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The latest news respecting the progress of the Eastern negotiations is important. A dispatch dated Constantinople, Oct. 10th, reports that Turkey has finally yielded to the representation of the Powers and expressed her willingness to grant a six months' armistice. It now remains to be seen how Serbia will regard this concession, but hopes are held out that the armistice will be accepted. Another report, however, says that the news that the Porte has accepted an armistice is considered premature. It is difficult to arrive at any conclusion as to the truth of any of the reports.

**The Whiteside Tragedy.**  
By an oversight, we omitted last week to mention that the jury had finally rendered a verdict in this case. There was no fresh evidence given, and there being no reason for expecting any further light to be thrown upon the mystery, the coroner announced to the jury that he was prepared to close. Mr. Laidlaw on behalf of the prisoner, and Mr. Dewar on behalf of the Crown, briefly addressed the jury, after which they retired, and in about half an hour returned with the following verdict:

Sherbrooke, Sept. 30, 1876.  
We, the undersigned jury, find a verdict that Robert Whiteside came to his death on the night of the 20th of August last, by violence by some person or persons unknown to this jury.  
D. Dewar, Coroner.  
Henry Whiteside, son of the deceased, who has been in custody for the past several weeks, on suspicion of being implicated in the murder, was then acquitted of any blame in the matter, for want of evidence, and set at liberty. After his acquittal he gave an apparently truthful account of himself on that fatal Sunday night. The affair is now more mysterious than ever, there being no known clue by which the coroner and jury have done their duty faithfully, we believe there can be no question, and that they have not succeeded in entrapping the guilty party has not been for want of due diligence on their part. A Government detective has apparently used every means in his power to ferret out any clue which might lead to the discovery of the murderer, and it may be presumed from the persistency with which he has clung to the prisoner that he had at least good hopes of being able to discover something that might lead to his conviction. After all the pains of evidence that has taken by the coroner, there is certainly nothing of any importance to strengthen the suspicion that was at first attached to the young man, but rather, if anything, to point to the improbability of his being guilty of the deed. We sincerely hope that his future conduct may be such as to fully regain the confidence of his associates and the general public, and that he may take this as a lesson to keep himself far above suspicion.

**PACIFIC RAILWAY.**—We learn from the Thunder Bay *Standard*, that the work on the eastern end of the Pacific Railway is being rapidly pushed forward by the contractor, Messrs. Sifton, Ward & Co., who are employing large numbers of men. The rails have been laid for many miles, and two construction trains are busily employed with the necessary men in preparing the track for cars. Some engineering difficulties have been experienced, but it is believed they will speedily be overcome. Every effort is being made to secure a large complement of able workmen, which shows the contractor to be in earnest. One member of the first firm mentioned, is now in this part of the Province purchasing \$50,000 worth of supplies for the winter.

**BANK OF COMMERCE.**—Mr. G. W. Sandilands, who has been Manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Quebec since the office was opened in January, 1875, has resigned that position. His successor, Mr. William Smith, late manager of the same bank in Barrie, and formerly Manager of the Gore Bank in Guelph, has arrived. Mr. Sandilands, although retiring from the management, has consented to act as Local Director of the Bank in this capacity he will undoubtedly give valuable aid to the institution. His popularity among the citizens generally being thoroughly ascribed.

**THE COUNCIL.**—The Council met at the call of the Reeve on Friday, the 29th day of September. Members present—Messrs. Ramsay, Winn, and Hutchison. The Reeve explained that the object of the meeting was to make a further provision of one tenth of a mill in the dollar for the amount of County Rate, the true amount not being known by the Council at the time of the passing of the former By-law. The total amount of rate required for all Municipal purposes for the current year will be 3 mills and four tenths in the dollar. It was then moved by Dr. Winn, seconded by Mr. Hutchison, for leave to introduce a By-law to repeal a certain clause in By-law No. 7 for 1876, for levying the necessary additional amount required for county purposes for the current year, but now read a first time. Leave was granted and by-law read the first, second and third time and passed. On motion the council adjourned to meet again on Monday the 27th day of October next.  
J. EASTERNBROOK, Tp Clerk.

**THE DUNKIN ACT IN WELLINGTON.**—A very largely attended meeting was held in the Guelph Temperance hall last Thursday evening to discuss the advisability of submitting the Dunkin Act to the ratifiers of the County of Wellington. The feeling of the meeting was of an enthusiastic nature in reference to the suggestion thrown out by the various speakers, as to the mode of action to be taken. Mr. Robt. McLean, from Toronto, was present, and assisted the meeting to a great extent with some cautionary instructions, and advice how to proceed with petitioning the Council before submitting the Act to the ratifiers. The question as to the advisability of acting on the resolution of the Convention, to petition the County Council, was discussed, and the general opinion seemed to be that it would be better to ascertain the feeling of the people in regard to the Dunkin Act before the petition be presented to the Council.

**His Honor Lieut. Governor Macdonald** has appointed Thursday, November 2nd as Thanksgiving day for the Province of Ontario.

**THE ESQUING FALL SHOW.**  
The annual exhibition of the township of Esquing Agricultural Society was held in Georgetown, on Tuesday, and was very largely attended. The day was fine and clear, though somewhat chilly. In horses the show was excellent, indeed we heard it remarked as being much superior to the exhibit in Guelph last week. Halton county seems to take the palm in this department. In sheep and hogs there was also a very good show. There was some very excellent cattle, but the number was not very large, except in grades. There was a large display of buggies, wagons and various other agricultural implements. In grain there was a good display, especially of spring wheat and barley. Roots and vegetables were not very largely represented, although some good samples of turnips were shown. There was a fair show of apples and pears. In dairy produce there were twenty crates of nice fresh butter, but only four of first quality of medium quality. Domestic manufactures were not numerous. In ladies work there was a very fine display, and so also was there in paintings and pencil drawings. There was a fine collection of greenhouse plants, and a few choice flowers and bouquets. Altogether, the show may be said to have been a very good one.

**PRIZE LIST.**  
Heavy draught horses, 5 entries—Allan Pickering, 2d Samuel Mason, 3d Thos Monahan. Two-year-old gelding or filly, 1—Henry Brown. One-year-old gelding or filly, 1—William Caster. Spring colt, 5—H. Brown, 2d R. Cleave. Brood mare, 4—Henry Brown, 2d Wm. Caster, 3d R. Cleave. General purposes, 4—Jas. Brown, 2d J. S. Bessey, 3d Howard ward, 4—R. Stark, 2d A. Neilson, 3d Jas. Mothersill. Two-year-old entire colt, 2—Henry Mullin, 2d William Shortell. One-year-old entire colt, 5—E. W. Deveraux, 2d John Mann. Two-year-old gelding or filly, 2—E. Garvin, 2d Wm. Maltby. One-year-old gelding or filly, 4—Daniel McKinnay, 2d J. G. Harly. Spring colt, 7—Joseph Mothersill, 2d A. Cook.

**ROADSTERS.**  
Carriage horses, 4—E. W. Deveraux, 2d Rowland Orr, 3d John Campbell. Single carriage horse, 1—James D. Robertson. Hack horse, 10—Thos. Black, 2d Wm. Mason, 3d Thos. Clarke. Saddle horse, 9—W. P. McClure, 2d John D. Orr, 3d Samuel Mason. Brood mare, 2—J. S. Preston, 2d Henry Mullen. Two-year-old filly, 4—Jas. Maltby, 2d R. Stark. One-year-old gelding or filly, 1st and 2d Jas. Clark. Spring colt, 3—John Cunningham, 2d Jas. Early.

**CATTLE THOROUGHBREDS.**  
Judges—W. C. Beatty, Joshua Norris, Gideon Avey.  
Milk cow, 6 entries—Jas. Early, 2d Thos. Black, (protected by A. Campbell), 3d Arch. Campbell, 4th Alexander Waldie. Three-year-old heifer, 2—J. S. Bessey, 2d William Wrigglesworth. Two-year-old heifer, 1—John Warren, 2d Wm. Waldie. One-year-old heifer, 6—John Mitchell, 2d Wm. Wilson, 3d Louis Zerwinski. Heifer calf, 4—Alex. Waldie, 2d L. Zerwinski. Bull—John Warren. One-year-old bull, 4—Arch. Campbell, 2d Joel Leslie, 3d Robt. Miller. Bull calf, 5—Jas. Early, 2d Thos. Black (protected). Bull, any age, 6—James Early.

**GRADE CATTLE.**  
Cow, giving milk, 12 entries—B. Tuck, 2d Geo. Tolton, 3d Joseph Brownridge. Three-year-old cow, 5—J. S. Bessey, 2d Wm. Wrigglesworth. Two-year-old heifer, 7—B. Tuck, 2d J. S. Bessey. One-year-old heifer, 6—B. Tuck, 2d J. S. Bessey. Heifer calf, 5—Benj. Tuck, 2d A. Campbell. Yoke working cow, 4—James Hume, 2d John Campbell. Three-year-old steers in yoke—J. B. Bessey, 2d James best, 4—Wm. Frazer, 2d J. G. Harly.

**SHEEP—LEICESTER.**  
Judges of sheep and pigs—Jas. Matthews, Edward Tolton, Mark Sutton.  
Ram, 3 entries—T. Cameron, 2d C. S. Smith, Shearling Ram, 3—C. S. Smith, 2d Wm. Waldie. Ram Lamb, 7—Alex. Waldie, 2d Thos. Cameron. 2 Ewes, 2—C. S. Smith, 2d Wm. Waldie, 2d Shearling ewes, 5—C. S. Smith, 2d Alex. Waldie. 2 Ewe Lambs, Alex. Waldie, 2d W. Waldie.

**SOUTH-DOWN.**  
Ram, J. W. Russell, Shearling Ram, Samuel Mason, Ram Lamb, 3—Wm. Wilson, 2d J. W. Russell, 2 Ewes, 3—J. W. Russell, 2d Samuel Mason, 2 Shearling ewes, 2—Wm. Wilson, 2d J. W. Russell, 2 Ewe Lambs, 2—Wm. Wilson, 2d Wm. Wilson, 2d Shearling ewes, 3—Jas. Main, 2d Wm. Wilson, 2 Ewe Lambs, 2—Jas. Main, 2d Wm. Wilson.

**PIGS, LARGE BREED.**  
Boar—Jas. Main, 2d Samuel

**Dreadful Accident on the G. W. Railway.**  
FIVE PERSONS KILLED.  
A dreadful accident occurred to the night express train bound east on the G. W. R. last Thursday night, two miles west of Princeton, in which five persons were killed, which consisted of the engineer, fireman, two express messengers and the baggage man. The train going at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour, and in a moment was thrown from the track and carried into the ditch. The most remarkable part of the accident is that not one of the 250 passengers on the train received injuries enough to be worthy of note. The accident was caused by one of the wheels of the engine catching fire which broke off, and is said to be one that no human foresight could guard against.

**ROOTS, VEGETABLES, AND FRUITS.**  
Potatoes, 2 entries—Jas. Barber, 2d R. A. Reed, 2d Robt. Miller. Carrots, 1—D. Cross. Field carrots, 2—W. Maltby, 2d D. Cross. Swede Turnips, 10—R. A. Reed, 2d R. Cleave. Other Turnips, 3—R. A. Reed, 2d C. Swackhammer. Beets, 5—J. Drinkwater, 2d J. B. Bessey. Onions, 4—J. Matthews, 2d J. E. Taylor. Mangold Wurzel, 2—Wm. Maltby, 2d R. Ford. Cabbage, 2—1st and 2d Henry Orr. Celery, 1—Dr. Freeman. Pumpkins, 3—E. W. Deveraux, 2d T. Shanks. Tomatoes, 3—C. Thayer. Apples, 4—J. B. Bessey, 2d Wm. Frazer, 3d Jas. McPherson. Fall Apples, 9—W. K. Emmitt, 2d D. Cross. Winter apples, 17—D. Cross, 2d Wm. Frazer, 3d Black grapes, 2—J. B. Bessey, 2d J. Brownridge. White Grapes, 2—J. B. Bessey. Pears, 5—Wm. Shaw, 2d Mrs. Thos. Young. Hotbed fruit, 3—T. G. Herald. Mixed Pickles—C. Swackhammer. Home-made wine, 6—W. Gordon, 2d R. Young. Hop yeast bread, home-made, 1—1st and 2d Miss Cunningham. Salt yeast bread, 2—Mrs. W. C. Beatty, 2d Miss A. Beatty. Honey in comb—Wm. Frazer, 2d C. Thayer. Balo Hops—D. Cross, 2d H. Ross.

**THE REV. CLAUDIUS BYRNE.**  
The Rev. Claudius Byrne, (as he was called), died at his residence, Burford, on Thursday, at nine o'clock, being 84 years of age. Mr. Byrne had been a circuit preacher in the Methodist Church for probably 60 years, and over 25 years of that time he preached in Canada. He is well known throughout all the whole of Western Ontario, and while his demise was not unexpected for some time past, still many will learn it with sorrow. The funeral took place on Saturday from his late residence to the Methodist Church at Burford, and from thence to the Mount Vernon Cemetery.

**ACTON MARKETS.**  
Flour \$2.50 to 2.75  
White Wheat 1.00 to 0.85  
Spring Wheat, Glasgow 0.95 to 1.05  
Red Chaff Wheat 0.90 to 0.80  
New Fall Wheat 0.85 to 1.05  
Barley 0.65 to 0.70  
Oats 0.35 to 0.60  
Peas 0.65 to 0.68  
Apples 0.40 to 0.70  
Onions 0.75 to 0.80  
Tomatoes 0.50 to 0.60  
Potatoes, per bag 0.20 to 0.22  
Eggs 0.12 to 0.14  
Hay, per ton 8.00 to 10.00  
Hacon 0.10 to 0.12  
Shoulder 0.12 to 0.15  
Lambkins 0.50 to 0.75  
Felts 0.20 to 0.65

**EPHA'S COCOA—GRAPEFUL AND COPIOUS.**  
By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operation of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of well selected cocoa, Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavoured beverage which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame.—CHRYSTIE STREET, LONDON.

**WOOD'S IMPROVED HAIR RESTORATIVE.**  
Is unlike any other, and has no equal. The Improved has new vegetable tonic properties, which give it a glow of natural color; restores faded, dry, brittle and falling hair; restores, dresses, gives vigor to the hair; restores hair to premature baldness; restores and removes dandruff, humors, scaly eruptions; removes irritation, itching and scaly dryness. No article produces such wonderful effects. Try it, cut for Wood's Improved Hair Restorative, and don't be put off with any other article. Sold by all druggists in this place, and by the wholesale and retail agents, and by the proprietors, JAMES EPPS & CO., Homoeopathic Chemists, 170, Piccadilly, London.

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The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned jewellers, in the village of Acton, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. All liabilities of the firm to be discharged by Geo. Hynds, Jr., to whom all payments of outstanding accounts are to be made.  
CHARLES HYNDS, JR.  
GEORGE HYNDS, JR.  
Witness—Geo. Hynds, Sr.  
Dated, Acton, Oct. 6th, 1876

**GRAND MAMMOTH DISPLAY OF NEW FALL AND WINTER DRY GOODS.**  
Our magnificent stock of new goods now to hand, comprising all the new styles and  
Most Fashionable Assortment of Goods in Western Canada.  
We have been very successful in buying and getting opened out, which upon inspection, will be, we are sure,  
The Cheapest Lot of Dry Goods in Canada.

**To the Ladies.** We will show the largest, finest, and most extensive stock of DRESS GOODS in the country, comprising all the new fashionable colors, in seal browns, navy blues, plum, prunes, and myrtle-green Dress Goods. Also Black Lustres, Parisian Cordes, Persian Cordes, French Merinos, Winceys, &c., Trimmings, Tassel Fringes, Corded Buttons, &c., to match all shades.

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