by rain to learn that, at his market town, ten miles away, the people had been warned from Toronto of the coming storm hours before its arrival. If the predictions are to be of any good to the farmers, they must be sent to every telegraph office. Our correspondent and others will be pleased to learn on Saturday last the Meteorological Department annouced that arrangements had been made with the telegraph companies, and hereafter the reports will be sent to all telegraph offices.

It will be necessary now for farmers to bear in mind that meteorlogy is by no means as yet one of the exact sciences. The Department can predict with wonderful accuracy the approach of certain great storms—often days ahead of their coming. But the weather; in which the farmer is principally concerned is his local weather; and local storms, even such a tremendous cataclysm as that of July, 1878, in Toronto when five inches of rain—almost two months' allowance—fell in two hours, the Department does not pretend to forecast. It is not to be expected that the farmer will be able to distinguish between a local rain and general rain. If the Department announces that the weather will probably be fine for two or three days, as it did on July 6th; and if the very next day—as happened on July 7th—should be pronoucedly wet throughout the chief part of the western peninsula of Ontario, that farmer would be apt to think the Department's definition of a local rain somewhat extended. He might himself have suspected the coming of rain, but have allowed the Department to over rule his weather wisdom. He might have cut his hay, or, if a week or two later, his barley, and the crop might have received hundreds of dollars' worth of damage, the responsibility for which he would infallibly pack upon the shoulders of the department. In short it will be a long time before farmers will understand that, when the Department predicts a storm, the storm is almost certain to be on hand at the time announced, but that when fair weather is predicted any one of a thousand as yet unknown local causes may turn up to render the prediction valueless as respects any particular section. It is to be hoped that the agricultural community will display a lively interest in the subject now that the Department has shown its desire to accommodate them.—*Globe.*

Chatsworth Items.

From the Advertiser.

According to the usual arrangement the various Sabbath Schools in connection with the Presbyterian Congregation here held their half-yearly meeting and summer pic-nic on Dominion Day. The members present were as follows; Chatsworth School, 36; Arnott School, 20; North Sullivan, 6; North Holland, 12; East Sydenham, 13; West Sydenham, 6; Rockford, 26; Total, 119. The children met in the church to go over the work of the past six months, when it appeared that during that time 41 pupils had learned to repeat the 8th Chap. of Romans; 30 the Golden Texts for the half-year; 2 pupils repeated the 13th Chap. of Romans; 17 the 15th of Luke, and 3 the 28th of Matthew. After short addresses from the Pastor and Teachers the children adjourned to the green adjoining the church to enjoy themselves.

A sad accident occurred near the Sauble on Dominion Day whereby a young man named Wakefield lost his life. He was riding one of his horses to the pasture when the animal bolted throwing him on his head and fracturing his skull. He lived about 24 hours, but never was conscious.

On Wednesday last Mr. Robert Calgin found a cowhide beside the road in a swamp about two miles south of here. It is supposed the animal was stolen and killed and the hide put out of the way to avoid detection.

The new Methodist Minister, the Rev. Chas. V. Lake, took up his residence in Chatsworth last week. Rev. Mr. Reid his predecessor, has gone to Mono Road. Previous to his leaving a number of his congregation from Shiloh called on him and presented him with an address and a valuable purse of money.

Disastrous Fire in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, July 7.—This afternoon a fire broke out in Marqua & Son's childrens' carriage manufactory, and within five minutes the entire building, a five-story brick, was in flames. It was in the midst of some of the largest furniture factories and other inflammable buildings in the city. The fire quickly leaped across to the Union Furniture Factory and to Closterman's large chair factory, then it caught in Mader's large furniture factory, adjoining Closterman's, and subsequently extended to Resors foundry. The first four are a total loss. Resor's foundry is badly damaged. All the women were saved, but twenty-four men are still unaccounted for, and the horrible possibility exists that they may all be cremated in the building. Persons declare that they saw men jump from the windows and fall into the cellar through an opening in the sidewalk, where the flames quickly suffocated them. It is fair to assume that they must have been overcome by the heat of the building. Hessel Brock, a saloon keeper, is so much excited over his loss that he attempted suicide.

The Owen Sound police have just broken up a gang of youthful pirates, who worked under the command of a captain, lieutenant, and subordinate officers. They were all under twelve years of age, but the quantities of oranges, cigars, and other articles stolen by them were large, and the character of their organization promised greater deeds of wickedness.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

"Temper is everything," and in the pens of the Esterbrook Steel Pen Company the temper will be found all that is desired.

A private belonging to the Victoria Rifles of Montreal was instantly killed by a rifle ball at Point St. Charles ranges on Saturday.

The wreck of the steamer "Alpena," whose loss on Lake Michigan formed one of the marine horrors of last autumn, has been found.

By the death of a relative in England a considerable amount of money has been left to the family of James Goodall, of Acton, Ont. That gentleman and his wife left last week to look after it.

Mr. Joe. Davidson, of Toronto, sold recently 25,000 acres of land and several mills and dweling-houses situated at Thunder Bay to Mr. W. H. Carpenter, of Kincardine, for $100,000.

For a city the size of Winnipeg, property seems to be excessively dear. A lot having a frontage of 160 feet on Main Street, with a depth of 264 and some buildings valued at $10,000, has been sold for $110,000.

Alex. Mackie, *alias* A. S. Tooke, was sentenced at Brantford, on Monday, to three months in the Central Prison for selling to Collegiate Institute students bogus examination papers, questions and answers.

The shingle mill belonging to Thomas Lawson, situate below the Credit Valley Railway station, Orangeville, was completely destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning about three o'clock. The building was insured. The origin of the fire is not known.

An analysis of the oil taken from the McGregor Farm, near Sarnia, shows that it differs in many particulars from any yet produced in Canada. The analyst pronounces it a lubricating oil of the very first quality, almost identical with the famous lubricating oil of West Virginia.

Meaford rejoices in the possession of a centenarian in the person of Mr. F. Bourcheir, who reached the ripe age of 103 on the 20th ult. Mr. B. engaged in the British service during the war of 1811-15 with the United States, worked on a farm till over 80 years of age, and since that time has resided in Meaford.

Work on the Toronto, Grey & Bruce is proceeding rapidly. The heavy cutting at the Humber is fast approaching completion. Iron is being distributed along the line from Orangeville west. The ties for the broad guage track have been nearly all laid, and the change of gauge may now be looked for at no distant date.

The difficulty which has arisen between the Agricultural and Arts Association and the cattle breeders, concerning the Herd Book, of which the Association had been up to the present the publisher, will form the subject of discussion at a joint meeting of the executive committee of the Association and a special committee of breeders.

The knitting factory at Caledonia, was totally destroyed by fire last Wednesday, night about eleven o'clock. The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp in the carding room. The factory was a large three-story brick building, and the contents were said to be insured for $22,000 in what company is not known. The loss was about $15,000 to $20,000.

Last Friday night the residence of Mr. Richard Notter, grocer, Owen Sound, was entered by burglars, and a sum of money amounting to about $165 was stolen. The burglars entered Mr. Notter's bedroom and took the money from his pants pocket, and retired without alarming any person in the house. A number of similar robberies have been committed lately, and the police are on the alert for the miscreants.

Last February Mr. A. Kieth, teacher in West Northumberland, was fined by a bench of magistrates for whipping a pupil. The ground upon which their decision was based was that the boy was not a pupil, he having been kept out of school on the day in question, only came in to get his lessons for the next day's school. While doing so he committed the offence for which he was punished. At the County Court in Coburg last week the magistrates judgement was quashed without costs.

On the line of the Canada Pacific Railway between Winnipeg and Rat Portage there is an enormous quantity of wood awaiting transportation. Between Monmouth and Rennie, some forty miles, the track is literally fenced in on either side with continous piles of wood, the quantities being estimated by the *Free Press* as follows:—Half a million ties for the Canada Pacific Railway 60,000 to 70,000 cords of wood, about 40,000 of which are for the Canada Pacific Railway; 16,000 fence rails, 600 car loads fence posts, 150 car loads telegraph poles, and 100 car loads piles, besides a large quantity of large poplar which is to be used for the Winnipeg Gas Company's mains.

The *Banner* believes that Listowel has a greater number of religious denominations in proportion to its size than any other town in the Dominion. The Presbyterian body, standing highest on the list, numbers 542; followed closely by the Canada Methodist with 540. Next in number is the Church of England, with 368; Congregationalists, 207; Lutherans, 197; Episcopal Methodists, 128; Primitive Methodists, 112; Roman Catholic, 44; German Methodists, 38; "Brethren," 37; Baptists, 33; Christadelphians, 17; Children of Zion, 9; Adventists, 8; New Jerusalemites, 7; Campbellites, 5; Tunkers, 5; Menies, 2; Disciples, 2; Universalists, 2; and a number of others that have as yet no classification.

BOY KILLED IN GALT.—A little boy, aged thirteen months, the youngest child of J. G. Mackintosh, night watchman, was accidentally killed on Sunday night by falling off a bridge into a creek that runs past their dwelling. Death is supposed to have been caused by the child's head striking against a stone at the bottom.

Grand Volunteer Review Windsor, England.

The great Volunteer Review at Windsor Park, on Saturday, came off successfully. There were more men under arms, 58,000 all told, than ever mustered at one time on British soil since King Edward marched to the invasion of Scotland. In June, 1866, when the Queen and Prince Consort reviewed the Volunteers in Hyde Park, there were only 23,000 on the ground; at the review in 1864 22,000; and at the Windsor review in 1866, 28,000. The Volunteers on Saturday were drawn from 1[illegible] regiments. England was represented by 29 counties, Wales by two—Glamorgan and Pembroke. There were no volunteers from north of the Tweed, but Scotland was represented by Lord Elcho's old corps of the London Scottish, under Colonel Lumsden and Ireland by the London Irish, under Colonel Ward. The War Office maintained its prestige for blundering, the space set apart for field exercises being altogether too small for handling so large a body of men. The transport service, too, broke down as usual, and 10,000 men went had neither bit nor sup during the day swore like the French in Flanders.

The Queen, escorted by a squadron of the Royal Horse Guards, blue, drove on to the ground at 5 p. m. Her Majesty was accompanied by Prince Leopold and Princess Beatrice, and attended by a large staff including Sir Garnet Wolsley and Sir Frederick Roberts. In the next carriage came the Princess Louis, attended by Lady Sophia MacNamara and Captain Collins. The same the other members of the Royal family. As the outriders to the Queen's carriage, which was drawn by four greys were seen trotting up from the Castle to the great park, the Royal Standard was run up on the flag-staff at the saluting point, the bands, forty-five in number, played the National Anthem, and the volunteers drawn up in long lines presented arms, while the artillery battery fired a salute, heard distinctly at Primrose Hill.

The Duke of Cambridge, who had general charge of the day's work, occupied a position next to the Queen at the saluting point, and with Her Majesty was Prince Christian in the antique garb of the Ranger of Windsor Park, and an array of army officers in all the pomp and circumstance of the Horse Guards. Behind them and along the main pavilion clustered the largest and most brilliant gathering of lords and ladies ever assembled in England since the old jousting days.

The Canadian riflemen now practising at Wimbledon were on the ground not far from the royal flagstaff, their shakoes decorated with maple leaves. Colonel Gibson, their commander who won the Prince of Wales' prize at Wimbledon two years ago, was cordially received.

The sun shone out brilliantly as the infantry regiments, headed by the Prince of Wales' corps, began to file past, the officers saluting Her Majesty as they passed, and the bands playing "God Save the Queen." When the last man had passed the saluting points the regiments formed into two vast semi-circular lines, and the Queen and Royal Family drove through them, the troops presenting arms, the bands playing, and the artillery firing a salute. At the close the Queen drove off the grounds, and the Duke of Cambridge on her behalf thanked the commanders. The general appearance of the men was satisfactory, especially the regiments from the northern counties. One man was reported to have died from fatigue.

BEAR HUNT AT ELSINORE—On Dominion Day the people of Elsinore were informed of the presence of a large bear in the neighborhood, and they immediately organized a party to go in pursuit of him. His rendezvous was located in a swamp near by, and this the hunters completely surrounded. In a short time they discoverd his bearship, whom they succeeded in dispatching. They then took the carcass into the village, and, after having improvised a streacher carried it in triumph upon their shoulders up and down the highway followed by a large procession to the lively strains of a fife and drum band. They then skinned the animal on the platform of Duncan Campbell's hotel, and, we understand, buried the carcass. The hide it is said, weighed upwards of 40 pounds, and was a splendid specimen.—*Echo.*

HURON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.—This Association assembled at Owen Sound on Tuesday. The proceedings consisted of a discussion of Sabbath School matters, and a public meeting on the same subject was held in the evening addressed by Rev. Dr Davidson and others. On Wednesday after sermon by the Rev. Mr. Danlop, of Durham, general business was proceeded with, and in the evening a missionary meeting was held. Rev. J. P. McEwen, pastor of the church, Owen Sound, occupied the chair, and interesting addresses on behalf of the Home Mission were delivered by the Rev. Mr. Ross, of Port Elgin, D. Sinclair, M.P.P., Rev. Mr. Dyke, of Toronto, and the Rev. Dr. Davidson.

There is much speculation at present with regard to the effect of bullet wounds, in connection with the shooting of President Garfield. Here is one case of point:—The late Judge Sullivan, of Montreal, was shot at by a man with whom a dispute arose, the bullet lodged in close proximity to the spine. He lived for 30 years after, and though he was occasionally the subject of pain, arising from the presence of the foreign substance, died at last at a ripe old age. A *post mortem* disclosed the fact that the process of nature had so isolated the bullet from the immediate contact with the tissues, and the continued muscular action had had the effect of flattenning out the bullet to about the size of a shilling.

Lefroy, who is supposed to have murdered the London merchant Gold in the railway train at Brighton, has been arrested.

The road from Bhamo, in Burmah, to China, which has been closed for twenty years, is once more open for trade.