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A strong delegation from the Hamilton and North Western Railway Company interviewed the County Council on Tuesday, for the purpose of trying to gain possession of the County bonus debentures. They were unable, however, to convince the members of the Council that the work on the road would be proceeded with and completed according to agreement; and consequently the Council refused to hand them over.

THE GRAIN MARKETS.

The opinion seems to prevail in well-informed circles, that the present prices of wheat are fully as high as they will be this year. The only event that would cause a rise in price would be a European war, and there is no indication that such an event is likely to occur. Dealers in grain have now such ample facilities for ascertaining the tendencies of the markets abroad, at any hour in the day, that they can know almost to a certainty how far they may go in the purchase of stocks, and they are not now so much in the position of speculators as they were before the days of ocean telegraphy.

Many of our farmers and others don't appear to have realized the change which has taken place in this respect, and they continue to hold on to their stocks with the expectation of higher prices which never come. Now-a-days it will be generally found that the farmer who sells his grain soon after harvest realizes the best price. It seldom pays to keep wheat lying in the barns over winter.

OFFICIAL CORRUPTION.

The state of corruption that can continue to exist in Washington, from year to year, is truly amazing. Bribery and dishonesty appear to have become almost a universal trait in American official life from the highest to the lowest grade. We unsophisticated Canadians can scarcely conceive of the extent to which the Government officials may carry on a system of public plunder. Once in a while they are brought to book, and their astounding peculations revealed. The latest exposure is that of Gen. Belknap. This man, a Cabinet officer, who rose step by step to the proud position of Secretary of War of the United States, is made to confess that he sold a post-tradership, a lucrative contract under Government, to a speculator, that through his wife he received \$10,000 cash, and that he lived till, on the contractor to the tune of \$5,000 per annum. The committee which Congress appointed to enquire into matters in connection with the War Department, discovered the guilt of the venal statesman, and he overcame by the sudden unearthing of his dishonesty to the country—could only confess that it was too true. He has resigned, but Congress will not let him escape so easily. He will be impeached, and the measure of punishment of his infamy meted out to him.

Spain at Peace Again.

After many years of internal strife, Spain is once more at peace, though from the peculiar nature of the people and their fierce fondness for a row, it is impossible to say how long it will be before trouble again breaks out. Don Carlos, who has waged incessant guerrilla warfare on the established authorities, surrendered last week, entering France with 30,000 men, the remainder of his army, who were taken prisoners by the French authorities. Everywhere the Carlists are surrendering, and thousands are fleeing into France. Don Carlos himself has gone to the North of France, and it is said that he will seek refuge in England, where he will probably await another opportunity to assert himself. In the meantime the Imperial party are in high feather, and the young King Alfonso, who has for some time past commanded the army in person, will make a triumphant entry into Madrid, where a grand reception will be accorded to him. The question of the return of ex-Queen Isabella to the Capital has been left with the Ministry, and it is to be hoped for the peace and credit of the country that she may be allowed to remain permanently in exile.

A MODEL TOWNSHIP.

They know how to do things in the township of Elizabethtown, judging from the following extract from the official minutes published in the last Recorder:—"Mr. Stafford moved, seconded by Mr. Barlow, that the minutes of this council be published in the Brockville Monitor and Recorder newspapers, providing they publish them at the rate of one cent each, and the clerk be authorized to see that they are published in both papers if it is agreeable to their editors.—Carried." This is as it should be. We do not think any council could expend money more judiciously than by encouraging and sustaining a live local paper in their midst. Newspapers in this section of Canada get nothing for publishing the council proceedings.

GENERAL NEWS.

Colorado has been admitted into the Union as a State. A treaty between Japan and Corea was signed on the 27th ult. There are 134 Customs ports of entry in the Dominion of Canada. Toronto's storage of flour and grain is estimated at 4,000,000 bushels. Toronto has taken the Royal Caledonian Curling Club tankard from Orillia. Kingston has taken the Royal Caledonian Curling Club medal from Amherst.

Credit Valley Railway.

The Credit Valley Railway Co. has petitioned the Toronto Council to submit a by-law to the ratepayers, providing for the granting of a bonus of \$250,000, to aid in the completion of the line. The petition points out that the main line is intended to connect with the Canada Southern at St. Thomas, thereby making Toronto the actual terminus of the line, and also by the Wellington branches affording direct connection with the W. G. & B. R. The petition continues: "Your petitioners had it in view to grade their railway throughout, fence, bridge, and complete the line ready for the rails, and pay for the right of way, before undertaking to mortgage it for the iron; and the means whereby to lay it, and purchase the rolling stock, in circumstances over which your petitioners had no control, prevent the Company from carrying out that programme, and it is therefore proposed now, with the grant of \$250,000, to complete the railway, and open it as far as the Brock Road, between the townships of Puslinch and Nassagawey, on the main line, and as far into the Township of Erin, on the Wellington branch, as it may be found possible to reach, excluding from the operations of the bonus the Orangeville branch from Alton to Orangeville. This arrangement would give a little over eighty miles of completed railway, which there is every reason to believe, if action in relation to the granting of the bonus is prompt, the whole of that portion of the railway could be opened during the year 1876.

THE CAMPBELL DIVORCE CASE.

The Campbell divorce case of Whitley came up before a Committee in the Senate at Ottawa yesterday morning.

MR. BASS, M. P.

Mr. Bass, M. P., says that out of 10,699 committals for drunkenness, in England, only thirty-three of the persons could read or write.

THE HAMILTON TIMES.

The Hamilton Times says: "The Halton Conservatives are now in trouble as to how they shall raise the money to pay the costs of the recent protest. Their eagerness to protest at first is only equalled now by their unwillingness to pay the bill."

MR. JOHN ROSS ROBERTSON.

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THE DUNKIN BY-LAW.

The Dunkin By-law has been repealed in Morley by a vote of 39 to 4, in favour of a somewhat similar vote, and in Winchester by a majority of 29.

THE CANADIAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

The Canadian Football Association has received a challenge from Harvard University to play a match at Cambridge, Mass., in the month of May.

D. A. COOK, LESSEE OF THE TRENCH BAR AND BILLIARD ROOMS.

D. A. Cook, lessee of the Trench bar and billiard rooms, London, has absconded, owing \$450 rental, and letting in the liquor trade for a large amount.

THE OTTAWA TIMES.

The Ottawa Times says there is no truth in the report that the Queen has given \$10,000 towards defraying the expenses of the projected improvements at Quebec.

H. & N. W. R. R.

We learn that the surveyors are busy on the line of the Hamilton and North Western Railway, between Zimmerman and Wellington Square.

THE FOLLOWING FAILURES ARE REPORTED.

Miller, Son & Co., colliery proprietors, South Wales; liabilities \$40,000; Lutschen & Co., merchants, London, Eng.; liabilities, \$2,500,000.

THE DOMINION SENATE.

The Dominion Senate consists of 77 members. Ontario and Quebec send 24 each, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick 10 each, Prince Edward Island 4, British Columbia 3, and Manitoba 2.

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On account of the ground being so frequently frozen and thawed, and the plants being exposed to the hard frost when uncovered by snow.

By the burning of the Home for the Aged near Brooklyn, Tuesday morning, at least seventeen, and probably thirty, old persons lost their lives.

THE REPORTED MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF D. H. MOONEY.

Acting Barner of the Toronto Lunatic Asylum, has been confirmed. On Friday his wife, fearing that something had happened, instituted enquiries, and a letter was found in his desk stating that he feared if he stayed at the Asylum any longer he would become insane, and that he had gone down to the Bay at the foot of Bathurst street to drown himself. His body was found in the bay on Monday morning.

There are two hundred and fifty-six lawyers in Montreal.

Overflow of the Credit.

Streetsville, March 6.—The ice in the River Credit suddenly broke up to-day, causing very heavy jams in several places, and greatly endangering several dams and bridges in the vicinity. The bridge at Messrs. Gooderham & Worts' late flax mills was carried away bodily and totally destroyed. At one time the ice was piled up near Beattie's dam ten or fifteen feet high, but passed away without doing any damage. The water in the mill creek is also very high, completely surrounding the residence of Mr. Daniel McGill. The water is gradually subsiding, and no further damage is anticipated.

Don Carlos has at last arrived in England; that last earthly refuge of unsuccessful European revolutionists.

When he reached Charing Cross Station, London, some cheered and others hissed him.

The Belknap Scandal is now engrossing the attention of the people of the United States.

It is now stated that every post-tradership West has been sold in a similar manner, and further startling revelations are looked for.

Goods from Canada to the Philadelphia exposition are being forwarded by special trains from Toronto and Montreal, and by steamer from St. John and Halifax at the expense of the Government.

The House of Commons is composed of 208 members distributed as follows: Quebec, 65; Ontario, 88; Nova Scotia, 21; New Brunswick, 16; Prince Edward Island, 6; British Columbia, 6; Manitoba, 4.

It is reported that the Millrite ascension which is to take place on the first of April next is creating much alarm among some of the weak-minded in the county of Grey.

A Mrs. Curtis, of Ottawa, who got divorced from her husband some months ago and married one Van-Koughnet, is now looking anxious to find the latter, he deserting her three or four days ago.

The Sheriff of Wentworth has received instructions from the Government to have the galls and other preparations ready for the execution of McConnell, on the 14th inst. The sentence of the Court will be carried out.

The Hamilton Times says: "The Halton Conservatives are now in trouble as to how they shall raise the money to pay the costs of the recent protest. Their eagerness to protest at first is only equalled now by their unwillingness to pay the bill."

It costs the people of the United States about \$10,000 a day to support the House of Representatives.

A session of the House consumed from three to four hours.

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SALT AT ORANVILLE.—The Advertiser says, Mr. John Smith, whose farm adjoins Oranville, has discovered salt in a spring of water on his property, and feels certain that salt in large quantities can be procured by drilling.

Grangers' Salt Speculation.

The Georgetown Herald of last week, relates the following amusing incident, which recently took place in that village: One day last week there was an unusual display of waggons in this village, some with teams attached, and some with teams detached. Our citizens were at first at a loss to know what was up, until the secret of this Grango movement by some mysterious means leaked out, and then every little urchin you met would squeal, "How that a Grango not far away purchased two car loads of salt from the Godrich dealers, at 65 cents per barrel. The salt was shipped, and in due time arrived at the G. T. R. station here. It laid on the track for two days after notice of its arrival had been given, (so we are informed), and when the Grangers came to take it away, the Station Agent charged the usual demurrage viz: \$1 per day per car load, amounting in the two days to \$16 on the whole. This caused quite a commotion among the Grange fraternity, for at that rate the salt cost them some seven cents per barrel more than they could purchase it at any of the retail stores here. A few lessons of this kind will teach some men that all cannot be merchants and business men, so must be contented with the higher and more ennobling art of tilling the soil.

A Colony of Horse Thieves.

The military makes a raid on a regular "robber's roost."

From the Denver (Col.) News, Feb. 27.

Between assassinations, horse stealing, Indian raids and the lesser incidents of daily life, times are rather straggling down in New Mexico. A correspondent furnishes the particulars of a raid by a detachment of cavalry the other day on a band of horse thieves at Boquilla, a small settlement forty-five miles from Fort Stanton. The settlement, numbering about forty men, is composed entirely of thieves, and makes their living by calling themselves "settlers" or "five thieves settled there. With this beginning rogues from all parts of the Territory, Colorado and Texas began colonizing there, the number steadily increasing; until the desperado became so formidable that the officers, knowing the character of the gang, were afraid to make an arrest. When away from Boquilla, off on predatory incursions, the rogues would always claim to hail from some other place.

The little plaza in the midst of the colony is a perfect fort.

Every man for defence has been provided. Shafts sunk at intervals along the plaza, and provided with ladders, connect, at depths from ten to twenty feet, with drifts, or subterranean passages, some of them running hundreds of feet to neighboring ravines, and thus affording means of escape in case any attempt at arrest should be made. For years this colony of thieves has existed, in defiance of the law and the authorities. Their operations have extended over a wide range of country, and hundreds, perhaps thousands, of horses have been gathered in by them and driven and sold in Texas, the Indian Territory, Colorado and Arizona. The chiefs of the colony appear, from the confession of the members of the gang, recently arrested, to be three Mexicans named Chavez, Mues, and Lejos, who are fierce and blood-thirsty villains. They have kept scouts out on all sides day and night, each citizen by turn being subject to guard duty, and if a stranger approached the alarm was always sounded, and while a portion of the gang showed him distinguished attention and showered their hospitality upon him, the ringleaders, reappearing at the surface when it seemed safe to do so.

The cavalrymen who made the recent descent captured four of the worst men in the lot, though not the ringleaders. The people got wind, somehow, of their coming, and when the horsemen galloped up to the plaza, they found only a few men and some women in the village. The thieves who were arrested, when lodged in the guard-house at Fort Stanton, confessed their calling, and boasted that the gang had over 200 horses within ten miles of Boquilla, and did not any one to discover them. It is surmised that, everything else being on an equal scale, this gang have a large subterranean stable, where the stolen equines are kept until traded or disposed of singly or in small lots. The cavalrymen satisfied themselves of the existence of the underground passages, but did not venture to explore them. A large force will investigate the whole neighborhood, and try to discover the whereabouts of the concealed animals.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

\$5 to \$20 per day at home. Lot No. 2, 1st con. Erin. \$7.3c

\$12 a day at home. Agents wanted. Office at Toronto from TRUE & CO., Augusta, Maine.

ESTRAY LAMB.

Came on to the premises of the subscriber, last fall, a Ewe Lamb. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take it away.

ROBERT KENNEDY, Lot No. 2, 1st con. Erin. Acton, March 8, 1876.

DURHAM BULL FOR SALE.

The thorough bred young Durham Bull "Acton Duke," one of my celebrated herd, is offered for sale. He is roan color, one year old on the 15th of March inst. C. S. SMITH, Acton, March 8, 1876.

CARD.

I would respectfully return my sincere thanks to the people of Acton and vicinity, for the very liberal patronage they have given me, during the past year, and would say that I am now in a better position than ever to furnish all articles usually kept in a first class bakery. Having removed to more convenient premises and built a first class oven, I can now turn out bread, and other articles in a more satisfactory manner than heretofore. The continued patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. D. GALLOWAY, Acton, March 8th, 1876.

ACTON BAKERY.

Hurray. Hurray. CHEAP BREAD. Opposition is the life of trade, My Galloway's superior Bread.

D. GALLOWAY

begs to announce to the inhabitants of Acton and vicinity that he has removed his Bakery Establishment to the premises next door to Morrow's drug store, where he has built a first-class oven and refitted the premises in a first-class style for a Bakery and Confectionery Business, and is turning out BETTER BREAD THAN EVER, Buns, Cakes, Biscuits, Pastry, Candies, All of the best quality and at greatly reduced prices. Mixed Candies at 25c per lb. Produce of all kinds taken in exchange for Goods. Weight for weight given in Bread in exchange for Flour. Graham Bread a specialty. Bread, Buns and Cakes delivered every day, free, around the village. WEDDING & FANCY CAKES made to order on hand, in the latest styles and at reasonable prices. N. B.—All goods are warranted pure, as nothing but the best of material is used. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. Call and see for yourselves. D. GALLOWAY BROS. Acton, March 8, 1876.

A GLATTER AMONGST TINWARE!

NEW TIN AND STOVE DEPOT. The undersigned announces to the people of Acton and surrounding country that they have opened a Tin, Sheet-Iron and Stove Business, in the premises formerly occupied by Mr. Chas. Dean, nearly opposite the post office. Being practical workmen of large experience, we can assure all who may favor us with their patronage that they can rely upon having all work executed promptly and in the very best manner. A large stock of Tin, Sheet-Iron and Japaned Ware always on hand, of the best quality. STOVES of various patterns always in stock. Havetroughing & Jobbing promptly attended to. Rags, Iron, Brass and Copper taken in exchange. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. WILSON & JOHNSON. Acton, March 8, 1876.

BOARDERS.

Parties wanting board in a private house can hear of such accommodation by applying at the FREE PRESS office. Acton, March 1, 1876.

SECORD BROS., MONTREAL HOUSE, ACTON.

We believe the correct principle of advertising and doing business generally to be, to show customers and others, clearly, positively and convincingly, that it is to their interests to trade with the party advertising. This of course is not possible to every merchant, for to do so he must be able to show clearly that he can give them better value for their money than they can get elsewhere. To accomplish this, he must not only buy well but he must mark all Goods down to Bottom Prices, so that customers will see at a glance, that it is to their interests to trade with him.

In the two invoices below we think we clearly show the advantage gained by those who deal with us, over those who don't.

A customer bought of Secord Bros.:

5 lbs. Meteor Tea, 50c. per lb. \$2 50

11 lbs. Bright Sugar 1 00

12 lb. Medium Bright Sugar 1 00

1 lb. Best Hyson Tea 85

1 set Knives and Forks 1 50

1 set China, 44 pieces 4 00

1 gallon Coal Oil 30

\$11 15

Another party who didn't buy at Secord Bros., had to pay the following prices for the same goods:

5 lbs. Meteor Tea, 75c. per lb. \$3 75

11 lbs. Best Sugar 1 10

12 lbs. Medium Bright Sugar 1 10

1 lb. Best Hyson Tea 1 00

1 set Knives and Forks 1 50

1 set China, 44 pieces 4 00

1 gallon Coal Oil 35

\$15 04

Brought down 11 15

\$3 89

Secord Bros' customer thus saved no less than \$3.89 on a purchase of about eleven dollars. The man who didn't buy from them now thinks it would have been to his interests if he had gone to Secord Bros. That man is now a living, standing, walking advertisement for us. These are every day facts, witnessed to by hundreds of our customers, and commend themselves to the attention of every frugal housekeeper.

Orders of five dollars and upwards delivered at Georgetown, Norval, Limehouse, Guelph, Rockwood, &c., free of charge.

SECORD BROS., Acton, The largest Retail Importers of Tea west of Toronto.

REMNANTS! REMNANTS!

Previous to stock taking, we will have our usual two weeks' Clearing Sale of Remnants. Every Remnant in the store will be sold cheap.

REMNANTS DRESS GOODS

REMNANTS SILKS

REMNANTS LUSTRES

REMNANTS FRENCH MERINOS

REMNANTS PRINTS

REMNANTS COTTONS (White and Grey)

REMNANTS TICKINGS

REMNANTS HOLLANDS

REMNANTS FANNELS

REMNANTS TOWELLINGS

REMNANTS SHIRTINGS

REMNANTS TWEEDS

REMNANTS WINCEYS, &c., &c.

A. O. BUCHAM.

Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment, Guelph, Feb. 21, 1876.