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Acton Free Press. JOE H. BUCKING, EDITOR. THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 16, 1875.

The Toronto Abortion Case. The examination of the case against Alderman Clements who was charged with being an accomplice of the abortionist Davis, was concluded last week in the Toronto police court.

The Ontario Legislature will probably rise for holidays on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, and reassemble on Thursday, Jan. 6th.

Hen. Mr. Currie's Bill for extending the elective franchise to all male persons twenty-one years of age, came up for the second reading in the House on Monday.

In the House, on Monday, Mr. D. H. Hoy, moved the second reading of his Bill to confer upon municipal corporations additional power in respect to fences bordering on public highways.

Mrs. "Dr." Davis was placed in the witness box. She testified regarding the making of the box by Fraser, who had also assisted in placing the body in the coffin and driving the light wagon to where the corpse was left.

On Monday, Mr. Justice Morrison gave his decision on the application of counsel for admitting John Clements to bail.

A large number of petitions, signed by women, were presented to the Ontario Legislature on Tuesday, in favor of measures for the further restriction of the liquor traffic.

Mr. Justice Wilson delivered judgment on the application to admit the prisoner Fraser to bail. An order was made admitting him to bail on the surety of himself in \$4,000, and two sureties in \$2,000 each.

Grand Officers S. of T. The following are the names of the officers elected by the Grand Division Sons of Temperance, at Brantford, last week.

Heavy Failure. The extensive iron works carried on by the Joseph Hall Manufacturing Company, in Oshawa, are again suspended.

We find the following in an exchange, and print it for the thoughtful consideration of all and sundry.

"The question of advance payment for newspapers has been brought prominently to the front by the enactment of the law requiring preparation of postage by publishers.

Arrest of Robbers.—On Saturday night the Hamilton police succeeded in arresting five young men respectively connected, on the charge of committing a robbery in the house of Mr. Pettit, near Wellington Square.

Nominations of Municipal Candidates will take place throughout the Province on Monday, the 27th inst.

GENERAL NEWS.

The degree of L.L.D. has been conferred on the Dean of Niagara. Mr. Scott, of Fulwith, lately shot an eagle measuring seven feet from tip to tip of wings.

It is rumored that Mr. T. White, jr., is to be one of the New Railway Commissioners for Quebec. Mr. Wm. Lang, of Harrison, has his hand severely bitten recently by a hog which he was killing.

Mr. Weld, of London, telegraphed on the 7th that the foot and mouth disease had broken out in Middlesex. Nineteen sailors were lately drowned off the Newfoundland coast by the wrecking of two vessels.

The Gordon House in Orangeville has been sold by Mr. John Still to Mr. W. J. Middleton, the present lessee, for \$13,000. Robert Robinson, who in the latter part of November, got his leg crushed by the falling of a scaffold at Orangeville, died on Thursday, from the effects of his injury.

Sheriff Jarvis, who in Toronto, was broken into Sunday night while the servants were at church. Nothing was stolen, as all the plate had been removed.

The total number of lunatics and idiots confined in the several asylums and goals in Ontario, on Sept. 30th last, was 1,179, an increase over the preceding year of 104. Three car-loads of milk cows, valued at \$6,000,000, passed over the Great Western, Monday, from China and Japan, via San Francisco and New York, to Southern Europe.

There must be good reasons for supposing that Ross Tweed is in this country, as Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, and other Canadian cities are being scourged by New York detectives on the look out for the great municipal thief.

The suit for libel brought by Mr. Wm. Macaulough against the proprietor of the Markham Economist, has been settled by the defendant withdrawing in open court the plea of justification that had been made. Each party pays his own costs.

The Toronto papers announce the death of two Toronto Lawyers of old standing, John Bell, Q. C., and John Duggan, Q. C. The former was called to the Bar in 1833, and the latter in 1840. The former died rather suddenly of a severe attack of rheumatism, and the latter died in the South of France, whether he had gone for his health. Both held a respectable position as lawyers, but some time ago they retired from the active practice of their profession.

Henry Ward Beecher's troubles are not over yet. Mrs. Moulton has been dropped by the church in silence, but she won't keep silent. On the contrary she writes to the papers and Mr. Beecher confessed his guilt to her over and over again. The majority of the church, a very large majority too, however, stick to the pastor with a hearty and gritty hold that would be more praiseworthy, but for the grave doubt that rests on the whole case.

Russia seems determined to keep a firm hold on the territory which she occupies in Central Asia, as news comes from Klokand, a city of Vienna that General Kauffmann is to receive reinforcements until he has an effective army of sixty thousand men. Another step, across a hundred miles or so of desert, from Khiva to Merv, would probably lead to some unpleasant complications with Britain, as the occupation of Merv would be regarded as a menace to the British in Afghanistan, and that is about where the British Government draws the line which cannot be approached by Russia in peace.

RECOVERY.—We are happy to see that Mrs. Horner, who has been seriously ill for three months, is now in a fair way for recovery under the skillful treatment of Dr. Herod. She was yesterday able to get out for a drive. This will be welcome news to that lady's numerous friends in this vicinity.—Guelph Mercury.

ACCIDENT.—In Guelph, last Friday evening, a man named McLeod from Rockwood, and who is engaged as an hostler in an hotel there, met, with an accident in attempting to get on board a wood train in motion. He was carried into the station building, and taken to Rockwood in a freight train. It is said that some of his ribs were broken. We understand an effort is being made to have him removed to the Guelph General Hospital.

THE CONVICT WRITER.—Some time ago the Minister of Justice sent for the confession of the convict White, now lying under the sentence of death in Guelph jail for the murder of his wife in the township of Peel. An official communication has been received by the Sheriff stating that, after taking into consideration the circumstance connected with the murder for which White has been convicted, the Executive cannot see it to be their duty to interfere in the matter. White will therefore be hanged on Thursday, 24th inst.

NOTES FROM OLD VIRGINIA.

BY A CANADIAN. Special Correspondence of the Free Press. Green Bay, Prince Edward Co., Va., Dec. 7, 1875.

Doubleless your readers have often heard of this grand old State, the birthplace of so many illustrious statesmen and orators. They may have heard of it as the land of tobacco and niggers, where once the "institution" flourished, and where once "plenty crowned the board." But old things have passed away, and all things are becoming new.

Besides tobacco, there is a right sweet quantity of corn raised here. As little or no hay is raised, you will be amused to know how they preserve fodder for their stock. In raising corn they only suffer one stalk to grow in one place. A field of corn is divided into long rows of single stalks about three feet apart.

The credit system does more in keeping prices high than any one thing save supply. To start out, for the man that buys of the producer for cash, can buy lower than if he buys on credit.

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George Stoddard. Has just fitted up and opened a first-class Fruit and Oyster Bazar on the premises on the corner opposite the store of Messrs. Dickson & McNab, on Mill street where he will keep a good supply of fresh Oysters, Lobsters, Sardines, Choice No. Fruit, Tobacco, Cigars, and Confectionery.

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