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The New Tavern & Shop License Law.

The Commissioners and Inspectors for the various districts in Ontario have been appointed, and their names announced.

Commissioners:—Wm. Dunton, of Wellington Square, Johnson Harrison, of Milton, and W. H. Young, of Oakville.

The commissioners are men of good character and high standing, and we believe they will perform their duties efficiently and impartially.

The office is entirely an honorary one—the commissioners receiving no pay for their services. The office of Inspector we believe has fallen into good hands.

Mr. Fraser has long held the position of Sheriff's Bailiff in Milton, and we have reason to presume he will discharge his onerous duties faithfully and intelligently.

The salary is by no means exorbitant for the amount of work the Inspectors are called upon to perform; if being based at the rate of \$400 for the first ten thousand in a license district, and \$50 for each additional five thousand of the population.

This allowance covers all traveling expenses. The Inspector will be required to visit each licensed house in his district frequently, to have general supervision over them, and to see that there is no infringement of the law.

The Municipal Councils and the License Commissioners have jurisdiction in their respective municipalities and are equally responsible for the proper carrying out of the law in all its details.

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It seems that there is some doubt this year as to whether the proper day has been selected for Easter Sunday. Several communications have appeared in the Globe and other papers on the subject, and some doubt evidently exists. All the almanacs we have examined agree in fixing the 16th of April as Easter Sunday, and for that reason, if for no other, we think they must be correct.

The doubt has evidently arisen from the fact that it is generally understood that Easter is the first Sunday after that date occurs this year on the night of the 7th and 8th of April, consequently some think that Easter Sunday should be on the 9th.

On looking in Chamber's Encyclopedia, we find, however, that it is not the usual calendar moon that is meant by those who speak of this annual religious observance, but an "imaginary moon," which may come to its full two or three days later than the real one.

We therefore incline to the opinion, although the subject is not at all in our line, that this "imaginary moon" was a little later than the "other one" this year, and consequently the almanac men are right.

However, those who are interested need not take our word for it, but may study it out for themselves. Probably they will arrive at the same conclusion.

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A notorious tavern keeper in Montreal has announced his intention in the morning papers of incurring the expenses of one of his patrons who died recently in the House of Refuge. This is one way he has of advertising his business.

This will be a busy year. Just think of it—365 days, 53 Sundays, leap year, centennial celebration, and the Presidential election, and perhaps—the millennium.

Two Murderers Sentenced to be Hanged.

The trial of John and James Young for the murder of Abel Macdonald near Callaghan, occupied the time of the Haldimand Assizes during Friday and Saturday, and was concluded on Monday.

Several conversations, overheard between the prisoners when in jail, were given in the evidence. The defence rested mainly on the evidence of the girl Barber, but her testimony proved to be false, and she herself pleaded guilty of perjury.

The evidence of the jury had no difficulty in rendering a verdict of guilty. Judge Wilson sentenced both prisoners to be hanged on the 21st of June. On the following day they confessed their guilt, and admitted the evidence of the prosecution.

They gave a full statement of their actions. They proceeded Macdonald, and lay in wait for him. John struck the fatal blow, and after striking the pockets of their victim they returned to Callaghan by way of the railway bridge.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Mr. Wm. McCune, of Esquimaux, has purchased the Lacknow Mill Property for \$7,500.

Lieut. Cameron, who recently completed his explorations across Africa, has sailed for England.

A damaging storm passed over New England on Saturday, destroying a large amount of property and causing delays in railroad travel.

Flora post-office has been changed to Florida, owing to the confusion arising through the similarity between Flora and Florida.

Two cows accidentally shut up in an unused stable in Meaford remained in durance for over two weeks, and were starved to death.

A convention of base ballers is to be held in Toronto shortly, when a plan will be set on foot for forming a Dominion Association.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows will celebrate the anniversary of the establishment of their Order in Canada on the 16th April.

A woman was found dead near Oshawa, Monday night. She was partly covered with snow, and turns out to be an old vagrant of the vicinity.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Suez on Saturday, and in the afternoon left for Cairo, accompanied by M. De Lesseps and several Egyptian dignitaries.

The sedition case, at Middlesex Assizes of McEwan vs. Torrance, Township of McGillivray, resulted in a verdict for plaintiffs of \$300 damages, the full amount claimed.

The roof of the driving sheds attached to Marshall's livery stables, Milton, was crushed in on Saturday by snow, completely destroying six buggies and four cutters. The loss is at least \$500.

The next meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association of Canada, is fixed for some time in July, to be held in Hamilton. The meeting will be an important one, as the selection of fruit for the Centennial will then be made.

Prof. Brown and the students of the Ontario School of Agriculture at Guelph have just completed certain levellings, which show that the building of this institution stands on an elevation of 1,122 ft. above the sea level.

It is suggested that a grand move should be made throughout the eastern townships to grow willows along the brooks and rivers, because of their benefit to the protection of the banks, and the commercial value of the twig.

The case of Wm. & Darling re. the Liverpool, London & Globe Insurance Company was once more decided in favor of the plaintiffs on Wednesday in the Court of Error and Appeal.

A man named Henderson, of the Township of Elma, committed suicide last week. He was sued for seduction, and breach of promise, and compromised the matter by hanging himself.

Smith, the blacksmith, charged with manslaughter at the Middlesex Assizes, for slaying a boy with a red hot iron and inflicting a fatal wound, was tried today, the jury returning a verdict of "Not Guilty."

The Hamilton Spectator reports that a Company, composed of wealthy Americans, with some Canadians too, has been or is to be formed for the purpose of buying out the whole Indian Reserve on the Grand River, and settling the Indians now living there in Manitoba.

A new-born child was discovered in an out-house of the North American Hotel, Collingwood, on Saturday morning. The child was brought into the house, and is still alive, although it must have been in the closet nearly an hour. The mother has only been in Collingwood a few days, and was engaged as servant at the hotel.

Several saloon keepers in Toronto, in anticipation of not getting their licenses renewed, are completing arrangements for converting their premises into clubs, membership at which will be placed at a low fee; they hope by this means to defeat the object of the License bill.

The Globe gives the story of the last trip of the Allan steamer "Circassian," as told by a passenger. We glean the following:—She left Liverpool on Thursday, 2nd March; on ordinary times she should have left Moville on Friday night on her outward trip, but the stormy weather which prevailed at the very outset, delayed her until Saturday morning at eight o'clock.

Some idea of the unpropitious state of the weather may be gathered from the fact that she did not sight Tory Island Lighthouse until eight o'clock that night, thus requiring twelve hours for a portion of the trip which is usually accomplished in four and one-half hours. The mail side-paddle steamer from Londonderry was unable to board her owing to the heavy sea, and the mail matter had, on that account to be sent down afterwards by a screw steamer. On Wednesday the steering apparatus became useless. On Thursday the "grand smash," the passengers describe it, took place about seven o'clock in the morning. The wind was blowing a perfect hurricane, and the sea came upon the vessel apparently in immense discovered globes of water,

A curious case of doubtful identity has just been settled in Ireland by death.

Lady Longford, in 1816, gave birth to twin sons. As the elder must inherit the title and estates of Longford, care was taken to mark the first-come by tying a blue ribbon about his little arm.

The pair, however, having been carefully laid by the nurse in one cradle some days after, the ribbon came off, and had to be again put on by guess work.

William then selected, died the other day, and Thomas has now become, without a disturbing doubt, Lord Pakemham by courtesy, and if he lives will become the Earl of Langford.

FOR THE CENTENNIAL.—Messrs. Jaggart Bros. of Brampton, have manufactured a Threshing Machine for exhibition at Philadelphia, which the *Banner* describes as a splendid specimen of Canadian skill.

The machine cost the manufacturers over \$1,500. Eighteen car-loads of articles for the Centennial Exhibition left Montreal last week for Philadelphia.

Another train of eight or ten cars will leave in a few days, and these will take the whole of Quebec's quota.

An inquest was held in the township of East Wawanosh, county of Huron, about seven miles from Wingham on Friday, by coroner C. T. Scott, on the body of James McCune, deceased, a respectable well off citizen, but who for some time past was in his mind. He, on several occasions threatened to put an end to his existence, but his family paid no attention to him.

On Thursday morning last, he rose early in the morning and ran down to a river mill-race, and deliberately jumped in. He was struck by the water's edge, and his remains were found a short distance from where his last tracks were seen. The jury returned a verdict of suicide committed while laboring under temporary insanity.

CHEAPER THAN EVER!—Immense stock of Boots and Shoes, of all kinds and to suit all tastes, at Christy, Henderson & Co.'s cheap store. Their stock for quality, quantity and cheapness is surpassed by no other in the Province. The boots for high cut, nearly finished prunella 50c, 55c, a marvel of cheapness. They are made at the factory, and will be sold from 10 to 20 per cent lower than any other house give them a call. The secret is—they sell for cash.

Christy, Henderson & Co., Acton, on and after 31st inst., will sell the above and other articles, and are much pleased to hear from their numerous customers that this change is for their benefit, and can assure them that no effort will be spared to supply the cheapest goods at the very lowest prices. All goods marked down to bottom prices. Goods arriving daily, purchased direct from manufacturers and direct importers. These goods being purchased on the best terms cannot be unprofitable. Their famous 50c tea still ahead.

FIRE.—A disastrous fire broke out in the village of Blenheim at about half past seven on Sunday evening. Eight buildings were destroyed, and some stores were piled down to stay the progress of the flames. Most of the goods were saved, although greatly damaged by moving. A fire broke out in the rear of Mr. Epper's hotel, Port-Jervis, on Thursday last, destroying the building and contents, including a span of horses. The flames spread to the adjoining buildings, destroying an unoccupied store belonging to Mr. John Harrison, J. Gallagher's grocery store, and Brown's dwelling house and carriage shop a tin shop and several other buildings.

Brown's hotel had a disastrous fire on Sunday morning last. J. T. Anderson & Co., boot and shoe store, stock, etc., entirely destroyed; Mrs. Anderson, who occupied the dwelling house above, lost everything; Thomas Bating and Thos. Patterson, dry goods, saved most of their stock. The stores of Bating & Anderson were both looted to the ground. The trial of Patterson's store are still standing.

The "Circassian's" Trip. A LIVELY VOYAGE. The *Globe* gives the story of the last trip of the Allan steamer "Circassian," as told by a passenger. We glean the following:—She left Liverpool on Thursday, 2nd March; on ordinary times she should have left Moville on Friday night on her outward trip, but the stormy weather which prevailed at the very outset, delayed her until Saturday morning at eight o'clock.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

BIVALVES DICKSON & McNAB'S SPRING STOCK. Large Lot of PRINTS of the Most Select Patterns at the EAST END, Also the Celebrated DUNDAS COTTONS at exceedingly low rates.

We have now an Immense Stock of SPRING TWEEDS Of the Best Patterns that can be had in the market. We are determined not to be undersold. DICKSON & McNAB, Acton, March 29, 1876.

TRY A MICA LAMP CHIMNEY From McBean & Co's. They will not break from any cause, produce a good light and will out last a score of Glass Chimneys.

BRASS WIRE BIRD CAGES, And a good variety of CHEAP CAGES. AMERICAN GOODS. Floor Mats in Cocoa, Floor Mats in Oil Cloth, Floor Mats in Rubber, Floor Mats in Wool. A. McBEAN & CO'S, ALMA BLOCK, GUELPH, March 29, 1876.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. MEAT SHOP. Butcher Shop. The undersigned has commenced the Butchering Business in ACTON, IN A CTON, Opposite Allan's Livery Stable, and will keep constantly on-hand Fresh and Salt Meats, Fish, Fowls and Vegetables, at all seasons of the year. The support of the public is most respectfully solicited. CHEAP FOR CASH, the best plan—so say you all. EDWARD MATTHEWS, Acton, March 15, 1876. 35-3m

FOR THE MILLION B. & E. NICKLIN Beg to announce that they have secured the services of a First-Class Baker, and that their Baking business is now in full operation, in the premises owned by Mrs. Hanna. Bread will be delivered daily at the houses in the village and vicinity. Wedding Cakes, Tea Cakes, Pastry, Buns, &c., made in the very best manner, and kept always on hand, good and fresh. Also all kinds of Confectionery, Biscuits, Cheese, &c. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. B. & E. NICKLIN, Acton, Feb. 29, 1876.

SPEX A new lot of SPECTACLES of the best quality at 50 CENTS, 75 CENTS, \$1.00, \$2.50, \$3.50. Received at PRINCLE'S Jewelry Store GUELPH, Guelph, Feb. 27, 1876.

WILSON & JOHNSON, Acton, March 8, 1876.

NOTHING LIKE T. IN, When you have the Tin to buy it. R. FISHER Begs to announce that having purchased an entirely new stock of tools of the most improved character, he is now in a position to turn out all kinds of TIN AND SHEET-IRON WORK in the VERY BEST STYLE. Being in a position to Buy all his Stock FOR CASH, Thereby gaining the advantage of the trade discount, he is determined to sell goods of first-class make and material at Decidedly lower Prices than can be obtained from any other house in the Province. This is not blowing, but genuine facts. If you doubt it, give him a trial.

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NOTICE. The Public Examination of the pupils of the Acton Public School will take place on Tuesday, April 11th, commencing in the 2nd and 3rd Departments at 9 o'clock a.m., and in the 1st at 1 p. m. The parents and guardians of the pupils and all others interested in education are cordially invited to attend. J. ROSS, Master, 40-2t

TENDERS FOR PURCHASE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH, ACTON. Tenders for the purchase of the Old Methodist Church property, Acton, will be received until WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of APRIL, inclusive. Terms and particulars made known on application to the undersigned, to whom tenders may be addressed. The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted unless accompanied by cash. W. H. STOREY, Sec. Building Com. Acton, March 28, 1876. 40-2t

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Fresh Fruit in great abundance AT STODDARD'S. Best A. 1 Finnan Haddies at only 12 cents per lb., or 10 lbs. for a dollar AT STODDARD'S.

In order to accommodate my numerous customers and my increasing trade, I have considerably enlarged my premises. GEORGE STODDARD.

UNDERTAKING. The undersigned begs leave to inform the people of Acton and vicinity that he will furnish all Requisites in Undertaking on short notice and reasonable terms as can be had. Hearse Supplied when Desired. Also that he will Fit up Stores & Offices in the best style. Show Cases, Book Cases and Desks made to order. FURNITURE REPAIRED. Shop on Willow street, near Main st. P. M. McCANN, Acton, March 29, 1876. 39-6m

F. TROLLOPE CHAPMAN, Practical Bookbinder. All Descriptions of Binding Neatly Executed. Account Books of All Kinds Made to Order. Selling Promptly Attended to. BUREAU—St. George's Square, Guelph. Orders left at the FREE PRESS OFFICE where price list can be seen, will receive prompt attention.

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