

THE ACTON FREE PRESS

Published Every Thursday Morning

50 Per Annum in Advance

Acton Free Press

JOHN H. MANN, EDITOR

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 27, 1876.

THE SICK MAN.

A number of years ago... about the time of the Crimean War... we heard a great deal about the 'sick man' of Turkey... but of late years his affairs have not been so prominently before the world...

GENERAL NEWS

Mr. John Macdonald, M. P., has visited Messrs. Moody & Sankey to Toronto.

The Hon. Malcolm Cameron is invited and is pronounced out of danger.

Forty-three Toronto ministers have signed their disapproval of Sunday funerals.

A lodge of the Sons of Temperance is to be established in Orangeville.

St. Catherine's has had an eloquent, the lady being 19 and the swain 17.

The farmers of Manitoba are busy ploughing and sowing the Red River is open.

ACTON BAKERY.—Wanted any quantity of fresh eggs and fresh butter, for which we will pay the highest price in cash.—GALLOWAY BROS.

THE Rev. Mr. Baikie, Presbyterian Minister, of Brantford, has received a unanimous call from the Guthrie church at Harrison.

The License Commissioners for the electoral district of Peel, have granted 32 tavern licenses for the district, rejecting 15 applicants.

It is rumored in Ottawa that correspondence has been opened up with a view to the Emperor of Brazil visiting that city this summer.

THE sale of buffalo robes in Montana this season will be the largest for several years, and some dealers will ship 9,000 to 10,000 robes each.

Gen. Grant has vetoed the bill for the President's salary from \$50,000 to \$25,000. This is a very prudent step in view of a probable third term.

A by-law proposing a bonus of \$15,000 to the Stratford and Huron Railway will be voted on by the ratifiers of Listowel on the 20th of May.

Rev. C. J. Green, of the Albion Episcopate, has retired from the pastorate in London Diocese, in order the better to prosecute his enemies.

The spring sitting of the Court of Chancery opened on Tuesday at Guelph before Chancellor Spragg. There are thirteen cases on the docket.

Mr. John S. Armstrong and son of Enniscoe, have left on a visit to the old country, where they intend purchasing Durham stock for importation to Canada.

A new block of buildings are under contract to be built in Orangeville, and called the Ketchum Block. The cost will be about \$10,000.

Evangelistic services were again successfully held in the Montreal and Kingston, and as many as 500 pledged themselves to temperance principles.

The Galt Reporter is pleased to learn that the fall wheat in that neighborhood appears to have stood the winter this season better than it has done for years.

Upwards of \$300 have already been subscribed to the fund now being raised to procure a suitable memorial to the memory of the late Rev. Geo. McDougall.

An old Dutchman froze his nose. While thawing the frost out he said, "I haf carry dat nose forty year, I no understand dis ting."

Thomas Riddell & Co., paper manufacturers, of Montreal, have failed, and no wonder, for they borrowed \$30,000 from another firm, at 25 per cent interest per annum.

Mr. Jas. A. Thorp has sold his hotel business in Guelph, to Mr. John Hanigh, now of the Wellington Hotel. Mr. Hanigh will be removing to his new quarters about May 1st.

The town of Mitchell is offering a bonus of ten thousand dollars in municipal debentures to any firm that will start a factory there giving employment to sixty workmen.

On Sunday, the 16th inst., Mr. Abram Pugs died at his residence, 7th con., West Flamboro' at the ripe age of ninety-five years. He had lived in West Flamboro' over fifty years.

At ten o'clock Wednesday morning an extensive fire broke out in Campbell's pottery works, Hamilton destroying three kilns, machinery and a large quantity of stock. The loss is heavy, partly covered by \$5,000 insurance.

Mr. C. Robinson, ex-Warden of Ontario County and Reeve of Thorah, has determined to retire from the magistracy, on account of the unprofitable manner in which some witnesses gave evidence before him in a liquor case.

The money market in Montreal is very easy, as the banks have an ample supply of funds, and the demand for commercial purposes is quiet. There is no probability of any change from this condition of matters for some time to come.

Mr. Spurgeon stated at a recent meeting of the pastors' college, constituted with the church, that the institution began 20 years ago with one student, and that since that time 350 students had been educated, who are now preaching.

THE QUEEN HAS RETURNED FROM HER VISIT TO CANADA

On Saturday morning of last week, the Gold Springs Woollen Factory, Ancaster, was wrecked down. The proprietors, Messrs. J. Walker & Co., of Hamilton, estimate the loss at \$24,000, on which there is an insurance of \$14,000.

According to the Census of the population of Stratford is now 7,722. In 1870 it was only 4,057. The assessment has been increased by nearly half a million dollars, and the population is about 400 more than last year, and has nearly doubled since 1870.

The shareholders of the Guelph Masonic Hall Company have organized and secured a block of land on Upper Wyndham-street, immediately north of the Alwa-Block. Plans are to be prepared at once, and the building commenced shortly.

Rev. G. C. Moore, of Moorfield, was charged at the Police Court, Guelph, on Saturday with an indecent assault on the person of Mrs. Jackson, colored. He was committed to stand his trial at the next assizes, bail being taken for his appearance.

An Orangeville merchant named Fraire is charged with fraudulent bankruptcy, and some startling developments are expected, it being rumored that a prominent merchant in Toronto, himself at one time a bankrupt, had agreed to pay him his debt in full, on the proviso that he would get Fraire on advantageous terms with his creditors.

BURIED ALIVE.—A man named C. Danbold was buried alive in the caving in of a well at Berlin on Tuesday last. The earth gave way about three o'clock in the afternoon, and the man was heard speaking until 8 o'clock the same evening. The body was not recovered until Thursday, and life appeared to have been extinct about 24 hours.

Three men named Robt. Murray, Daniel McPhed, and Robert Grennie have been arrested on suspicion of being the murderers of Patrick Monaghan, in the County of Lanark, on the 30th March last. It is suspected that Grennie, who was arrested at Brantford, has confessed, and from the information thus obtained the others were arrested.

The supply of square timber in the Ottawa District promises to prove much larger than was anticipated. Rough calculations were made that there might be only 10,000, 000 cubic feet taken out, but owing to the numerous new openings in the English market in January, lumbermen increased their working force in the woods until they cut over 14,000,000 feet.

The trial of Lizzie Williams, for drowning her child last May, commenced at Napanee on Friday morning. A large number of witnesses were examined, and the case occupied the Court until half past five on Saturday. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty, after being out about an hour. The verdict was received with loud applause, although the judge is said to have been very much surprised at the verdict. The Court room was already crowded, and every inch of standing room was taken up. The authorities were compelled to keep the doors locked during the trial. The prisoner fainting when the jury came into Court and gave their verdict.

A rather singular accident, and almost fatal in its results, happened at the village of Niagara Falls on Saturday last. Mrs. Jackson, wife of a dry-goods merchant, after drinking a cup of tea was taken suddenly ill. A physician was immediately sent for, who, upon arriving, pronounced it a case of poisoning. The usual remedies were applied, and the patient is now out of serious danger, although she may not entirely recover from the shock received. An enquiry was instituted, when it was discovered that a portion of a cigar which Mr. Jackson had carelessly placed on the reservoir of the stove, fell into the tea kettle, and had, upon dissolving in the boiling water, poisoned the tea used. Miss Jackson being in the habit of taking tea without milk or sugar, remarked the peculiar taste of her tea and refused to drink it; but her mother, who used both, could not detect anything wrong, and took the usual quantity. Had she not been of unusually strong constitution she could not have survived.

The Monaghan Murder.—The preliminary examination of Grennie, implicated in the Warwick murder trial, took place in Brantford on Saturday before the police magistrate. He pleaded not guilty. On account of the non-arrival of Murray and McFee, the other two suspected accomplices, the case was remanded for a few days. Murray and McFee only reappeared Brantford on Saturday afternoon. The house of ill-fame in Peterborough kept by one Murray and Mary Ann Taylor, was searched under warrant by Detectives Dunn, of Brantford, and Phair, of London. They found two seven-shot revolvers in a trunk, each loaded in five chambers, and seized them. What clue they may give is not yet understood.

THE MAN

Who can sell you GOOD GOODS and CHEAP GOODS is the RIGHT MAN

J. W. MANN.

Central Emporium, ACTON.

He can show you a fine stock of New Dry Goods.

Ready-Made Clothing.

Groceries, Crockery, and Wall Paper.

Call and be convinced that this is The Right Spot.

J. W. MANN, ACTON, APRIL 5, 1876.

Wm. Stewart & Co., WINDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

Have just opened a third case of these Cheap

Reversible Dress Goods AT FIFTEEN CENTS.

Also a case of White Cotton Hosiery, cheap, 4 pair for 25 cents.

New French Kid Gloves, A case of very choice Dress Goods at 20c and 25c.

Ladies' Silk Ties from 10c, very stylish, at 25c.

In Swiss Embroideries we hold a large assortment, and prices that astonish, from 7c.

Parasols and Silk Umbrellas, from 25c.

Misses' and Ladies' Striped Cotton Hose, all sizes and qualities; also, White and Colored, every size and quality.

New Prints, New Cottons.

We are selling White Shirtings by the piece at wholesale prices. White Counterpane, Sheetings, Towels, Table Linens, &c.

New Gent's Dress Shirts, New Oxford Shirts, New Fals and Silk Hats, New Coatings and Tweeds.

Wm. Stewart & Co., Guelph, April 18, 1876.

STOVES

TINWARE!

If you want a Best COOKING-STOVE or PARLOR STOVE, GO TO

WILSON & JOHNSON'S.

Always in stock, Stoves, Stove Trimmings, Tin, Sheet-Iron and japanned Ware.

Particular attention paid to HAVENTROUCHING, Stencelling and Jobbing, done on the shortest notice.

Cotton Rags, Copper, Brass, Iron and other produce taken in exchange.

Call and See Us, on the corner of the Canada Glove Works, MILL STREET, ACTON.

W. R. WILSON, L. P. JOHNSON, ACTON, APRIL 11, 1876.

CLEARING SALE.

GIVING UP BUSINESS.

KENNEDY BROTHERS, Have determined to give up business in Acton, and share now offering the balance of their immense stock of

BOOTS AND SHOES AT COST.

Now is the time to secure Bargains.

Full lines of Men's, Women's, and Children's Boots, Shoes and Slippers to select from.

No Reasonable Offer Refused for Cash.

All Overdue Accounts must be paid at once, to save Costs of Collection.

Acton April 24, 1876 KENNEDY BROS.

GOLDEN LION.

J. D. WILLIAMSON & CO., CORNER.

Wyndham & McDonnell Sts., GUELPH.

Largest and Best Dry Goods House in Western Ontario.

EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS.

DRESS GOODS AND PRINTS.

White and Grey Cottons cheaper than any other house; Twenty Bales just received.

Another Large Lot of those wonderfully low priced Black Lustres just in, at 25c., worth 37c.

In each and every line of the Dry Goods Trade we challenge Competition.

OUR PRICES ARE CLOSE, OUR VARIETY EXTENSIVE, OUR STYLES SUPERB.

All who want the Latest Fashions.

All who want the Best Value for their money.

All who like to be Treated with the Greatest Courtesy and Attention.

GO TO THE GOLDEN LION.

CARPET ROOM.

CONTAINS A VERY LARGE VARIETY OF Brussels, Tapestry, Hemp, and Wool Carpets.

Designs most tasteful, prices very low.

GIVE US A CALL, Guelph, April 18, 1876.

Wm. Stewart & Co., Guelph, April 18, 1876.

PROGRESS OF THE PLAGUE.

The Levant Herald of April the 12th says that Hillah, a town of Asiatic Turkey, 60 miles south of Bagdad, from March 28th to the 31st, exclusive, there were 66 new cases of plague and 42 deaths, and at Bagdad, from March 28th to the 1st of April, 145 new cases and 75 deaths. The plague has now crossed to the left bank of the river Tigris, which had previously escaped it.

A. T. STEWART'S ADVERTISING.

The late Mr. Stewart was a great stickler for correct English. He dictated all the retail advertising which, on Sundays, in most cases, occupied a column in each of the local papers. This was a regular Saturday afternoon's employment, and, reviewing through his mind, the attractions of the several departments, he would frequently close up a whole line at the wholesale, send it to the retail, and there open it at a price which barely covered the cost of the goods.

Guelph's population, 9,017.

THE MURDERER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

For several days in the beginning of last week residents in the township of Malahide and surrounding district were considerably excited over the report that a man named George Bain had beaten his son-in-law, George Smart, in an unmerciful manner with a willow-tree, and that his life was despatched of. This man turned out to be only two feet, Dr. C. W. Clarke, who has been attending the injured man, having an information before the magistrates certifying to the fact that there was no probability of Smart's recovery, and praying for a warrant for the arrest of Bain. The warrant was granted and placed in the hands of Chief Constable Calkverly, who succeeded in arresting Bain at a farm house in South Dorchester.

THE SCENE OF THE TRAGEDY.

The scene of the tragedy is on the 8th con. of Malahide, near Glen Colin post office, three and a half miles from the town of Malahide, and the particulars of the deed and the after-effects are as follows:—Bain and his wife have lived unhappily together for some time past being a "little squib by spells," as his wife herself says. He has often struck her, and on one occasion she lost the sight of her left eye from a blow inflicted by her husband. Three weeks ago, after one of Bain's periodic outbursts, his wife left him and went to reside with her son-in-law, who is generally regarded as a quiet disposition. On Monday last Smart was sewing wool in front of his house, when Bain came up, slightly the worse of liquor, and demanded to see his wife. Smart told him to go in and get her. Bain went in by the back door, and Smart followed, entering by the front door with an axe in his hand. Bain said to Mrs. Smart, "Good morning," and she replied, "He also addressed his son-in-law in the same manner, when he replied with an oath and told him to leave. Smart's wife took the axe from him, being apparently frightened of the consequences; and Smart went out, and returned immediately with a willow-tree, which Bain took from him, and struck his four blows on the head, fracturing the skull in a frightful manner, and rendering him insensible. The two women took the child from Bain, who then went out and hung around the premises for some time, apparently solicitous of the consequences. He expressed himself sorry for Smart, who he said had caused him to do this, and he would do anything for him when he went to see his wife." Mrs. Smart and Mrs. Bain put the deceased to bed, who never again spoke, except to ask George Young (a neighbor) to pull off his boots. Bain afterwards came back and asked for his wife, and she went away with him. Smart lay in a miserable condition till a late hour on Wednesday evening, when death ensued.

ACTON MARKETS.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Flour, White Wheat, Spring Wheat, Barley, Oats, Potatoes, Apples, Onions, Eggs, Dressed Hogs, Hay, Lambskins, Pelts, Lamb, Bacon, Ham, and Mutton.

THE MURDERER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

For several days in the beginning of last week residents in the township of Malahide and surrounding district were considerably excited over the report that a man named George Bain had beaten his son-in-law, George Smart, in an unmerciful manner with a willow-tree, and that his life was despatched of. This man turned out to be only two feet, Dr. C. W. Clarke, who has been attending the injured man, having an information before the magistrates certifying to the fact that there was no probability of Smart's recovery, and praying for a warrant for the arrest of Bain. The warrant was granted and placed in the hands of Chief Constable Calkverly, who succeeded in arresting Bain at a farm house in South Dorchester.

ACTON MARKETS.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Flour, White Wheat, Spring Wheat, Barley, Oats, Potatoes, Apples, Onions, Eggs, Dressed Hogs, Hay, Lambskins, Pelts, Lamb, Bacon, Ham, and Mutton.

Poor Copy