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OWING to the removal of our printing material this week into the large new hall over the post-office, we have been compelled to delay the publication of this issue a few hours. We hope in future to have it delivered and mailed punctually every Friday morning.

MR. ALBERT PRINCE, late M.P.P. for Essex, was drowned in the river in front of his residence at Windsor, while bathing, on Thursday morning.

THE Guelph General Hospital is nearly ready for the accommodation of patients.

THE Toronto *Daily Leader* was enlarged a few days ago, and is now printed in an eight page form. The *Leader* is evidently waking up.

THE American rifle team and their friends have been entertained at Clandeboye, the Irish residence of Lord Dufferin.

BRENNAN'S salary is to be increased from twenty thousand to one hundred thousand dollars a year. Thus do we see how virtue is its own reward!

DURING the present dull times the inhabitants of Milton find plenty of profitable amusement in killing potato bugs. So the *Champion* says.

THE extension of the Guelph Market House is rapidly advancing.

John Rankin & Co., of London, England, have failed.—Liabilities, £1,250,000.

Relief for the French sufferers by the late inundation is pouring in. The loss in Toulouse and Agentieur alone is $24,000,000.

Edmund Jones & Co., East India merchants, have failed. Liabilities estimated at $750,000.

926 Mennonites sailed from Liverpool for Canada on Friday last.

Great floods accompanied by loss of life and property have occurred in the Tyrol, as well as in Bohemia, Goraves, and Corinthia.

The damage by the floods is estimated at from £12,000,000 to £15,000,000. The deaths are estimated at 2,000. The *Times* Paris correspondent appeal to Britain for relief.

China has refused to allow further emigration of coolies to Cuba and there is difficulty in consequence between Spain and herself.

Mr. A. B. Foster has raised the means necessary to proceed with his section of the Canada Pacific Railroad.

It is estimated that the loss of pine timber by the late fires in Michigan will amount to 100,000,000 feet.

A whole village has been destroyed by a tornado in Jefferson county, Nebraska.

The Mexican raid troublesome assuming a very serious complexion. All business is suspended in Matamoras, and a conflict between the Mexican soldiers and citizens is imminent.

The American rifle team has won the grand international match by a score of 967 points to 929 points. The excitement ran very high. A large number of distinguished persons were present, including the Lord Mayor of London, the Lord Mayor of Dublin, and the Mayor of York.

The list of minor 4th of July accidents in New York and vicinity fills a column with four line paragraphs, and despatches from all parts of the United States tell of burnings and explosions, through the careless use of fire-crackers. Why cannot some less barbarous mode of celebrating national holidays be introduced? Gunpowder has had its day.

THE BEECHER TRIAL.—The New York papers of Saturday are filled with accounts of the last scenes of the Beecher trial. Every one connected with the trial, from the Judge down to the door-keeper of the Court, seem to have been interviewed, and everything they said carefully noted down and printed. Mr. Beecher at his Friday night meeting gave an address, in which he showed how the church had been tried, and had been purified and strengthened by what had been undergone. He expressed his gratitude for his people's confidence in him, and said that he had been greatly strengthened by this and the support of his family. He urged charity and forgiveness to all who had assailed the church or himself, and predicted a nobler, wider, higher future for Plymouth Church. The people, through Mr. Shearman, pledged anew the fidelity of the church to their pastor.

The Beecher Muddle.

The jury in this case have disagreed by nine to three, and have been discharged. Any sensible man who has followed the case through its tortuous length, cannot be surprised at this result. It appears that the great stumbling block in the way has been to balance and decide on the preponderating credibility of the evidence, which in many cases was given by the various witnesses in direct contradiction of each other. In this view of the case the jury deserves credit for succumbing to what appeared, both to themselves and the world at large, as a huge impossibility. We do not see that ultimately much will be lost. Long since the intelligent public have formed their opinion of the case, and in that opinion men are so divided that the verdicts of all the juries in America would but very slightly alter it. As the matter stands it is an inextricable labyrinth of confusion, which even the traditional Philadelphia lawyer and a jury of his own calibre would be puzzled to show daylight through. It now belongs to the past, and no doubt will soon come to be pushed to one side by the next excitement that turns up. It has taught a lesson to clergymen, however, which we hope they will profit by.

POLITICAL ITEMS.

The East Northumberland election trial is postponed until September.

THE QUEBEC ELECTIONS.—The returns of the Quebec local elections held on Wednesday, are as yet very incomplete. The *Globe* says that the result, as far as ascertained, is that eighteen Opposition and seventeen Ministerialists have been elected.

Capt Neelon, Grit M.P.P. for Lincoln, has withdrawn the counter petition against Mr. Rykert, and offered to confess bribery by agents and step down and out, but as there is direct proof of personal bribery against the Captain the petitioner will go on with the personal charges.

Mr. Monteith, Conservative, was on Wednesday elected to represent North Perth in the Dominion Parliament by a majority of ten over his Grit opponent, Mr. Fisher.

Mr. McNab, Grit, has been elected in Glengarry, by a majority of 286, to fill the seat in the House of Commons, vacated by the appointment of the Hon. D. A. Macdonald to the position of Lieut.-Governor.

News Items.

California complains of too much immigration.

On Wednesday last strawberries became a drug on the Belleville market, and sold for nine cents a quart. Cheap luxury.

"Candy scouts" are fashionable in Oshawa. Admission generally fifteen cents.

The Kingston *British Whig* thinks it inhuman conduct to poison dogs with strychnine.

St Thomas is putting up gas works which are to be in operation next September.

The Fergus people have had several burglaries to complain of lately, and wonder who the depredators can be.

"Genuine Paris Green" is extensively advertized just now, all on account of that wretched insect, the potato bug.

—If you want your paint to stand the weather and hold the color, get the best quality of paints and oils at Secord Bros. Acton.

The Brampton *Conservator* publishes a "Grangers' Directory." The Order appears to be rapidly extending in this Province.

During the display of fireworks in Goderich on Thursday evening, a rocket struck Mr. Charles McMullen on the breast, inflicting a serious wound on the chest.

—It is a fact, everywhere admitted, that Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, &c., are sold cheaper in Acton than in any other part of the province, but to get goods at rock-bottom prices you must call on Christie, Henderson & Co. Their 50 cents Tea is ahead of anything in the market.

In Oshawa there is open war between the tavern-keepers and the authorities. The former offer to close on Saturday nights at ten o'clock, but the temperance men are determined to enforce closing at seven, as the law says. The tavern-keepers talk of closing their sheds and stables against the public.

The courts have recently decided that a wife cannot draw money from the bank, deposited in her husband's name, without his consent, and hold that banks are liable to husbands if they pay money to wives under such circumstances.—*Belleville Intelligencer.*

STARVED TO DEATH.—About a week ago an old resident of Erin quietly disappeared, and is supposed to have died of starvation. His name was "Hard Times." The recent rains, combined with Christie, Henderson & Co.'s cheap cash sale of Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, &c., no doubt ruined his occupation. Have you tried their famous 50 cent tea?

The Ottawa *Citizen* has it on the authority of Attorney-General Church and Mr. Walton Smith that gold has been discovered in the County of Pontiac, about five miles from the village of Bryson. It was found on the farm of Mr. Morrell about three years ago, but the matter was kept very quiet for fear of getting up an excitement. The gold, as described by Messrs. Church and Smith, who saw it last week, is a flat nugget, that looks something like a clumsy coin. It was taken to an expert, who valued it at nine dollars, and offered this sum for it.

A man named Michael Devenny, a laborer on the Credit Valley Railway, was drowned on Monday afternoon in the mill pond at the forks of the river, Caledon.

In 1841 the population of Ireland was 8,171,124; in 1871, 5,412,377. In the last census there were 724 persons returned over 100 years of age.

A man in Nelson village bought a pocket knife in New York in 1809 for fifty cents. After using it for 66 years he has sold it in good condition to his eldest son at first cost price.

BEECHER is sixty-two years of age, and says he is old enough to be Mrs. Tilton's grandfather.

MR. GEO. HOOD, senr., has sold his splendid farm in Paisley Block, near Guelph, to Mr. Gideon Hood for $13,000. There are over 200 acres in the farm.

A correspondent of the Toronto *Mail* says that on Wednesday afternoon a Grand Trunk freight train was detained one mile west of Rockwood for half an hour by grasshoppers. They were over an inch thick on the rails, and caused the wheels to slip as if running on grease. The express, a short time afterwards, was delayed for half an hour from the same cause.

The name of the County of Halton Rifle Association has been changed to that of the "County of Halton Rifle Club," and under the new regime, volunteers and civilians will be placed on an equal footing. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Capt. Johnson, President; Capt. Kerns, Vice-President; Adjt. Keating, Secretary; Lieut. Fox, Treasurer. The annual match is to be held in Milton in September.

BASE BALL.—At the tournament in Watertown, N. Y., this week, the Guelph Maple Leafs won three games, and the second prize of $350. The first prize of $450 was won by the Live Oaks, of Massachusetts, and the third, $250, by the Flyaways, of New York.

SAD ACCIDENT.—We regret to chronicle that Mr. Thos. Rose Tinsmith, met with a fearful accident last Wednesday afternoon. He was engaged in repairing a floom at Mr. G. H. Kennedy's saw mill, when he fell a distance of some twenty feet, smashing the cap of one of his knees, and cutting his face severely. Under the skillful attendance of Drs. Standish and Freeman, he is doing as well as can be expected under the circumstances.—*Georgetown Herald.*

Now that the great Tilton-Beecher trial is ended, it may be interesting to learn the following facts regarding it. It has consumed 122 days inclusive of nine days adjournments, and three holidays. The plaintiff's case has taken 50 and the defendant's 58 days. Thirty-seven and a half days were taken in hearing testimony for the plaintiff, and forty and a half for the defendant. The plaintiff's counsel occupied twelve and a half days in the argument, and defendant's eighteen and a half. Morris occupied 2½, Tracy 4, Evarts 8½, Porter 5, Beach 10. Plaintiff's witnesses occupied 35, and defendant's 63 days. Tilton's examination 12, Moulton's 12, Beecher's 10½, Mrs. Moulton's 3, Bessie Turner's 3½, and Gen. Tracy's 2½.

Grange Pic-Nic in Caledon.

A splendid pic-nic was held on Dominion Day under the auspices of Mountain Grange No 149, near Greenlaw, in the Township of Caledon. The grounds surrounding the Castle of Alex. McLaren, Esq., were given for the occasion. The programme was extensive and varied, which seemingly gave pleasure to all present. Some enjoyed themselves by going upon the Tower of the Castle, from which there is a splendid view. From there can be seen part of fourteen Townships, the finest in Canada, and by the aid of the telescopes there could be seen at a great distances the steam from the locomotives of the Grand Trunk, Great Western, Northern, and Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railroads, together with villages, farm houses, orchards and our native forests spread over hill and dale, making a truly beautiful picture. Others enjoyed themselves on swings, playing croquet, pitching quoits, playing base ball, driving through nature's beautiful avenues and walking in couples through those grand old woods, while some of the older and more solid class enjoyed a good social crack. A large portion discussed matters pertaining to the Grange system.

There was a bountiful repast furnished by the ladies, to which about five hundred sat down. After the tables had been cleared the Chair was taken by the worthy Master, Richard Dick, when the intellectual part of the entertainment was gone into. The Grangers seemed determined to carry out their motto by doing away with middle men or paid agents to do their speaking, and went in for doing the talking themselves, thereby getting it at first cost.

—The cheap cash sale at Christie, Henderson & Co.'s still continues. The way in which goods disappear astonishes everybody. They have just received another lot of that famous 50 cent tea, worth 80 cents. Give them a call and save money.

The End of the Beecher Trial.

From the New York Herald.

But though the case fails there is in one sense a result. It may fairly be said that in an endeavor spread over 120 days the greatest lawyers of this country (and one of them, perhaps, the acutest living legal reasoner) have been unable to convince a jury of twelve commonplace men that the Plymouth pastor is innocent of the offence for which he has been on trial. Out of all the dust, the flurry, and conflict of this trial that is the one plain result. Undoubtedly it would be more agreeable in the circle of the many who so naturally admire the eloquent preacher to have the fact stated the other way; and, of course, from their point of view it is true that, despite the unequalled extended efforts of lawyers only less capable than those employed by Mr. Beecher, the plaintiff had failed to satisfy the jury that the offence charged had been committed. But we believe that to no reason in accordance with the presumptions behind the relation of accuser and accused in a case of this nature, the statement of the result as we have given is the fairer of the two. Mr. Beecher is innocent in the presumption only if the plaintiff has failed to make out his case, and if he were thus innocent in the opinion of the jury they would have pronounced him not guilty; but they were unable to give such a verdict. Had the case reached such a conclusion Mr. Beecher must have stood as he did before the trial, before the charge was made, before the world was taken into the confidence of the contestants. All that had been written and said against him on the Tilton score would have been esteemed as rejected—as not merely doubted, but pronounced false—as to the libels of slanders that always arise against the good name of distinguished men. But the moral rehabilitation could only flow from the distinct verdict, not from the failure to find a verdict. On the other hand, Mr. Beecher's case is, as the parties were placed, the answer to the charge made from the other side, and the result is in the indication that the jury esteemed that answer as sufficient to throw doubt on the charges; sufficient to discredit them; sufficient to require that they should be examined again and again before acceptance, but not sufficient to dispose of them altogether. And here again, the mind of the jury would seem to have acted in harmony with the common mind, for in the report we give elsewhere of an enormous number of opinions on this issue it will be seen that while many believe the plaintiff has fallen short in his endeavor to prove his case, the larger number of those used to the examination of evidence clearly believe that he has proved far more than can be in any way agreeable to the friends of the defendant.

New York Newspapers are feeling the effects of the hard times and reducing their prices. As subscriptions were put up to a very high rate during the war period of inflation, they can probably afford to do this without any real loss.

—A few days ago Mr. C. Blythe of Guelph Township, in company with Messrs. John Blyth and John Peters, shot a large bear within three fourths of a mile of Orchardville. The animal was in poor condition, but in good order would have weighed about three hundred pounds.

The writ for the election in Cornwall for the Ontario Legislature was received by the Sheriff on Wednesday, June 30th, and the nomination is fixed for the 10th, and the polling for the 17th inst. Mr. McIntyre, recently unseated, is again a candidate, and is opposed by Mr. Snetsinger, the late member.

ACCIDENT IN ERAMOSA.—On Monday while Mr. James Auld, of Eramosa, was driving from his farm to Eden Mills, accompanied by one of his employees, Mr. Wm. Anderson, the latter in getting out of the buggy accidentally fell, dislocating his left ankle, and breaking his leg a little above the ankle. Dr. McCulloch, of Rockwood, was soon in attendance, and set the injured limb. Mr. Anderson is, we are glad to say, doing as well as can be expected.

SUICIDE.—A man by the name of John Wilson, aged 85 years, who has had his home with Mr. Frank Birdstall, of Meadowville, for the last seventeen years, committed suicide on June 28th. He was found hanging in the barn by Mr. Birdstall about ten o'clock last night. The coroner—Dr. Douglas—held an inquest to-day, when a verdict in accordance with the circumstances was rendered.—*Georgetown Herald.*

—All kinds of millinery and straw goods at unprecedently low prices at Christie, Henderson, & Co.'s, Acton.

—If you want to build cheap, buy your hardware at Secord Bros.

The approaching sangerfest of the Germans, at Berlin, is to be a grand affair.

Paris Green, Dead Shot, and Electric Potato Bug Destroyer at Secord Bros.

—The London *Times* draws a gloomy picture of King Alfonso's chances to defeat the Carlists in Spain.

We shall be glad at all times to receive items of local news, reports of meetings, accidents, or any incident of interest either in the locality where it occurs or to the county at large. Such copy may be sent at the rate of one cent per ounce if marked Printer's Copy and not sealed. To ensure publication in any particular issue it should reach the office not later than Wednesday morning.

LOCAL MATTERS.

THE FREE PRESS office is now in the splendid large room above the post-office.

—Division Court on Monday next.

—Next meeting of Eramosa Council on 2nd of August.

—All the best grades of scythes from 75c to $1.12½ at Secord Bros.

—A hole in the sidewalk opposite the Post Office, is not a good thing to have.

—Nassagaweya Fall Show will be held on Tuesday, 6th October.

—Itself its only parallel. Christie Henderson & Co.'s famous 50 cent tea.

—The next meeting of the Nassagaweya Council will be held on the 26th inst.

—Cash customers get 8 cents in the dollar discount at the Post-office Store Acton.

—The next meeting of Walker Lodge A.F. & A.M., will be held on Monday evening next.

—Town Fathers! look to our shade trees. They are being torn up at the roots on Promenade Avenue.

—Pleasant enjoyment for the young and the fair—washing dishes in cold water after a strawberry festival.

—Horse racing was the only amusement in Milton on Dominion Day—fun for the boys, but death to the horses.

—The village assessment this year shows an increase of about $12,000 over that of last year. A gratifying rate of progress.

—Seven sheep strayed from the premises of Mr. P. S. Armstrong about ten days ago, for the recovery of which he advertises in another column.

—The First of July was celebrated here in a loyal and becoming manner—every one reading the first number of the Acton FREE PRESS.

—Our printing office is now in complete working order, centrally and conveniently situated, in a fine large room with abundance of light.

—Our Editorial Table was to-day decorated with a magnificent bouquet of choice flowers, kindly sent in by Mrs. Secord. She has our hearty thanks.

—Mothers should see that two-year-olds are not allowed on the streets on Fair days. The crowds of people are apt to tramp on them.

—We are prepared to do all kinds of printing from the finest and tastiest card and circular to the mammoth poster, in the best style of the art—prompt, correct and cheap.

—Work on the Credit Valley Railway is reviving in the neighborhood of Campbellville. There is a prospect of the cars running to that place by the end of the year.

—Some one not having the fear of the law before his eyes, committed a disreputable trick in Georgetown the other night, by stealing the large padlock sign from Mr. Whitaker's hardware store.

—The growing crops in this vicinity are now looking splendid. Hay will probably be a good average crop, while oats, peas, and spring wheat have a prospect of being much better than usual.

—The public should bear in mind the necessity of the registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths, as required by Statute. Neglect or refusal inflicts a penalty of twenty dollars and costs.

—A number of Miltonians celebrated the Fourth of July angling in the Erin rivers. Judging from appearances as they passed through Acton, on the homeward trip, one would think they had been diving for the little fishes.

Mr. Armstrong, who has recently commenced delivering milk in the village, has introduced a novelty in the shape of a tin float, which he places inside the can to keep the milk from jarring and churning while riding in the wagon. It has also the effect of making the milk keep a longer time from souring. The floats are made by Mr. Fisher, tinsmith, in this village.

—Mr. Hunt, Grand Trunk agent here, gave a social party last Monday evening, on the occasion of the seventh anniversary of his wedding day. Mrs. Hunt was surprised with the present of a handsome gold watch and chain, the gift of her husband. For the short time that Mr. Hunt has been in Acton, he has won a host of warm friends. Parties who have business with him at the station always find him attentive and obliging.

Base Ball.

A game of base ball will be played here on Saturday, the 10th, between the Union Station Base Ball Club of Toronto and the Nil Desperandum Base Ball Club of Acton. Game to be called at 2 o'clock sharp.

Episcopal Church.

The Lord Bishop of Niagara has appointed the Rev. C. Russell Lee, M. A., to the incumbency of Acton, vacant through the resignation of the Rev. C. Denroche. Divine service was resumed last Sunday in the various churches throughout the mission, and will as regularly held at the usual hours from this date.

Sons of Temperance.

The Acton Division Sons of Temperance number about 180 members. The officers for the quarter were installed on Tuesday evening, 6th inst., as follows: Charles Dean, W.P.; Joseph Dixon, W. A.; Henry Moore, R.S.; Miss Watson, A.R.S.; John Cameron, F.S.; Benjamin Nicklin, T.; R. B. Cook, Chap.; Hiram Ryder, C.; Miss McMahon, A.C.; Miss Warrey, J.S. Wm. Hall, O.S.

Strawberry Festival.

A Strawberry Festival, under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance, was held in the Drill Shed last Thursday evening. About four hundred people were present. The Hall was beautifully decorated with evergreens and streamers, and the tables were loaded with delicious strawberries, 200 baskets of which quickly disappeared from sight. The Chair was then occupied by Mr. Chas. Dean, who opened the intellectual part of the programme with a few appropriate remarks. A lively air by the Acton Brass Band came next in order; then a song by the Temperance Choir, Miss Nicklin presiding at the organ. Miss E. Cameron gave "Ida Grey," and Miss E. S. Hill "Touch not the Cup when it Sparkles," both of which were well rendered and heartily received. Rev. T. Wilkinson, of Nassagaweya, gave a short address, urging the claims of Temperance, in a fluent manner. He advised the ladies not to allow themselves to be led to the Hymenial Altar by a man who drinks intoxicating liquors. Air by the Band; song by the choir; a duet—"Father is a Drunkard and Mother is Dead"—by Misses Watson and Storey was well done; song, "Annie on the Banks o' Dee," by Miss E. Cameron, received loud applause. Rev. Mr. Calvert, of Acton gave a brief and appropriate address. A duet, "Shadows on the Wall," was excellently rendered by Miss Hill and Mr. Anderson; another duet, "The Larboard Watch," by Misses Cameron and Hill, received rounds of applause. The Chairman then sung "Take my dear Locks but give me Heart," in his inimitable style. The playing of the band afforded a good opportunity for promenading, which all appeared to enjoy. The proceeds of the entertainment amounted to $80. Everybody seemed satisfied that they had spent a pleasant and profitable evening.

—Always foremost in the army of progress and enterprise, Messrs. Secord Bros. have just imported the largest stock of groceries, teas, sugars, syrups, coffees, tobaccos, fruits, etc., etc., the product of every land and clime, ever shown in Acton.

—Buy your boots and shoes from Christie, Henderson & Co., Acton, and save 25 per cent. One pair ladies' prunellas and two pairs stockings for a $1 bill.

—You can see goods at the Post Office Store as cheap as any place in town, and 8 cts. discount on the dollar for cash (excepting sugar and salt). Cash buyers will bear in mind and make the 8 per cent.

—Immense reduction on prints, dress goods, etc., at Christie, Henderson & Co.'s. Prints for 10c worth 14c, for 12½c worth 15c. Decided bargains in all lines to reduce stock.

Acton School.

The Acton School Board met in the school house, on Monday evening, July 5th. Trustees present—Edward Moore, chairman; C. S. Smith, secretary-treasurer; Alex. Kennedy, Richard Hamilton, Eli Snider and Joseph Lasby.

Moved by Eli Snider, seconded by Alex. Kennedy: "That Miss Moore, of Brampton, be engaged as teacher for the third class department, and Miss McKellar, of Ingersoll, as teacher for the second class department of the Acton school, provided they send necessary references and certificates of character." Carried.

Moved by Richard Hamilton, seconded by Joseph Lasby: "That Eli Snider, Edward Moore, and the mover be a committee to see after the seating of the third class department."

Moved by Alex. Kennedy, seconded by Joseph Lasby: "That C. S. Smith be authorized to tender the thanks of the School Board to Messrs R. Little and John Secord, for their valuable present to the school in the shape of an eight-day clock."

Moved by Alex. Kennedy, seconded by Richard Hamilton: "That the treasurer be authorised to pay Mr. Ross, Miss Hill, and Miss Speight for the time they taught—from the first day of January to the summer vacation."

Moved and seconded that this meeting adjourn until the first Monday evening in August.

—It is a well known fact that the largest stock of Choice Teas held west of Toronto by any retail house are held by Secord Bros., Acton.

What kind of robbery is not dangerous? A *safe* robbery, of course.

The duty of the hour—to take care of the minutes, and make up the day.

It is a strange fact that when people indulge in high words they use low language.

Why cannot a Temperance man kiss a Jewess? He has sworn not to taste jew lips.

ACTON MONTHLY FAIR.

The Fair yesterday was eminently successful—taking into consideration that this is the dullest season in the year—and the Committee have every reason to feel gratified at the result of their efforts.—There were about one hundred cattle on the ground, besides several loads of sheep and pigs, and a number of horses, nearly all of which changed hands at good prices. This is the first Fair held here, and it is now a settled fact that Acton has established a Monthly Market which we believe will in every respect compare favorably with that of older and much larger places. No close observer can fail to see the very great advantage derived by both seller and buyer in thus having a convenient place for meeting together at stated periods, and turning live stock into money. Manufacturers of agricultural implements find it pays them to exhibit their wares, and farmers have thus an opportunity of seeing the various styles, and testing their merits. The ground selected for the purpose of our fairs cannot probably be excelled anywhere—being well fenced in all round, close to the business part of the village, and easy of access. We were, unfortunately, unable to get a full report of all the transactions, but we give below those that came within our knowledge: Mr. Robt. Aikins, of Nassagaweya, sold a steer and heifer for $52; John Gavethill, a cow for $30; Wm. Smyth, of Erin, cow for $29, and two steers for $32.50; Abram Stocker, a milch cow for $33; Mr. Lawson a heifer for $28; Mr Nichol, a heifer for $29; Jas. Anderson, of Erin, a cow for $38; P. S. Armstrong, a milch cow for $35; George Elliott, a cow, price not known; D. Moore, a cow $30, and two steers $50; Andrew Elliott sold a horse; Geo. Walters, two cows for $53; Mr. Leslie, a cow; Mr. John Lawson, a pair steers for $67; James Aikens, a milch cow for 23; Jos. Allan a milch cow for $31. These are but a few of the sales that were effected, as those who were present well know. We observed on the grounds a handsome pair of steers belonging to Mr. John Mackintosh, for which $175 was offered and refused; also a thorough-bred cow with calf at her feet, belonging to Mr. Thomas Easton of Nassagaweya, well worth the attention of lovers of good stock—which could be purchased for $200. Messrs. Morse & Johnson, of Lowville, had a reaping machine, which they sold on the ground. These machines have a good reputation, and farmers would do well to give them a trial. Mr. Watson, of Ayr, had a hay rake, which was purchased by Mr. Leslie, of Erin; Mr. Devereux, a Potato Bug Destroyer, invented by Mr. Eby, of Berlin, which sold for $11; Messrs. Paxton, Tate & Co., of Port Perry, a gang plow; Mr. Geo. Norris, a turnip scuffler. Mr. James Ryder, of Acton, showed two very handsome buggies of his manufacture, which were greatly admired for their superior workmanship and beautiful finish; one was sold to Mr. H. Swackhammer, of Erin, for $140.

Horse trading was carried on to a considerable extent during the day.

Our merchants were as busy as bees, and we presume large quantities of goods were sold.

The next Fair will be held on the First Thursday in August, when there will doubtless be a much larger and better fair this one, as by that time buyers will be more numerous. It would be well for farmers to bear in mind that it is greatly to their advantage to have stock in as good condition as possible, as shippers don't care to handle lean animals at any price.

—Nails $3.25 per keg at Secord Bros., Acton.

—Gents, give Christie, Henderson & Co. your order for a suit of clothes. The neatest, cheapest, and most stylish clothing establishment in the Dominion. A fit guaranteed or no sale.

—All kinds of Oils, Paints, Turpentines, Varnishes, Japans, &c., &c., at Secord Bros., Acton.

—Remember the 8 per cent discount at the Post Office Store.

—Cash customers will save money by purchasing from Christie, Henderson & Co., Acton. Remember the 50 cent tea.

—It is a fact that people who deal at Secord Bros buy their goods from 10 to 20 per cent less than those who don't. They send goods to Guelph, Goderich, Georgetown, Milton, and all other parts of the country daily. When you want a handsome China or glass tea set, look at our very large stock. Twelve different kinds and patterns of China sets in stock. White granite tea sets, 44 pieces, from $5 00. China sets from $5.00 to $20.00 per set, Secord Bros.

GOOD TEMPLARS.

Halton County Temple.

The Halton County Temple met at Munn's Corners on Thursday, July 1st, in the rooms occupied by the Sun Temple No. 247. Delegates from seven Temples presented their credentials, and took their seats. Bro. McCrae, C. W. C. T., presided with his usual tact and good judgment.

Questions relating to the prosperous working of subordinate Lodges were discussed. The question of Union took a prominent place in the programme. Various were the opinions expressed, but all agreed that the best union for temperance advocates was one of effort rather than one of agriculture.

Reports from subordinate Temples showed that there were thirteen lodges with a membership of over 700, nearly all of them working harmoniously and successfully. Thos. Flynn was present, and at the close of the session gave an account of his tour through part of the county. His object is to keep "Prohibition" before the people, and to organize new lodges. He is doing a good work.

About forty delegates and ninety members of the Order were present. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman very kindly opened their house and barn for the accommodation of the friends and their teams.

The evening meeting was held in the Methodist Church, and was a complete success. The Committee of Management had the pleasure of seeing their finances all right. M. L. Biggar, Esq., presided. Rev. Mr. Haywood, from the Eastern States, and Thos. Flynn, Esq., were the chief speakers. The Temperance Choir, assisted by Mr. E. Scott, discoursed sweet music to the pleasure of all present. The meeting closed by the National Anthem by the choir, and benediction by Rev. Mr. Haywood.—*Com.*

Grangers.

A new lodge of Grangers was organized on Thursday, 1st July, in the section known as the "Scotch Block" in Esquesing, with the following officers, for the ensuing term:—John T. Elliott, Master; Samuel McNaughton, Overseer; John Stewart, Lecturer; John Humphrey, Steward; John Turner, Asst. Steward; Wm. Moore, Chaplain; John Michie, Secretary; John Robertson, late Keeper; Mrs. Wm. Moore, Ceres; Miss Grace McNaughton, Pomona; Miss Eliza Michie, Flora; Mrs. Ephraim Moore, Lady Asst. Steward.

ANOTHER GRANGE.—On Monday of last week a number of delegates from subordinate Granges met and formed "Orangeville Division Grange," comprising the sections of Caledon East, Garafraxa, Amaranth, and Mono.

—The Grangers' Tea House—Secord Bros., Acton.

Talking of grasshoppers, the Chicago *Tribune* mentions one swarm in particular which, moving at the rate of fifteen miles an hour, occupied sixty hours in passing over a town in Missouri, and was estimated, to be from thirty to seventy-five miles wide and half a mile deep. On the other hand, we hear of tremendous rains all over the West. The grasshoppers, which come from a dry region, cannot endure wet weather, and these rains have undoubtedly killed them by the millions. Moreover, it should be remembered that the grain crop is too far advanced to be seriously injured by the insect, and hence, although they have appeared in enormous swarms, we may hope that they will not work any very great destruction.

What Our Cotemporaries Say of Us.

We have received the first number of this new Weekly, published by Mr. J. H. Hacking. It is a good sized sheet, contains a large amount of reading matter, and is very neatly got up. The FREE PRESS promises to be a very interesting and serviceable newspaper to that section of the country. We wish it all success.—*Guelph Mercury.*

We have received the first number of the ACTON FREE PRESS which is got up in all respects. It starts on the independent ticket, which, no doubt experience points out to its editor as the safest and best course. We wish our cotemporary every success.—*Toronto, Daily Advertiser.*

The FREE PRESS is the title of a handsome sheet—independent in politics—printed in Acton, by Mr. J. H. Hacking, who has had sufficient experience in newspaperdom to know how to run a good paper. The denizens of that district, if they know how to appreciate a good thing when they see it—and all Canadians do that—should see to it that the FREE PRESS does not lack support.—*Toronto Daily Sun.*

The first number of the Acton FREE PRESS, published by Mr. J. H. Hacking, came out on July 1st. It is a neat and spicey sheet, and independent in politics, and we hope it will meet with the success which it deserves.—*Milton Champion.*

We have received the initial number of the Acton FREE PRESS, a neatly printed little sheet, independent in politics and devoted to the interests of Acton. Mr. J. H. Hacking is the editor and proprietor, and his experience in publishing the Listowel *Banner* and Guelph *Advertiser* assures us that in this venture he will be successful.—*Goderich Signal.*

We have received the first number of the Acton FREE PRESS. It is well got up." It professes to be Independent in politics.—*Oakville Express.*