

Editorial Note & Comment

Strikers on an Irish Railway have been guilty of the devilish practice of tearing up the rails in front of a viaduct 70 feet high. An express train was just stopped in time.

Signs point to a union, diplomatically, of China and Japan. If Japan can keep China entire, which she wishes, and can infuse into her millions something of her own spirit, the yellow peoples may yet cause trouble in the white camps of Europe.

The storm-centre in war this week has shifted to South Africa, where Oom Paul Kruger is preparing mischief. British troops are being concentrated in readiness for any emergency. Britain has received so many checks in South Africa, and the darling of Oom Paul and his following is so marked, that considerable anxiety is reasonable.

Lord Salisbury, owing to failing health, induced no doubt by his labors and anxieties, has been compelled to "lie off," and the conduct of Foreign affairs placed in the hands of his nephew Mr. Balfour. The latter is a capable man, but all the same anxiety is felt that the great leader has had to lay down the reins.

Russia was settling down on Corea for some time back: last week she withdrew, and now it is disclosed that her withdrawal is the result of quiet but firm action on the part of Japan, and the London Times thinks that Britain might take this example as an object lesson. There will be no war in the east just yet, Russia isn't ready, and her astute rulers will bide their time.

The Grand Old Man is evidently nearing his end. At his own wish he has been moved to his home in Hawarden. Here no doubt he would like to die. His neuralgic trouble is not improving, and now it is reported his physical powers are becoming greatly enfeebled. All must wish that the passing off of this great statesman may be as peaceful as his career has been brilliant. His mind is still wonderfully acute, only a few days ago he expressed his interest in Irish affairs to a convention of Irish leaders.

The rage for commemorations has found a worthy object in a proposed millenary celebration of Alfred the Great. He died in the year 901, at Winchester. Prominent men, including the U. S. Ambassador Hay are on a committee to carry out the idea, and President McKinley has expressed great "individual interest" in the proposal. There scarce has been a King or Queen of any age or state.

Who left a name with less of shame Than Alfred, called "The Great."

STANDING OF THE PARTIES.

The election in Russell last Friday, resulted in the return of the Liberal candidate by 814. This clears the air. The government has now 50 of the 94 members, the opposition 44 (giving them the patron) so that after the speaker is elected, there will still be a majority of 5. That is unless the numerous protests being prepared should turn the scale.

The two defeated ministers will both enter the courts, and will likely hold their seats until this is settled. There is precedent for this course, and it is likely the protests in their case will be expedited that the spectacle of ministers holding office yet representing nobody may be withdrawn.

Appearances all indicate therefore that a Liberal government will be in power for another term, and even Tory campaigners, in spite of the pessimistic cries of the campaign must feel that in their hands, purity and progress will still be the watchword.

ST. PATRICK.

The Patron Saint of Ireland is more than holding his own with St. George and St. Andrew. The 17th of March is annually assuming a celebratory character which bids fair to eclipse the days set apart for the other two worthy saints. In the cities and towns of our own land, the tasty sprig of shamrock is becoming more and more seen, and the English Chief Justice, Lord Killowen wore such a sprig on his official robes last week.

This growing testimony to "character" visible in modern days, even after the lapse of 1000 years and over is a healthy indication and seems at variance with the popular belief that modern morals and tastes are being vitiated. Of late Queen Victoria, of early British times, and at present King Alfred of Saxony times are examples of this same spirit.

In the case of St. Patrick the homage is the more wonderful seeing so little is really known of him, and lecturers on St. Patrick have to go far afield for biographical material to make a lecture of.

Rev. Mr. Wright, an Anglican clergyman, and an old college friend of Inspector Campbell's gave a lecture in the Town Hall last Thursday evening, which though well delivered and interspersed with abundance of racy anecdotes and Irishisms was yet marked by the prevailing vagueness relating to the great Scotch-Irishman.

The lecture indeed had for its main object the proving that St. Patrick, by what is known of his teaching was more of an Anglican than a Roman Catholic, notwithstanding it is by the latter Church that he is principally held in reverence. We believe that arguments could be adduced to show that Patrick, Knox, Wesley or any good baptist could have fraternized with this week.

much brotherhood as with any member of the two first named churches. Just as all men feel like Greeks when reading the battle of Marathon, so all Christians rejoice at the work done by Patrick, and would welcome more of the same kind in many parts of the world to-day.

Patrick was born near the end of the fourth century, just before the Romans left Britain. Dumbarton, Scotland is credited with being his birthplace, his father was a leacon and his grandfather a minister. He went to Ireland when quite young, was made a slave, and for many years lost sight of, but reappears as the appointee of a Bishop of Gaul and entered on his work. A "confession" has come down to us regarded as a genuine work of his, and the Book of Armagh, carefully preserved, contains this and some other scraps of his devotion. He certainly revolutionized the island from heathen worship his method being preaching and the distribution of "alphabets" doubtless some pious reflections which the well known intelligence of the Irish race would make available.

These are the chief things known of the life of St. Patrick. How the snakes and roads story originated, why the 17th of March was picked upon we don't know.

THE SAN JOSE SCALE.

This is one of the most destructive insects that has ever been found in Ontario. Fruit growers and entomologists have been much concerned during the past few years as to whether it would reach this Province, and whether, if it should come, it would be able to survive the winter season. It has come and it has survived, and in 1897 it was definitely located in several orchards in the Niagara district, and also in the southwestern district of Ontario. In three or four cases the trees infested are numbered by hundreds. The danger has come upon us with great suddenness. It has escaped observation until it has appeared in such extent as to cause alarm. The Ontario Department of Agriculture has had extensive investigation as to the distribution of the insect, and the Minister submitted a Bill at the recent session of the Legislature, which passed and is now in force. This Act appears elsewhere in this bulletin. The hearty cooperation of all fruitgrowers is asked in the enforcement of this Act. Legislation as to this scale has been passed in most of the eastern and northern States.

When and Whence it Came. The general consensus of opinion after much investigation is, that it came originally from California, where it was noticed as a pest in the San Jose Valley as far back as 1873. In August of 1893 the San Jose Scale was first observed on the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains. It was located in an orchard of Charlottesville, Virginia, and since then that season has extended the list of infested districts.

Why the Insect Causes Alarm.

1. It possesses marvellous powers of reproduction. A single female that has wintered over may be the progenitor of millions in a single season; some have computed that her progeny may reach the incredible number of 3,000,000,000. There may be four generations in a season, the adult females of each giving birth to living young for five or six weeks, the progeny of these bearing young when about thirty days old. Each female brings into existence 100 to 500 insects during her lifetime. Thus it will be seen that a great confusion of generations will soon exist, as there may be upon a plant at one time the young of several generations.

2. Infested young trees perish in two or three years.

3. The range of food plants is extensive, and all parts of the plant may be attacked—leaf, stem, twig and fruit. The scale has been found upon the peach, pear, plum, apple, cherry, apricot, quince, currant, gooseberry, raspberry, rose, hawthorn and even elm.

4. The insect and scale are exceedingly minute. The scale is often much the same color as the bark of the infested trees. Most are less than one sixteenth of an inch in diameter, and are thus almost invisible to the naked eye.

5. It is readily introduced by nursery stock and fruit from infested trees.

MURDOCH.

Mrs. Mary Baird after spending a week with her many friends, returned to Toronto on Tuesday last.

Mrs. Baird, Sr. left Tuesday morning to spend a few months with her son John in New York.

Last Monday Mr. T. Sirr bid farewell to his many Egremont friends and returned to Dakota.

Mr. D. Gordon intends purchasing a ticket for the North West on Tuesday next. Success Dave.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Long spent Sunday with the parents of the latter.

Mr. Alex. Bradley intends to rush in a good crop this spring. He has engaged Willie Daniels to assist him with his work and has also purchased another horse.

A number of the farmers have again commenced their spring ploughing. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Allan entertained a number of guests at their home on Monday evening last. Everyone went home well satisfied with their evening's amusement, hoping to be invited again in the near future.

Mr. James Baird has leased the front fifty acres of his old farm from Mr. Jas. McMeekin and intends moving there this week.

FRIENDS PREVAILED

A Nervous Toronto Woman Walked the Floor During the Night for Hours at a Time—She Makes a Statement.

TORONTO, ONT.—"I was troubled with nervousness. It was impossible for me to keep still and if the spells came over me during the night I had to get up and walk the floor for hours at a time. My blood was very poor and I was subject to bilious attacks. My feet would swell and I was not able to do my own household work. I treated with two of the best physicians here but only received relief for a time. I became discouraged. One day a friend called and advised me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. I laughed at the advice but I was prevailed upon and procured one bottle. Before I used it all I began to feel better. I took several bottles and also several boxes of Hood's Pills. Now I can eat and drink heartily and sleep soundly. Hood's Sarsaparilla has entirely cured me and also strengthened me so that I now do all my own work. I cheerfully recommend Hood's Sarsaparilla to all sufferers from nervousness, weakness or general debility." Mrs. H. F. FARM, Degross Street.

Hood's Pills cure Liver Pills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25 cents.

CRAWFORD.

Spring has opened up unusually early this season and a number of ploughs are in operation in our neighborhood, but wood-bees, quilling, and a gay time at night have been the order of the day lately.

Messrs. Alex. McDonald and Thos. Boyle were delegates at the Owen Sound Presbyterian Convention on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. Wm. McIntosh is fast becoming one of the leading farmers of this northern district. Lately he has purchased the farm of Mr. Geo. Sherman for a good figure, and also leased the one across the road, thus making in all 300 acres. Mr. McIntosh will undoubtedly devote a good deal of his attention to stock raising Success Wm.

Mr. Alex. and Miss Flora McDonald paid Artemesia friends a visit last week.

Mr. Alex. McDonald the noted Bentinck squireman has returned home looking strong and hearty after 5 months hard work at square timbering in Caledon County. We are glad to have Alex. among us at Crawford again.

Last week Boyd Bros. and Alex. McDonald did some good timothy thrashing for James Smith, Con. 9. Any one wishing good clean timothy seed should apply to Mr. Smith.

As Mr. Donald McDonald drove home from church a week ago Sunday, he let the lines loose after nighting the horses, becoming frightened starting at a lively pace around the barn, down the lane and back to church, but were captured by John White. No serious damages were made excepting the carriage being badly broken and Miss Kate was thrown out against a fence hurting her back.

Next Sabbath Rev. Jas. Anderson will conduct a "Children's Sermon" in the Presbyterian Church.

What we would like to know. What attractions A. has in the east.

DOBNOCH.

PRESENTATION AND ADDRESS. One of those enjoyable events occurred at the home of Mr. George Ledingham, the highly respected Superintendent of the Latona Presbyterian S. S. on Friday evening March 11th. In spite of the rain, and almost impassible state of the roads, members of the Bible Class and S. S. to the number of about seventy arrived at the hospitable home on the hill, and found Mr. Ledingham apparently preparing for an early snooze on the wet night. He was taken entirely by surprise, not having heard a word of the fair. After welcoming the friends of his Sabbath School in his genial manner, he tried to make everyone present feel at home when order was restored and the well filled baskets of the Ladies were set away, the pastor Rev. J. Little was called to the chair. In a few happy remarks he said Mr. Ledingham had often a-keel his scholars individually to visit him, but we were here tonight without being asked by him and so we had got possession of the house and were going to have a short program, which he knew would be enjoyed by all when he called upon D. A. Smith for the opening speech when he read the following address.

R. B. Ledingham, Mrs. Little and Mrs. Dr. Smith, three of the teachers, made the presentation. Mr. Ledingham was presented with a beautiful Bible, a pair of gold glasses and a magnificent easy chair, and Mrs. Ledingham a handsome rocker of polished walnut. Mr. Ledingham made a suitable reply in a few well chosen words on behalf of himself and Mrs. L.

Mr. LEDINGHAM Our Worthy Superintendent.

It is with great pleasure that we, the teachers and scholars and adherents of the bible class and Sunday School of Dobnoch meet this evening to express even in a humble way our sincere regard for you, who has for nearly a quarter of a century so devotedly taken the oversight and responsibility of successfully conducting the Sabbath School in our church; you have ever been faithful and prompt in the discharge of the duties devolving upon you. By your kindly word and expression you have often brought joy to many a sad and despondent heart. As a slight expression of our esteem in which you are held by us, we beg of you to accept this Bible, glasses and chair as a token of our good will towards you, nor would we omit the name of Mrs. Ledingham, who has done her part so well, who has so often denied herself on behalf of others, and in recognition of her faithful co-operation we ask her to receive this chair with our best wishes on her behalf, and with these small gifts we express a fervent desire that as you have lots been long spared to do good work in the past, you may yet be long spared to take part in the work of the master so dear to your heart, and that when you have fulfilled His wise part here, you may find abundant

Upwards of 1000 varieties of farm crops have been tested in the experimental department of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, within the last 12 years, and 600 of them have been grown for at least five years in succession. Nearly all the Canadian sorts and several hundred new varieties imported by the Experimental department from different parts of Europe Asia, Africa, Australia and the United States have been included in these carefully conducted experiments. Of the new varieties some have done exceptionally well and have already been distributed over Ontario through the medium of the Experimental Union with very gratifying results. The Siberian Oats, Mandshuri Barley, Keri

O. A. C. EXPERIMENTAL UNION.

Co-operative experiments in Agriculture.

1. Testing nitrate of soda, superphosphate, muriate of potash, mixture, and no manure with Corn.

2. Testing nitrate of soda, superphosphate, muriate of potash, mixture, and no manure with Mangels.

3. Growing three Leguminous crops for Green Fodder.

4. Growing three mixtures of grain for Green Fodder.

5. Testing four varieties of Millet.

6. Testing four varieties of Grasses.

7. Testing four varieties of Clovers.

8. Testing three varieties of Buckwheat.

9. Testing three varieties of Spring Wheat and one variety of Spring Rye.

10. Testing four varieties of Barley.

11. Testing five varieties of Oats.

12. Testing three varieties of Peas.

13. Testing five varieties of Carrots.

14. Testing four varieties of Mangels and one variety of Sugar Beets.

15. Testing two varieties of Swedish and two varieties of Fall Turnips.

16. Testing six varieties of Corn.

Material for either No. 1 or No. 2 experiment will be sent by express, and for each of the others by mail. The supply of material being limited, those who apply first will be sure of obtaining the desired outfit. It might be well for each applicant to make a second choice for fear the first could not be granted.

Particular varieties need not be mentioned as all the kinds to be distributed are those which have done exceptionally well upon the trial plots in the Experimental Department.

C. A. ZAVITZ, Director.

A. C., March 21st, 1898. Guelph.

OUR GROCERY LIST. Because we always boom our dry-goods dont imagine we neglect our Grocery department, we sell lots of groceries too. At the prices we offer them they can't help but go and our friends who stay with us are saving their money by dealing here. 3 lb. Tin Box Cream Sodas \$ 25. 4 Packages Corn Starch 25. 6 Bars Ivory Bar Soap 25. 5 lb Bar Primrose Soap 20. 15 Bars Electric Soap 25. 1 lb Tin Baking Powder 15. Tomato Sardines, 15c a can or 2 for 25. 1 lb Tin Mustard Sardines, 15c a can or 2 for 25. Good Mixed Pickles, 10c bottle or 3 for 25. 3 lbs Baking Soda for 25. 3 oz. Bottle Sewing Machine Oil 10. Good Japan Tea, 15c a pound, or 7 lbs for 1 00. Fine Japan Tea, extra choice, per pound, 25. Fine Black Tea, per pound 25.

NEW GOODS. New Silks, New Millinery, New Shirt Waists. Ramsay & Morlock. CASH AND ONE PRICE. LOWER TOWN DURHAM. JACKSONS. David Jackson, Jr., Clerk Div. Land Valuators, Insurance Agents, Commissioners. Money to lend. Money invested for Parties. Farms bought and sold. CONVEYANCERS. A general financial business transacted. Office next door to Standard Bank Durham. Durham Market. Flour per bil \$ 3 50 to \$4 80. Oatmeal per sack 1 80 to 1 80. Bran per cwt 60 to 60. Shorts per cwt 75 to 80. Fall Wheat per bushel 0 85 to 0 85. Barley, 0 30 to 0 32. Peas, 0 55 to 0 57. Oats, 0 29 to 0 29. Dried Hogs, per cwt 5 75 to 6 25. Hogs, live weight 5 00 to 5 50. Lard per lb 10 to 10. Tallow per lb 08 to 04. Butter per lb, Tub 0 13 to 0 15. Eggs, per doz 13 to 14. Chickens, per pair 10 to 10. Potatoes, per bag 0 20 to 0 20. Darks, 40 to 50. Turkeys, per lb 07 to 08. Grease, per lb 05 to 0 05. Hides, per cwt 08 to 08. Calfskins 60 to 80. Sheepskins 5 00 to 8 00. Hay, per ton 0 00 to 0 00. Straw, 50 to 1 00. Apples, per bag 1 70 to 2 00. Wood, 4 feet 1 00 to 1 00. Wood, 22 inches 1 00 to 1 00.

Toronto Live Stock Markets. There was little or no movement in shipping cattle, and quotations are nominally from 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 per lb. What good butcher cattle were here sold fairly well, at from \$3.40 to \$3.80 per 100 lbs.; secondary and inferior cattle ranged from \$3.20 to \$2.80 per 100 lbs. Probably a few deals were effected at something below \$2.80, but if so dealers were very quiet about it. Bulls, feeders, and stockers are unchanged in prices; there is a steady demand for stockers. Milkers are not very active. at from \$20 to \$35 each. Calves are wanted, at from \$4 to \$7 and \$8 each, but poorer grades are not much inquired for. Sheep for shipping sell at from 3 to 3 1/2 per lb.; ewes, 3 1/2, and bucks, 3c. All the lambs here sold at from 5 to 5 1/2 per lb. There were 1,050 hogs received, and for the best \$4.90 per 100 lbs. was paid; light hogs fetch \$4.60, and heavy hogs \$4.50, per 100 lbs.; sows are worth \$3 and stags \$2. The quotations here given will probably prevail for a day or two, but it is no use disguising the fact that prices for hogs are weakening, and that there is a decidedly downward tendency. Stores will not sell at any figure.

Clocks. When you are wanting a Clock be sure and call at the Lower Town Jeweller's before buying. 8 Day Clocks with Gong in Cabinet, Mantle, Hall and School. 1 dozen Cabinet with Bell Strike, also in small Gilt Clocks for Bedrooms. Why not get an alarm clock, we have the best, the most convenient clock to have in the home. Also the Mustgetup. Repairing promptly done. W. MCFARLANE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned is moving the same from R. T. of Glenelg, O. dealt with as the law Montpelier, Idaho U.

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