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THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 1, 1876.

Mr. Adam Gordon, M. P. for New Ontario, died on Sunday morning at his home in Port Perry.

It is proposed that China and the United States shall agree to a treaty enabling either of them to restrict the immigration of the other's people with the exception of those engaged in commerce.

The print mills in the United States continue to reduce operatives' wages owing to a falling off in prices of the goods produced and a reduction in the cost of living.

The Queen has created Earl Dufferin a Knight Grand Cross of the order of St. Michael and St. George, an honor conferred on his predecessors, Lord Lisgar and Viscount Monck.

A nice point is to come before the Police Magistrate at St. Catharines for decision, as to whether a greasy keeper can legally give away liquor, or is held that the practice is illegal according to the statute, and the License Inspector is going to bring before the court a case of this kind in order to test the value of the law.

From an official return we find that there has been expended on the construction of Railways in this Province during last year the large sum of \$3,806,153.

The report that Hon. Malcolm Cameron's illness was softening of the brain, proves incorrect. The hon. gentleman is suffering from an abscess of the lungs, causing a high fever. At latest accounts the fever had subsided, and there is a prospect of his ultimate recovery.

The Pennsylvania, New York Central, and Erie railroads, in their fight for business have cut down fares from New York to Chicago and other western points about twenty per cent. Of the three the Erie, though the last to act, has gone the lowest in reducing the rates.

A resident of Waterdown, failing to murder his wife Sunday morning, made away with himself by the aid of a revolver. A Belleville shoemaker committed suicide by hanging himself with his strip to a bed-post. In Toronto, Sunday night, a young man of bad character shot his mistress at the rear of a house on Elizabeth-street, the bullet entering the neck, making a dangerous though not probably a fatal wound.

The war between Guatemala and San Salvador is ended, the former being victorious. A preliminary treaty of peace has been signed.

A despatch says Saravia is preparing to lead the insurrection in northern Turkey, while Greece, Thessaly, and Crete will all rise from the other side.

The Macedonian case was discussed in the Toronto Presbytery Tuesday, and it is now considered that the difficulty has been settled, the following statement from Mr. Macdonnell being taken as the basis: "Notwithstanding the difficulties which I have regarding the ceremony of future punishment, I continue my adhesion to that doctrine as implied in my assent to the Confession of Faith as formerly given."

While Rev. Father Chiniy was returning home from delivering a lecture Saturday night, in the Temperance Hall, Ottawa, his carriage was pelted with stones, one of them striking him on the head; he was not seriously injured. At the hall several rowdies attempted to raise a disturbance, but the police interfered and prevented them.

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The population of Florida is 1,547, being 15 less than last year.

Queen's Birthday in Acton.

The fifty-seventh anniversary of Her Majesty's birthday was celebrated in the usual manner last week. The day was ushered in by the booming of "cannon," firing of squibs, and a general uproar. Ensigns fluttered in the breeze, and everything betokened a grand gala day. "All nature was just bedecking herself in her beautiful robes of emerald green, and Old Sol shining in his magnificent splendor over all, aroused an unusual spirit of joyousness and enthusiasm amongst the loyal people who had assembled to do honor to the occasion. During the afternoon, a great many people were on the streets, amusing themselves in various ways. Great interest was taken in the athletic games and races—which were well contested. And in the evening, the concert hall was the centre of attraction, and then the fireworks. The following is the record of the games: BASE BALL MATCH.—The day's amusement commenced at about 10 o'clock, with a ball game. It was expected that a club from the school would arrive by the morning train to play with our boys, but as none came, it was resolved to choose two mixed nines from our home players, under the captaincy of Messrs. Thos. Kennedy and James Nicklin, to contest for the \$10 prize. Heavy Shot-Load Stone.—25 lbs.—4 entries—1st Donald Mann, 2nd Wm. McDonald, 20 ft. 5 in. LIGHT STONE.—12 lbs.—3 entries—1st Donald Mann, 2nd Wm. McDonald, 20 ft. 5 in. TOSSEING THE CANNON.—4 entries—1st Donald Mann, 2nd Wm. McDonald. FOOT RACE, 100 yards.—5 entries—1st Len Suggitt, 2nd Thos. Kennedy. FOOT RACE, 200 yards.—5 entries—1st James Clarke, 2nd Len Suggitt. HURDLE RACE, 300 yards.—3 entries—1st James Clarke, 2nd Wm. Gardner. HOP STEP AND GO.—5 entries—1st David McMahon, 2nd Len Suggitt, 3rd Wm. Gardner. RUNNING JUMP.—6 entries—1st James Clarke, 17 ft. 2 in.; 2nd David McMahon and Len Suggitt, tie, 16 ft. 9 in. THREE STAGION JUMPS.—6 entries—1st Len Suggitt, 34 ft. 8 in.; 2nd Richard Hill, 32 ft. 3 in. STANDING JUMP.—4 entries—1st Len Suggitt, 11 ft. 9 in.; 2nd Richard Hill, 11 ft. 7 in. For the High Jump, Sack Race, Wheelbarrow Race, and Climbing Greased Pole, there were no entries. Neither was there any for Lady Greaves' Triathlon.) FOOTING RACE.—3 entries—1st, G. W. Moore, of Rockwood, by mare, saddle, bridle, &c., \$15; 2nd, Wm. Mitchell, Esquimaux, by mare, \$5. REVOLVING RACE.—4 entries—1st Alex. Campbell, \$10; 2nd Alex. Wright, sorrel mare, \$5. CONSOLATION RACE.—John Arthur, chestnut horse, \$10.

The Hamilton Tragedy.

HAMILTON, May 27.—The inquest on the body of Mrs. Macrae was brought to a close at eleven o'clock on Friday night, the jury having retired at half-past four. The verdict was that she died from her death from injuries received at the hands of her husband, J. O. Macrae. The defendant, Macrae, was then formally committed for trial at the fall assizes. Great interest was manifested during the evening, large crowds of citizens awaiting result of inquest.

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Statistics of Canada.

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Base Ball.

HARD ON THE "MAPLE LEAF." The Guelph "Maple Leaf" Club played a championship match in London on the 24th with the Tecumseh Club, and at the eleventh innings were defeated—the score being 8 to 7. The following day they played in Detroit, where they were again defeated, this time by 5 runs. The Guelph "Maple Leaf" Club played a championship match in London on the 24th with the Tecumseh Club, and at the eleventh innings were defeated—the score being 8 to 7. The following day they played in Detroit, where they were again defeated, this time by 5 runs.

The Concert.

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Escape of two Murderers from Cayuga Jail.

CAYUGA, May 29.—John and James William Young, who were confined in Cayuga jail, under sentence of death for the murder of Abel McDonald near Calconia, escaped on Sunday about 7:30 p.m. On Sunday evening James William Young overpowered the gaoler, took a key which he had made from a buckle of his clothing, went to John Young's cell, unlocked it, and both escaped. The Deputy Sheriff and a strong posse of constables immediately went in pursuit. Up to Wednesday nothing has been heard of the escaped murderers Young. They are supposed to be harbored by relatives, of which they have many acquaintances throughout Hamilton and Wentworth.

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Unquhart & Co., Wholesale Grocers, Montreal, have suspended with liabilities of about \$30,000.

The Brantford Express says the statement that has been circulated, that the Hon. George Brown has disposed of Bow Park, is incorrect.

A Mr. Watson walked on the Queen's birthday from Toronto to Hamilton, a distance of forty-five miles, in a little less than eleven hours.

The Montreal Star says: Messrs. J. D. Williamson & Co., of Guelph, have bought the entire dry goods stock of the late firm of Boujez, Johnston & Co., amounting to over \$60,000.

Two large saw mills, one at Lindsay, the other at Napawan, were burned on Sunday along with a considerable quantity of lumber. At Lynden eight houses were also destroyed.

The necessary plans and specifications for the new building at Church Hill, to contain the Post-Office, Customs House, and Land Revenue Offices are now completed, and tenders will be called for very shortly for its construction.

The Presbyterian Church at Ancaster Village has been burglarized and everything portable carried off, including stair carpet, organ matting, mirror, brush and comb, and a small sum of money.

Mr. James Bradley, Georgetown, purchased, at the Assignee's sale, the property of Mr. Hurst, in Glen Williams, for \$4,100, and intends carrying on the manufacturing business as usual. He intends moving from Georgetown to the Glen in a short time.

It does not speak well for the credit of Toronto that the Secretary of the Mechanics' Institute in that city should be forced to write in his official report that the 231 volumes were stolen from the society's shelves last year.

Despatches from Toronto say that one good effect of the new license law was plainly visible in the streets on Saturday night and Sunday, namely, the total absence of persons under the influence of drink. The tavern keepers steadily refused to supply even their best customers during prohibited hours.

BECKER ON ORTHODOXY. About 200 delegates to the Presbyterian Assembly attended the Plymouth church last Sunday morning, when Beecher preached a sermon, the gist of which was that some people place too much stress on orthodoxy, foolishly supposing that the gift of Godness and a great deal of orthodoxy is better than a great deal of goodness and a little orthodoxy.

P. O. NOTICE.—At the written request of the addresses, undelivered mail matters will be re-directed and forwarded from one post office to another in Canada or delivered to another in Canada or United States without any additional postage; but mail matter re-directed and re-posted after having been taken out of the post office is again liable to postage, which must be pre-paid, or otherwise such mail matter will be sent to the Dead Letter Office at Ottawa.

THE "HARD LADDER" VICTORIES.—The draught match between Mr. Willis and the celebrated Boston player, Mr. Barker, has now come to an end. The match was to comprise fifty games, and the stakes to be \$10 for each game; and there was a clause in the agreement that the loser would not be compelled to play the match out if he saw no possibility of winning a game. On Saturday night the score stood 24 to 26 in favor of Mr. Barker. Barker then proposed to draw 26. Barker thereupon declined to play longer, and Willis was declared the winner. The champion will remain in Boston about two weeks. We understand that Mr. Martin, the English champion, has declined for the present to play a match for the championship with Mr. Willis, and therefore, no likelihood of the challenge of the latter for \$500 or \$1,000 (which still remain open) being accepted by any one. The success of the "ladder" in Boston gives much satisfaction to the devotees of checkers.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—A man about sixty years of age, name unknown, was struck in the side and killed by a cylinder of a locomotive on Saturday afternoon, 20th inst., when within a few yards of the station. He must have been put off at Malton, or missed the train, as he had a ticket in his pocket from Toronto to Brampton, dated the same day; also a piece of paper with "Robert Horn, Mount Forest," written on it.

A SETTLEMENT.—The creditors of Mr. R. D. Boomer, general store-keeper in Erin, signified their willingness, at a meeting held a few days ago, to accept seventy-five cents on the dollar. There is a surplus it is said, of seven thousand in the estate, the assets being \$21,000 and the liabilities \$14,000.

Ladies' sets in gold plate, and set jewelry in all the latest patterns, at C. & G. Hynds, Post Office, Acton.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GEORGETOWN Implement Warerooms AND FEED STORE.

The subscribers beg to announce to farmers and others, that they have opened a ware room on Main Street, Georgetown, next the lay stacks, where they will keep always in stock the most desirable kind of

Farming Implements.

Also in connection, they have opened a FEED STORE, where will always be kept a large stock of flour, feed and seeds, of various descriptions. J. C. DEVEREAUX, ALAN MOORE, Manager, GEORGETOWN, April 12, 1876, 42-3m

THE Rock River Company

BUILDING PAPER

DAY'S BOOKSTORE.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CHURCH HILL BURIAL

Notice is hereby given to all parties interested in the Burial Ground at Church Hill, that there will be a public meeting on Wednesday, 14th of June, at one o'clock p.m., for the purpose of appointing Trustees, and to arrange for fencing and collecting the grounds and collecting money for the same. ISAAC SYDNER, Secy., Esquimaux, June 1, 1876.

WALKER LODGE No. 321.

WANTED. 1000 Cords of GOOD HEMLOCK BARK.

STRAY COLTS.

LIME.

SMALL FARM FOR SALE

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