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his keeper soon after the departure of the messenger, who had now returned with the doctor in pursuit of him. As the poor wretch was being hurried away he turned to me and said: "Madame, this is a plot to rob me of my reputation. Your husband is envious of my great skill as a surgeon." "Adieu!" I afterwards learned that the man had once been an eminent surgeon in Europe, but much learning had made him mad. When he bound me to the table my hair was as black as a raven; when I left it was as white as full blown cotton.

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TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 8, 1876.

It is doubtful if there ever was a better prospect for the growing crops than there is just now. Vegetation of all kinds looks really magnificent. Here and there an instance is noted of fall wheat having been somewhat injured during the winter, but the cases are so exceptional as to be scarcely worth mentioning. Of the spring crops it is not too extravagant to say that they have every appearance of yielding more abundantly than was ever before known. There will undoubtedly be a very large crop of hay, which will be ready for the market in about a fortnight. The alternate rain and sunshine with which we have been blessed have produced the desired effect. It is interesting to note the cheerful faces of our agricultural friends in anticipation of the bountiful harvest.

Government has consented to the bridging of Burlington Canal by the Hamilton and North-western Railway. It is reported that the work on the road is now being vigorously prosecuted.

The writ for a new election in South Wellington will be issued in a few days. The election will take place about the end of the present month. It is expected nominations in the two Ridings of Ontario will take place about the same time.

A rumor is in circulation in Montreal that Sir John Ross is likely to succeed Mr. Potter as President of the Grand Trunk.

Four constituencies in Ontario are at present without members. South Wellington, North Ontario, North Middlesex and South Ontario.

The new Sultan of Turkey has issued a proclamation promising reforms of various kinds, and the formation of a Government which will secure the liberty of every subject.

REV. MR. MCDONNELL AGAIN. — A despatch from Toronto to the *Hamilton Times* says: Much comment is heard on a sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. McDonnell in St. Andrew's Church on Sunday evening. He took his text from the seventh chapter of St. Luke, twelfth verse, and on it built a severe diatribe against creeds and infidelity. It is thought that the matter will again be brought before the Presbytery.

European Grain Market. — The *Mark Lane Express* in reviewing the corn trade, and alluding to the probability of European war, says: "Should the worst ensue we cannot shut our eyes to the fact, that with the rapid diminution of stocks abroad and of a visible supply in America; a great alteration in the present range of prices in our market will in all probability occur."

Hon. Malcolm Cameron Dead.

Hon. Malcolm Cameron, M.P. for South Ontario, died in Ottawa last Thursday, after protracted illness. His remains were laid in their last resting place in the Canadian Presbyterian graveyard, Sutton, on the 3rd inst. Most of the stores were closed in honor of the sad occasion. He was over sixty-eight years of age; born at Three Rivers, Lower Canada. Hon. Malcolm was a strong, forcible speaker, and was never at fault in adapting himself to any audience which he had to address. The term "Clear Grit," which has clung so closely to the Reform party, was adopted from the remark in a speech of his. "They call us grit—yes we are and clear grit at that." As an advocate of total prohibition Mr. Cameron was straightforward and unflinching, and on the platform or in the council of the Sons of Temperance or the Prohibitory League, his words were listened to with careful attention, and his counsel followed.

The Position of the Country.

"An address" was delivered last week in Toronto, by Sir A. T. Galt, on the financial condition of the Dominion, from a report of which we extract the following remarks:

"The position of the country is such that we would see for some time to come increasing distress, especially among our working classes; I hope he might be mistaken in that view, but from his observations there was no reason to think that the position would improve.

"He feared he would see more of the factories closed, which would necessarily affect our present population, a circumstance much to be regretted. However unfortunate that might be, still we had the consolation that the natural resources of the country are inexhaustible.

"We had to a certain extent crippled them; we had gone on faster than we were able to bear, but still the great natural resources of the country remain unexhausted, and above all we had an energetic, enterprising population, a population possessing education and intelligence, who, when they knew the trouble, would use every laudable and necessary means to remedy it forthwith. In closing his remarks, which he feared in many respects had been too gloomy, he did not wish to be understood as having in any respect despair of the country. Far from it. He believed the period through which we are now passing is a period of lesson and education to us. After Confederation we proceeded prudently and well at first. Too great success led us on too rapidly. We are now reaping the consequences of undue haste. But he believed looking at the great country we possess, and the great measures which must occupy the minds of our Legislators in the future for its development, that it would appear that one of the wisest and best things which Providence had done for us was to arrest us in an improper course before we had done ourselves material injury. He believed that was the case now. He looked hopefully to the future. He feared we would have for the moment increased trouble, but he was satisfied that this country would before long rise superior to all her present difficulties and fulfil the just expectations of every one of the men who have made the Dominion what it is.

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An aged widow woman, Mrs. Toole, who resided in Brockville, was discovered on Saturday afternoon hanging by the neck to the bed post, with a handkerchief tightly twisted.

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The Post Office Inspector was in Guelph last week and gave formal possession of the Post Office to Mr. D. Stirtton, though it is understood that Mr. Wells will continue to report at next meeting of Council.

Mount Forest has now a population of 2,100. The Clerk has

been notified to give the usual

three months' notice in papers in regard to having the village incorporated into a town.

Mr. Jas. Gow who has been a good many years Collector of Land Revenue for the Guelph Division, has received the appointment of collector of the Windsor Division with a considerable increase of salary.

The Georgetown Herald says one

evening last week three of Mr. Devreux's horses broke into the barn and ate a quantity of wheat.

Two of the horses died shortly after the third recovered. The horses were valued at \$350.

On Thursday afternoon a fire

broke out in the extensive family

of Messrs. F. J. Craig & Co., Stratford, which reduced the entire

range of buildings occupied by the

firm to ashes, and also consumed

the handsome brick Catholic Church of which the walls only are now seen standing.

Mr. Robert Laidlaw, for the past

two years local editor of the

Mercury and who has retired from

that position to become a partner in the Woodstock *Review*, was on

Saturday afternoon presented by

the employees of the *Mercury* office

with a gold pencil case and pen, accompanied by an address.

The Star Ball Club, of Scarsdale, claims to be the junior champions of Canada. The club anticipates an unusual number of matches this season. As the Stars hold two champion cups, one for five counties—Huron, Bruce, Perth, Grey, and Wellington, (except Guelph) and the other for the county of Huron, much interest will be attached to matches in which they play.

The Toronto *Telegram* in speaking

of the Canadian Valley Railway,

remarks: The enterprise was con-

ceived in folly and nurtured in

scampering. Even were it in running

order at this moment, it would

starve to death for lack of support.

It runs midway between the Grand

Trunk and Great Western lines,

and is as necessary to the welfare

of Ontario as would be a sidewalk

for passengers down the middle

of Yonge street with the pavement on each side.

On Tuesday of last week Mr.

Devereaux, of Georgetown, was

hitching up a team of spirited

horses, in Guelph, when by some

means they became frightened and ran away, breaking the wagon, and carrying part of the tongue with them. One of the horses was severely cut about the legs by the broken tongue, but beyond this no damage was done.

AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITIONS. —

The Provincial Exhibition has been

appointed to take place at Hamil-

ton on the 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st

and 22nd September. The Western

Fair, London, on the 25th, 26th,

27th, 28th and 29th of September.

The Central Exhibition, Guelph,

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Philadelphia claims a population of \$17,118.

There arrived in Quebec during Saturday and Sunday over seventy British and foreign vessels.

It is said that the Hon. J. H. Cameron has refused to act in any suit to test the constitutionality of Liquor License Act.

The Wesleyan Methodists of Hornby are about to build a fine brick church there. Tenders will be asked for the work.

The new town hall in Orangeville, which has seating accommodation for 500, was opened by the present population, a circumstance much to be regretted. However unfortunate that might be, still we had the consolation that the natural resources of the country are inexhaustible.

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