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Our Subscribers, who have taken the FREE PRESS since the 1st of July, and have not yet paid, are respectfully reminded that the limited time for receiving payment at the rate of One Dollar, will expire NEXT WEEK.

COUNTY POOR HOUSE.

At the June meetings of the County Councils of Halton and Peel, delegates were appointed to visit certain Houses of Refuge with the view of gathering information concerning their working, to enable them to form an intelligent opinion of their advantages, and to report thereon to the respective Councils.

It will be observed in the proceedings of the Halton County Council last week, published in another column, that Mr. Barber presented the report of the Commissioners. We learn that the report was favorable to the establishment of a House of Refuge, and that the question was discussed at some length, the feeling being almost unanimous in favor of establishing such a house, either independently or in conjunction with the County of Peel.

The question of the desirability or necessity of a House of Refuge in this County will admit of a doubt, and bear thoughtful consideration. The experience, however, of other counties where such places have been in existence a number of years, is entitled to great weight, and we believe in no county has their establishment been regretted, but regarded as a prudent and economical way of providing succor to their poor and destitute.

The paragraph copied into the FREE PRESS two weeks ago, and which has been going the rounds of the newspapers, about a confidence operator giving his name as Edward Kappah, and representing himself to be a son of Rev. S. Kappah, of Preston, has been doing a great injustice to the Reverend gentleman. He has written to the Guardian to say that the individual described is not his son, and that he knows nothing of him.

See the third page of the FREE PRESS for local matters and other interesting reading.

ACTON.
We have pleasure in copying the following handsome notice of our town, from last week's issue of the Milton Champion:

"Acton.—This is a little place at the top of the county is an incorporated village, and a station on the G. T. R., and includes among its one thousand inhabitants many men of the right stamp to make any place in which they live, wake up and go ahead. Indeed, Acton has become famous for the spirit of enterprise and push manifested by her merchants and business men generally, and as it possesses these most essential elements of success it would be strange indeed if it was not the real live, go ahead little town that it is. Besides these, Acton possesses other and rare attributes. It is situated in one of the healthiest parts of the country, and is never visited by fevers or epidemics of any kind, except in exceedingly rare and isolated cases. Its natural attractions consist in part, of good water, beautiful undulating slopes and hills, and the general appearance of the surrounding country, and also, in the pond or lake on the west side, covering an area of about 100 acres. This lake comes right up into the village, abounds in speckled trout and wild ducks, and affords splendid facilities for boating, bathing, &c."

That is all true, and we may here observe that while we have reason to be proud of our town and of the spirit of enterprise manifested by most of her business men, there is just one thing in which we woefully lack—and that is, good leading roads. It may be said with truth that there is not a road leading into Acton but would be a disgrace to any backwoods settlement; and while this is the case, we cannot very well expect to foster the growth of trade with the surrounding country. Good roads are as necessary to the prosperity of a town as veins and arteries are to the sustenance of animal life. We are both pained and humiliated at the apathy exhibited by the various municipalities in this county in respect to the traveled roads. Just think of it—not a reasonably good road in the whole county! Halton is old, and comparatively wealthy; so are the townships; and until within the last year or so were not burdened with any railway bonus or other municipal debt. Even now, with the Credit Valley bonus to pay, the townships of Essex and Nassagaweya can very well afford to bear a reasonable share of the expense of putting the leading roads in a decent state of repair. We feel sure that the additional tax would be cheerfully borne by the farmers who are obliged to travel the roads year after year, as the extra wear and tear upon the teams, and cost of repairs, to say nothing of bodily discomfort, is assuredly much greater than the additional tax would amount to. Our municipalities require stirring up, and we intend to do our share towards stirring them up. Morsano.

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HALTON ELECTION TRIAL.

On Monday, in Toronto, two more election cases were disposed of. Chief Justice Richards gave judgment in the appeal against the decision of Chief Justice Draper, in the Halton case, by which Mr. William Barber, the respondent, was unseated and disqualified. The judgment was sustained. The point on which the case hinged was the promise alleged to have been made by the respondent to Mrs. Robbins, to induce her husband to remain at home, which statement was denied in toto by Mr. Barber. His Lordship contended that the evil which the Legislature sought to prevent was present in this alleged promise. He referred to the construction put by English courts on the language of the statute, citing a number of cases to show that it was not deemed necessary that a definite reward should be mentioned in order to render the promise a corrupt one within the meaning of the Act. His Lordship held that the rulings of the English courts sustained the view that a promise might be far from explicit in its language, and still be considered a corrupt one. He held, too, that the promise to remunerate a voter for loss of time was a corrupt one citing cases in support of that view. He therefore adjudged that the promise made by the appellant did have an influence on the mind of the person to whom it was made; that it was one of the kind the Legislature intended to prevent, and that the finding of the lower Court should be sustained.

In the case of appeal from Chief Justice Draper's decision, disqualifying and unseating Mr. Kenneth Chisholm for Peel, a new trial was ordered, as the evidence given before the Chief Justice, at Brantport, was conflicting.

The nomination of candidates for the representation of the West Riding of Yorkshire, in the Legislature of Ontario, took place at Harrieston, on Monday. A great many nominations were made, but all retired except Mr. Thomas Garbutt and Mr. John McGowan, who will contest the election.

South Essex has re-elected Mr. Wiglo by a considerable increased majority; and East Kent has sent Mr. McClellan to take Mr. McKellar's place in the Local Legislature. Politically, both parties stand where they were before Mr. Wiglo's seat was protested and Mr. McKellar exchanged his portfolio for a shriveling. Neither side may boast of victory or regret defeat.

GENERAL NEWS.
The new Tilton-Beecher trial has been further adjourned.

Mr. McKellar has been sworn in as Sheriff of Wentworth by the County Judge.

D. Allen, Galt, has lately shipped a large number of fowls to Manitoba.

The late Sir William Logan has left \$1,000 in his will to the Montreal General Hospital.

On dit that Professor Goldwin Smith will shortly lead a daughter of Canada to the Himalayas.

The London Times says that England will have to import eleven million quarters of wheat this year.

Snow to the depth of more than a foot is stated to have fallen at Rivere du Loup, on Friday and Saturday.

Five thousand of Gubior's photographs have been ordered by one establishment in New York from a photographer in Montreal.

Mr. Peter Munn, of the Third Regiment of Hay, has grown a tomato in his garden in this season which weighs four pounds.

The investigation at Sarnia into the collision on Lake Superior, between the Manitoba and the Comet, in which the latter was lost, has closed, and the first boat has been exonerated from all blame.

The failure is reported from London, Eng., of John Entwistle, merchant, with liabilities of half a million dollars. The suspension of Messrs. Healy & Co., leather merchants, Boston, is also announced.

On Wednesday some parties unknown, robbed the safe of Sargent & Co., Boston, of \$17,000 worth of notes and other valuables. Yesterday, however, the whole of the property, minus \$75, was returned to the owners by mail.

The Caledonian gamos at Lucknow on Wednesday last, were very successful. It is estimated that 3,000 people were present, and the day was most pleasantly spent, as far as can be known, by all of them.

Dr. Gowen, the recently-appointed Medical Superintendent of the Toronto Lunatic Asylum, has been compelled to resign his position. His health is assigned as the cause.

A colored man named James Stewart escaped from the Elora lock-up on Thursday night last. He had been committed for trial, on a charge of stealing a watch. He is about six feet four inches in height and very black.

The fast mail trains between New York and Chicago are now in running order. So far they have all run ahead of time. The train from New York last Friday made part of the distance to Chicago at the rate of seventy miles an hour.

The residence of Col. Wonham, Ingersoll, was entered last Thursday night by some parties evidently intent on robbery. The house-keeper, a young woman, fired three shots from a revolver, and the intruders decamped without securing anything.

The Town Council of Orangeville has decided to have the Waterworks system of waterworks, as it is called, at a cost of \$7,000. It was reckoned that \$9,000 would be required, but the thing is to be done if possible for \$7,000. Mr. Waterous will take the half in debentures at 85 cents on the dollar.

Mr. Vice-chancellor Blake delivered judgment last week in the case of Campbell vs. Campbell, of Whitby. He decided that adultery had been committed by the plaintiff (Mrs. Campbell), and therefore she was not entitled to alimony.

On Friday, at Tavistock, two men named John Praul and Henry Eckstein quarrelled while under the influence of liquor. Eckstein struck Praul on the head with a brick, splitting his skull. Praul died on Tuesday. Eckstein has been arrested and sent to Woodstock gaol.

Mr. Joseph Kenyon, of Colorado, visited Guelph Central Fair, and was so well pleased with what he saw that he made quite extensive purchases of prize animals in the sheep class, amongst them being two shearing rams and four lambs from James Russell, Richmond Hill, and some Lincolns and Cotswolds from Richard Gibson and George Douglas, London.

The foot and mouth disease, although very prevalent in many counties in England, has not been very fatal, there having been only a small proportion of deaths to the number of cattle affected. The scourge is still spreading with great rapidity in some parts, but is abating in others.

On Tuesday 7th inst., Christina Taylor, a girl thirteen years old was decamped from the school-house on the pretext that her parents had sent for her, by a middle aged man named Joseph Burns. He drove with her in a buggy to a swamp, and there forcibly outraged her person. He was arrested and lodged in Guelph gaol. This happened in Garafaxa, where the parties reside.

The construction of the proposed railway from Brantford to Port Barwell is now likely soon to be

an accomplished fact, all financial difficulties having been overcome. The public spirit, both of individuals and municipalities, along the line of country traversed by the road has, we believe, provided all or nearly all the capital required, exclusive of the aid expected from the Local Government.

After a recent engagement between Turkish soldiers and insurgents, on the battle field were found passports and other papers that left no doubt in the mind of the Porte that Servia intended to declare war against Turkey. The foreign consuls are still endeavoring to make peace between the insurgents and the Turks.

A despatch from London announces the death of the Earl of Huntingdon. The deceased peer was the 12th Earl. He was born July 31st, 1808, and succeeded his father in 1827. In 1835 he married the only surviving daughter of Mr. Richard Power, of Clonsmore, Waterford. Lady Huntingdon died in 1857. The deceased is succeeded by his son, Francis Power Plantagenet, Lord Hastings, born in 1841.

The British Wheat Crop. London, Sept. 18.—The Times, in its financial article this morning, has the following:—"The harvest is nearly at an end. The reports as to the quality of the new wheat are generally good. The market in Mincing Lane continues quiet. Sugar is depressed, and prices favor the buyer." James Caird, whom the Times considers good authority, writes that journal as follows:—"The publication of the returns of acreage exhibits the smallest breadth of wheat we have had since 1860, when we had four millions fewer people. The decrease in Ireland has been fourteen per cent from 1874, and in Great Britain the decrease has been nearly eight per cent." He estimates the amount of wheat required from abroad at 11,000,000 quarters.

DEATHS. In Acton, on the 21st inst., the wife of Mr. Robert Anderson, of a daughter.

MARRIED. On the 8th inst. by the Rev. W. C. Martin, Mr. Fred F. Bradford, agent G. T. R., North station, to Miss Donna L. Jackson, daughter of Mr. W. Jackson, Nerval.

DIED. On the 18th inst., at Kansas City, Missouri, U. S., suddenly of quinsy, Helen Frederick, third son of Mr. Arthur Wells, of Guelph, aged 23 years.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. VALUABLE TIMBER FOR SALE.

The timber opposite Lots 28, 29 and 30, on the Town-line between Esquesing and Nassagaweya, consisting of a large lot of valuable Cedar and other timbers, will be offered for sale at the corners of Lots 28 and 29.

On Saturday, the 18th day of October next, BY ORDER OF COUNCILS Of Esquesing and Nassagaweya.

LAYING OF CORNER STONE AND GRAND Tea Meeting.

The Corner Stone of the New METHODIST CHURCH In the Village of Acton, will be laid on Wednesday, 29th September, at 2:30 p.m., by David Plewes, Esq., of Brantford.

Immediately after the Stone is laid, Addresses will be delivered by several ministers and other gentlemen, and donations will be received in aid of the Building Fund.

IN THE EVENING A grand Tea Meeting will be held, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society. Tea served at 6:30 p.m., in the Temperance Hall.

After Tea, addresses will be given, and choice music discoursed by a select choir, in the Methodist Church.

The Rev. I. B. Howard, of Guelph, chairman of the District, will preside over the assembly, both afternoon and evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all our friends.

Tickets, 40 cents. Children, 25 cents. Tickets may be had at the stores of Messrs. Matthews, Secord, Scott, and Storey.

G. W. CALVERT, Sup't. W. H. STOREY, Secretary. Acton, Sept. 22, 1875.

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1875. The Canadian Bank of Commerce, Plaintiffs, Charles Dean, and Defendant.

A writ of attachment has issued in this cause. Dated at Acton, in the County of Halton, this 14th day September, A.D. 1875. D. W. CAMPBELL, Official Assignee.

NOTICE. Any person or persons trespassing on the 28th Concession of Esquesing, (adjoining the Village of Acton), or injuring trees of any kind, or leaving gates improperly shut, or fences partly down, will be subject to prosecution after this date. P. S. ARMSTRONG, Acton, August 20, 1875.

SECOND BROS.,

ACTON.

THE GREAT TEA HOUSE.

We are receiving this week rare and choice stocks in all the choicest delicacies of the season, comprising in part the following goods:

- Canned Fish. Oysters, Sardines, Salmon, Ocean Trout, Clams, Lobsters, &c.

- Canned Fruit and Vegetables. Peaches, Pears, Pine Apples, Strawberries, Gooseberries, Blackberries, Quince, Cherries, Raspberries, Tomatoes, Green Corn, Green Beans, &c.

Potted Jellies.

- Lemon Jelly, Pine Apple Jelly, Strawberry Jelly, Raspberry Jelly, Black Currant Jelly, Grape Jelly, Pear Jelly, Red Currant Jelly, Peach Jelly, etc.

Preserves, etc.

- Raspberry, Cherry, Plum, Peach, Black Currant, etc.

Pickles of all Kinds.

No city establishment presents any more rich, rare, choice and fashionable catalogue of delicacies and staples than we are importing this Fall. Parties who want a really choice article in

GROCERIES,

Our Fall Stock of Teas Received Last Week.

NEW FALL GOODS

DICKSON & McNAB'S.

Do not fail to visit the

EAST END

WINEYS, ranging from 10 cents upwards. Also those COTTONS, all best Canadian makes, ranging from 8 cents upwards.

FLANNELS, from 25 cents upwards. And other Staple and Fancy Dry Goods in proportion.

DICKSON & McNAB.

ENGLISH MAGAZINES FOR

SEPTEMBER

DAY'S

BOOKSTORE.

Young Ladies' Journal for Sept. Bow Bells for September. Every Week for September. London Journal for August. Sunday Magazine for August. Good Words for August. Chambers Journal for August. Young Men of G. Britain for Aug. Kind Words for August. Sunday School Papers for August.

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DEALER IN Saddles, Harness, Trunks, Valises, Travelling Bags, Horse Clothing, Whips, Combs And Brushes.

All orders given into our hands will be strictly attended to, and far from us give satisfaction as we employ none of the best workmen and material.

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Are now selling their Splendid Stock of DRY GOODS at

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Preparatory to removing to more extensive and commodious premises.

Their old friends in Acton and vicinity are specially invited to call and participate in the bargain now offered.

WM. STEWART & CO.

St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, was on Thursday the scene of a fashionable wedding, the high contracting parties being Dr. Hingston, Mayor of Montreal, and Miss Marjaret Macdonald, second daughter of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario. The ceremony was an imposing one, and was attended by a large number of the elite of the Queen City, and by the Dominion Premier and Mrs. Mackenzie.

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Business up. Stores full. Large advertisements. Farmers their busy season. The attention of the reasonable. Ninety-goes were made the other day. This is a extraordinary. Mr. John Simpson. The steadily going and one dollar figure paid. Don't they vice to sell.

Archibald shipped, yet stock, comprising Lancaster, Mr. John Jackson has taken has been exhibited. Mr. J. Schooling's goods, having established a trial. It is an ordinary from the new—the stalk inches, and containing 12.

The Methodist Church laid on Wednesday with appropriate flowers, exp. evening there in the presence of the which there was a large gathering. Further, parties and large presence.

William laborer, good water, and was a small household, if ed and had "darby." mischief and him (Sobor) the Rev. over to all Her Majesty's office of twelve by this time again.

Village Council. The Council—18th inst.—on motion, a letter of Taxes for daily read and, Ford Zimmerman an account of the passed and or Council then a

base ball. A very well od in Milton, N.B. Disparaging Independents. The date of the to 13. From of the game, or opponents had three outside excepting was exchange was club of Milton county). After however, they game, the last the last and their credit counted on one of the "but too much for nings produced