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TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 6, 1876.

Parties interested in reviving the work on the Credit Valley Railway are doing their best to flatter the people of Toronto into granting a \$250,000 bonus to the Company. The City Council do not seem to take kindly to the proposition, and a large portion of the tax-payers think it is about time to stop giving bonuses. Any number of letters are being published on the subject, but it is questionable whether they will have the desired effect.

We notice a slight advance in the price of wheat — one dollar being about the ruling figure for fair samples, while as high as \$1.02 has been paid here for the better grades. The good sleighing of the past two weeks has had the effect of enlivening the grain market, and quite a large quantity of wheat has been bought by our millers. Other articles of produce remain without much change in price.

The Dominion Premier in a lengthy speech, the other day, reviewed the past and present position of the Pacific Railway, and gave a succinct statement of the policy which the government had in view for the future. He presented an outline of the probable route to be adopted. The total expenditure in conducting the surveys has been over two and a quarter million dollars — a little more than one million being for surveys west of the Rocky Mountains.

Fraudulent transactions on an extensive scale by a wholesale hardware house in Montreal, have recently been brought to light. The firm, of Ireland, Gay & Co. commenced business a few years ago with very little capital, and through forgeries and misrepresentations succeeded in obtaining accommodations from the banks to the extent of \$200,000, when at the same time they were actually worth thousands of dollars less than nothing. They were finally compelled to go into insolvency, and an investigation of their affairs has revealed the astounding facts. One of the firm was forced to acknowledge that he had forged paper to the extent of \$40,000. He had been gambling heavily in stocks with the hope of being able to retire the forged paper before it was discovered, but the speculations proved disastrous. Both members of the firm have sought refuge in flight, presumably to Uncle Sam's Dominions.

Another revolution has broken out in Mexico. General Diaz has risen in rebellion and taken Matamoras, a town on the Rio Grande, about 40 miles above its mouth in the Gulf, and about 450 miles east of the capital, Mexico. It has a population of 20,000.

Lumbermen are picking up courage in consequence of the news that a large spring fleet is expected from England for timber. Stocks are light in the old country, and prices have advanced. Saw lumber is also advancing in price, and saw-log makers rejoice thereat.

A paragraph in the New York Tribune, March 24th says: "Speaking of telegraphing, a remarkable exhibition of prompt work was made to-day by the Direct Cable Company. Two bankers having occasion in the ordinary course of their business to cable to London requiring answers, one received his reply in 19 minutes, and the other in 13 minutes from the time of delivering their messages to the company."

COUNCIL.—There will be a special meeting of the County Council to day, (Thursday), for the purpose of deciding as to the course to be taken with regard to the debts issued under the Hamilton & North-western Railway by law.

EXPENSIVE FIRE IN PUSLINCH.—Last Saturday morning, at about four o'clock, a serious fire occurred on the premises of Mr. John McFarlane, 10th con. of Puslinch, a short two and a half miles from Morriston, by which nineteen head of cattle, several barns and sheds, a number of farming implements, including a threshing machine, and a quantity of other valuable material, such as barrel heading and feed were destroyed. The loss will be about \$8,000. There was an insurance of \$3,000 in the Victoria Mutual Insurance Company. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Two men were arrested in Hamilton Monday night on a charge of passing counterfeit half dollars pieces.

The probable resignation of General von Moltke is intimated, and the name of Gen. Wontenschenk mentioned as his successor.

Mr. Jas. Goldie, of Guelph, has now in his possession a fine bald eagle which was caught a few days ago by a farmer in Erin.

The Ottawa Grand Jury has brought in a true bill against Martin, the Manitoba M.P.P., charged with indecently assaulting the little girl Mills.

President Grant is said to be suffering from a return of periodical neuralgia, caused probably in part by periodical exposures of Government frauds.

The embankment of a reservoir at Worcester, Mass., gave way on Thursday letting loose 700,000,000 gallons of water which swept through the valley destroying a number of mills and houses.

Donald Campbell, an Owen Sound young man, with lots of cash, went to Toronto last week and fell in with David Quigley. The two went to an hotel and Quigley robbed Campbell of a \$300 gold watch and chain.

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MURDER AND ATTEMPTED ROBBERY IN LAMBTON COUNTY.

A FARMER THE VICTIM.

WATFORD, March 31. Another cold-blooded murder occurred last night about seven miles from here, at the house of Michael McIndoe, which was broken into, and his brother, Patrick, mortally shot, lying about an hour afterwards. The two brothers are bachelors, their house being kept by their sister, Mrs. Ann McGuire. It is supposed that the murderers went there with the intention of getting some money. The evidence of the brother as given at the inquest is as follows:

Last night, about 11 o'clock, when in bed, I heard the outside door knock in; then I saw a light in the kitchen; Patrick had risen and taken the gun down and gone into the kitchen to meet them; I heard two shots fired; I got up and went to meet him, asking him if he had shot them; he said no, but they had shot him; Patrick and I slept in the same room but not in the same bed; I got up as soon as Patrick but I was looking for a pistol, so he got into the kitchen before me; we have a rifle and pistol in the house. (The rifle was produced). Did not hear Patrick say anything; did not hear him snap the rifle cap, but he told me afterwards it would not go off.

The revolver was also produced, at the request of the inquest.

It was a six shooter, with one barrel useless. The barrels evidently had not been discharged, and are all loaded but one. It has been loaded for more than a year. Witness continued:

They were all gone before I found them, revolver in the door is secured with a bar across the entrance; did not hear but one knock against the door, and that broke the door of its hinges; I did not see the party that came in, but Patrick told me they were two, and were dressed in black clothes, and one wore moccasins and one had on striped pants; did not know why they went after they left; after this I went into the loft and blew the horn to alarm the neighbors; Patrick climbed into the loft after he was shot; did not say anything about the appearance of the men.

Patrick said he did not know of any enemy existing between him and anyone; my sister went for assistance to Mr. McLean's before he died, but being afraid of another attack, did not go sooner; we had about \$300 in the house; do not know if any person knew of us having the money; got the money for cattle over two months ago; on going out saw a pale about a foot from the door; the middle door was also knocked open, but a small knock would do that; am sure two shots were fired, heard the reports distinctly, and Patrick told me they missed him the first time; he did not say whether they had a pistol or rifle.

Mrs. Ann McGuire, sworn, confirmed the foregoing evidence of her brother, and also stated that Patrick said he was gone, and to look out for themselves; she thought that Patrick was over 40 years old.

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also taken, from which it is gathered that a team had evidently been led about 50 rods from the house, and that there were tracks of three persons, one from the door and two from the east window.

Dr. Davidson, of Watford, testified to finding a bullet in the thigh, which had caused injuries sufficient to cause death.

The following verdict was returned by the jury:—"A certain person, to the jurors unknown, on March 30th, 1876, at Warwick, in the county of Lambton, did feloniously, wilfully, and with malice afore-thought, kill and murder one Patrick Monahan."

No clue has yet been got to the perpetrators of the deed.

STATEMENT OF THE SOMBRA MURDERER.

W. H. Smith, who is now living in the Sarria, had under sentence of death for the murder of Mr. Finlay at Sudbury, has made arrangements to the Rev. J. R. Ellerby, of Sarnia, in which he says that on the night of the murder he went to the 9 o'clock, and was afterwards received by Mrs. Finlay, who said something was wrong in the stable. He and his bed-fellow, Shanks, got up and went to the stable, where they found Mr. Finlay on the floor. Mrs. Finlay came towards the stable and asked if he was dead. They went up to him and thought he was. They then left the stable to return to the house, and on their way Mrs. Finlay seized prison's arm and asked him to go back and tie up the horse which was loose. They then returned to the stable, and while they were tying up the horse, Mrs. Finlay took up a gun from a bench in the stable and placed it in a corner, shaking the master at prisoner not to take any notice, and she then left the stable. After they returned to the house Mrs. Finlay told him not to take any notice of what he had seen her do in the stable. Shanks and he went off to the nearest neighbors, who when they woke up and brought back with them. Prisoner then went into Finlay's house, when Mrs. Finlay asked him if he had seen what she did in the stable, and he told her he had seen her take the gun from the bench, on which she got up from the lounge, where she was sitting, and began to cry and said, "Only for that gun it would have been a secret to the world." She then went to the cupboard and took a Bible from off the top, and said, "I want you to swear that you will never repeat what I am going to tell you." For a few seconds he made no answer. She then said, "Are you not going to do as I ask you for I don't know the time when some of them will be in?" He still kept silence, when she said if he would not do what she wanted she would poison herself before five minutes were over. He knew that she had poison in the pantry. He had felt badly scared before, but this threat to poison herself made him worse, and he answered her by saying, "I will do what they ask me in this way, so long as I do not put myself in danger" and she said in reply, "You know they cannot do anything to you." She then told him how Finlay had arrived, and said she had shot him; he said no, but they had shot him; Patrick and I slept in the same room but not in the same bed; I got up as soon as Patrick but I was looking for a pistol, so he got into the kitchen before me; we have a rifle and pistol in the house. (The rifle was produced). Did not hear Patrick say anything; did not hear him snap the rifle cap, but he told me afterwards it would not go off.

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AN EVENING WITH MOODY AND SANKEY.

(From the Hamilton New Dominion.)

Being in New York last week, we availed ourselves of the opportunity afforded by the presence of Messrs. Moody and Sankey in that city, of hearing these world evangelists. Their meetings are held in Barnum's Hippodrome an immense building covering an entire block, and containing two large audience halls, the larger of which can accommodate about eighty thousand people, and the smaller, six thousand. Seeing it advertised that the doors would be opened half an hour before the commencement of the meeting, we thought that being at the place twenty minutes or a quarter of an hour before the time of commencing, we would be able to secure a seat, so we took the street cars, and passed street after street, wondering when we would arrive at our destination, when the conductor called out, "Hippodrome!" Now we had been under the impression that we would have to walk round the block, but when a gentlemanly police-officer, pointing straight ahead, said "This way, Sir," and when we saw a brilliantly lighted building into which a crowd was pouring itself, over the entrance of which was a placard with these words, "Moody and Sankey — Gospel meetings"; we went with the crowd. Vast assembly—at least five thousand; grand singing; earnest praying; earnest addresses; attentive audience; but no one whom we fit included to identify as Moody. Asking one of the ushers, who we believed was Mr. Moody, we learned what we had suspected all the time, that Mr. Moody had not come that night, but that Diaz and his men now occupy it.

A separation between husband and wife by mutual consent took place before the Brantford Police Magistrate recently.

A small revolution is going on in Mexico. Gen. Diaz, the rebel chief, attacked Matamoras on Sunday morning with 1000 men, and when 300 of the Government soldiers were sent out to attack this force, they went over in a body to the enemy. The city was taken, and Diaz and his men now occupy it.

Mellie Holbrook, the Chicago adventures, and Mary King, notorious shop-lifters, have been arrested in New York. Both were dressed in the height of fashion, and when taken into custody were coming out of a millinery store, having their spoils concealed below their garments.

A small congregation of Millerites, believing in the prediction that the world would come to an end at 4 o'clock Saturday morning, remained up all night in the ball in Toronto where they worship, clad in their robes. After waiting till 5 o'clock they dispersed, remembering it was April 1st.

BIRTHS.

At the Royal Exchange Hotel, Acton, on the 2nd inst., the wife of Mr. Thomas Campbell, of a son.

At White Rock, Mich., on the 24th ult., the wife of the Rev. A. J. Holmes, of a daughter.

DEATH.

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At the residence of Mr. Thomas Bennett, in Erie, on Sunday last, Mr. John Zimmerman, aged about 77 years. He was one of Acton's pioneers.

EPIS' COCON.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTEING.—By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the human frame, a digest of the properties of well selected cocoas, Mr. Epis has provided our breakfast-tables with a delicately flavored beverage which may save us many heavy doses of medicine. It is a great boon to those of us who are constitutionally weak, but who have been led into a life of debility by the use of stimulants. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us, and we are often in a state of feverish excitement, and when we are fatigued, we are easily overcome by a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a perfectly nourished frame.—"Cocel Service." Sold only in packets labeled "Jasius."—48, Threadneedle Street, and 170, Piccadilly, London.

ACTON MARKETS.

FLOUR. \$2 50 to 0 00  
White Wheat . . . . . 0 95 to 1 00  
Triticum . . . . . 0 95 to 1 00  
Spring Wheat . . . . . 0 90 to 1 00  
Barley . . . . . 0 65 to 0 75  
Oats . . . . . 0 35 to 0 50  
Peas . . . . . 0 60 to 0 65  
Potatoes, per bushel . . . . . 35 to 0 00  
Dried Apples, per bushel . . . . . 1 00 to 0 00  
Onions, per bushel . . . . . 1 00 to 0 00  
Butter . . . . . 0 29 to 0 22  
Eggs . . . . . 0 15 to 0 00  
Dressed Hogs . . . . . 8 00 to 0 00  
Hog, per ton . . . . . 100 to 140  
Lambkins . . . . . 0 50 to 0 60  
Lard . . . . . 0 15 to 0 16  
Tallow . . . . . 0 07 to 0 08  
Bacon . . . . . 0 10 to 0 00  
Ham . . . . . 0 12 to 0 14  
Shoulder . . . . . 0 10 to 0 12

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

DRESS & MANTLE-MAKING.

MISS M. ELLIOTT wishes to intimate to the ladies of Acton and vicinity that she has removed to the corner of Dundas and Willow streets, in part of Mrs. Yeomans' house, where she will be pleased to receive orders for dress and mantle-making, of any description. Stamping done to order. Charges moderate and satisfaction guaranteed.

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He can show you a fine stock of

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\$12 a day at home. Agents wanted.

TRUE & CO., Augusta, Maine.