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THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 16, 1876.

Councillors or Ratepayers.

Our Georgetown contemporary reads the Free Press a moral lecture for daring to insinuate that our municipal councillors are in any way responsible for the disgraceful condition of the highways and by-ways of this county. After satisfying himself that we have committed an egregious act of discourtesy and have treated our public servants with unparliamentary disrespect, he sets himself to the task of pointing out that the whole blame should be fastened upon the defenceless shoulders of the poor farmers.

Death of the Hon. John Mill- yard Cameron.

After a very brief illness, the above-named gentleman died at his residence in Toronto on Tuesday afternoon, in the 59th year of his age. Mr. Cameron was one of the most prominent lawyers and politicians of our country, having for a long period been recognized as the head of the common law branch of the legal profession in Ontario. He has been representative of various constituencies, and at the time of his death was member for Cardwell in the House of Commons.

Rise in Sugar.

The contest in Bothwell yesterday has resulted in the re-election of Hon. David Mills by a sweeping majority. The figures give Mr. Dawson, the Conservative candidate, a total of 59 votes, while Mr. Mills has 670, being a clear majority of 511.

The Presidential Election.

The latest despatches throw little new light on the result of the election in the doubtful Southern States. Both parties are still as persistent as ever in presenting their claims, but the indications are stronger than ever that the Democrats have carried the day in more than one of these States. A Charleston despatch even goes so far as to say that the Republicans concede South Carolina to the Democrats. If this be the case the election of Tilden is placed beyond a peradventure.

Ward, the Caledon wife murderer.

Ward, the Caledon wife murderer, whose death was commuted to imprisonment for life, has died in the Rockwood Asylum at Kingston. A medical examination of the skull of deceased was made by four professional experts, who unanimously agreed that Ward must have suffered from mental derangement. This proves the entire propriety of the course of the Executive in commuting the punishment of the unfortunate man to imprisonment for life.

It is stated that Germany positively declines to participate in the Exhibition of 1878.

Judgment was yesterday given in the Charlevoix election case, sustaining Hon. Mr. Langevin in the possession of his seat. Peel County Council has agreed to submit the Dunkin Act to the vote of the ratepayers. The vote will be taken on the 18th December. About forty ladies were introduced by the Rev Mr. Leary to the Council, when Mrs. David Smith said a few words in support of the petition.

A full engineering staff is employed surveying the "right of way" under Mr. John Caddy, between Georgetown and Barrie, for the Hamilton and North-Western Railway.

The Whitehall Review says that the India House authorities state that, in the event of war with Russia, the Government could, in a fortnight, call to the ranks in India some 500,000 Moslem soldiers, all trained men, who would be only too glad to serve in Turkey against their old foes, the Russians.

THE EASTERN MUDDLE. Further Prospects of War.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 13.—The time for the meeting of the conference of Powers is still unsettled, as Turkey asks for preliminary guarantees. LONDON, Nov. 13.—The Pall Mall Gazette says:—Once more darkness has fallen over the prospects of peace. That it will lift again we may hope, but the news that comes both from St. Petersburg and Constantinople gives us warning that what is called feeling may yet conquer wisdom, and that a certain degree of dissatisfaction already threatens to creep into the judgments of those on whom depends the tremendous issue of peace or war. The speech of the Czar is not the most alarming incident of the time, but it is far from pleasant reading. What are the guarantees that the Czar has in mind? Are they such conditions as the Porte will grant? There lies the whole question; and if we are to rely upon this morning's news from Constantinople, the question is not likely to be answered to the mind of the Czar. Turkey hesitates, we are told, to accept a conference with the Grand Vizier has telegraphed his objections to the English Government. Moreover, in another report, professing to come from Constantinople, we get what would seem to be the substance of the objections thus referred to. The Turkish Government, who are said to be deeply stirred by the injustices done to their nation and by the ill return of moderation, are stated to have telegraphed instructions to their representatives abroad to the following effect:—"We desire peace with or without a Conference, but we must have guarantees for the integrity of our territory before we can admit recommendations or resolutions. We consider it an insult if a fatal precedent to accept a Conference upon the internal affairs of the Empire. If Europe has propositions to make, to us let the signatory Powers of the Treaty of Paris make them collectively, and we will reply yes or no." Such is the account given of the attitude of the Turkish Government, and if it be correct it is needless to dwell upon the seriousness of the news. No comment could enhance the gravity of so critical a situation as is revealed in this haughty message. The prospect is a gloomy one indeed.

The Fenian Scare.

The Montreal Witness of the 10th says: A gentleman of capability who arrived by the morning train from the lines states that about 25 or 30 young men arrived in his neighborhood, stating that it was their intention to go to college. They procured a house and moved several suspicious looking articles into it, which, along with other movements, and the large influx of able-bodied men from Vermont, caused general alarm among the inhabitants there, and they are forming a scouting party to go and make an examination of the place this evening. Major J. Broadbent, of Atholstan, who was in Montreal on Friday, said that all was quiet in his neighborhood, and he believes the Fenians are to be seen in the vicinity of the frontier, do not intend to raid this year. He says Rev. Father McEvoy, of Hinchinbrooke, has warned his people to have nothing to do with the Fenians, and to aid in driving them from Canada.

A Little Boy Shoots his Sister.

A son of Mr. Nelson Gage, of Bowmanville, accidentally shot his sister on Friday evening, 3rd inst. It appears that on the day previous the father had been out shooting, and coming home late, laid the gun upon the sideboard, as he supposed, carefully, intending to discharge it on the following morning. This however, was neglected, and it was left where it was. On the afternoon of Friday Mr. Gage went from home, and returning toward the evening, he saw his little boy, Charlie, of ten years, and Fanny, of six, accompanying her, the two little ones ran ahead for their mamma. In a few seconds the father, who was approaching the house, heard the report of a gun, and rushing in, he saw his daughter wailing in her blood, the charge from the gun having entered the back of her head, scattering the brains, and almost blowing off the top of her head. Little Charlie bore back the sad news to his mother, how that little Fanny (who but a few moments before left her side full of life and beauty) was dead, and that he had shot her. The shrieks of the poor mother, on receiving the tidings were heart-rending, and the scene in the house made the stoutest heart ache. How the gun was discharged seems a mystery, but it was supposed Charlie was trying to put it in its place, and the trigger having caught, or struck on something, the result was as we have described.

CURIOUS BREACH OF PROMISE CASE.

A few days ago, when the Court of Assizes was held in Cayuga, the county seat of Haldimand, a case was brought up and the issue tried of a most unusual and extraordinary character. The facts of the case may be briefly stated thus: A woman 85 years of age brought an action for breach of promise of marriage against a man 36 years of age. She was a great grandmother, and he was a great grandfather. The old lady claimed that she ought to be allowed her winter's wood as compensation for the breach of contract. Both parties were about equally matched as to the possession of worldly goods. The jury awarded her \$100.

VENOR WEATHER.

Several farmers have expressed themselves in favor of Mr. Venor and his weather probabilities recently, and now that his predictions have come to pass, some of them are becoming anxious to hear from him again. Farmers particularly have benefited very much by the present mild fall weather, their cattle being now nearly three weeks on pasture more than last and several previous years thus saving what valuable feed. Ploughing and other outdoor work is also in a forward state of preparation for early operations next spring. This state of affairs, coupled with the satisfactory prices farmers are receiving for their produce, should have the desired effect of diminishing the hard times cry.

THE Moulton-Beecher suit has been discontinued by the plaintiff, owing to his inability to prosecute the case in Delaware county, whither it has been transferred, and to leave his business to attend the trial in that district.

Two bachelors in the village of Dundalk, who have been studying "Courtship made Easy" for the past few months, finding the practice very unsuccessful, resorted to rather a novel method of procuring partners. A few days ago one of them kept a family engaged in a very interesting conversation while the other by means of a ladder mounted to the window of a room in the second story and took therefrom what was supposed, when viewed from the ground, to be a very beautiful young lady, but upon a close examination proved to be a large wax doll with a broken head. A raid is proposed on another house shortly, for the purpose of securing a partner for No. 2. Parties in the village should beware and not expose wax dolls on the window.

The island of St. Thomas was visited by a hurricane on the 13th Sept. On a vessel is reported lost with all hands.

ACTON MARKETS.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Flour, White Wheat, Spring Wheat, New Fall Wheat, etc.

AUCTION SALES.

Wednesday, Nov. 22.—Sale of house and two lots in Acton, estate of the late Samuel Worden. W. Hemstreet, Auctioneer. [Parties getting sale bills printed at the Free Press office, may have a notice similar to the above free of charge.]

ATTEND TO YOUR HEAD AND HAIR—Don't Delay Using This.

Wood's Improved Hair Restorative is unlike any other, and has no equal. The Improved has new vegetable tonic properties; restores grey hair to its natural color; restores faded, dry, thin and falling hair; restores, dresses, gives vigor to the hair; restores hair to its natural color; restores, restores, restores. Try it, call for Wood's Improved Hair Restorative, and don't be put off with any other article. Sold by all druggists, and in this place and dealers everywhere. Trade supplied at manufacturers prices by C. A. Cook & Co., Chicago, Sole Agents for the United States and Canada, and by LYMAN BIRD & Co., Toronto.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

MUFFLER LOST.—Lost between Acton and Silver Creek, on Thursday evening, 9th inst., a large Brown Muffler. Any person returning it to the Free Press office will be suitably rewarded. Acton, Nov. 14, 1876.

BERKSHIRE BOAR.

The pure bred Berkshire Boar, "Acton Prince," will be kept for service on the premises of the undersigned, adjoining this village. Terms \$1.00, to be paid at time of service. Acton, Nov. 15, 1876. C. S. SMITH.

6000 WHITE BRICK FOR SALE.

The building committee of the Congregational Church, having a surplus of White Brick, offer the above quantity for sale. Apply to JAMES RYDER. Acton, Nov. 1, 1876. 18-3t

PINE TIMBER FOR SALE.

Sealed Tenders will be received by the undersigned up to the 20th inst. for the purchase of all the Pine Timber or Pine Trees on the north-west half of the west half of Lot 20, in the lot containing the premises of the undersigned, Esqueving. Terms, one-half cash, balance in three months, properly secured. CHRISTIE, HENDERSON & Co., Acton, Nov. 1, 1876. 18-3t

AUCTION SALE OF Valuable Real Estate IN THE VILLAGE OF ACTON.

The undersigned Executors of the Estate of the late Samuel Worden, have authorized Mr. William Hemstreet to sell by Public Auction on Wednesday, 22nd November, that valuable property situated on the corner of Agnes and John streets, containing two lots on which there is a good frame house and barn. Also some fruit trees. One third of the purchase money to be paid at the time of Sale and the balance within one month from the day of sale, when a deed of conveyance will be given. JAMES SHAW, JOHN WARREN, Executors.

Christie, Henderson & Co.,

ACTON. This Week offer Decided Bargains in Seasonable Goods: Men's Overcoats from \$5.00 up. Men's Shirts and Drawers from 50c up. Men's Stoga Boots from \$2.00 up. Ladies' Fur Sets from \$3.00 up. Ladies' Dress Goods from 12 1/2c up. Blankets, white, per pair from \$3.00 up. Blankets, grey, per pair from \$1.75 up. Winceys, extra value.

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