

THE ACTON FREE PRESS published Every Thursday Morning. J. H. HACKING, Proprietor. 5¢ Per Annum in Advance. Acton Free Press JOB & HAKING EDITOR THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 1, 1877.

The latest news from the East is to the effect that a treaty of peace has been signed between Turkey and Servia. A telegram from Constantinople states that a dual understanding has been established, and that a protocol was to be signed yesterday, by the terms of which the Turks are to evacuate Servia territory within twelve days, Servia giving guarantees for her good conduct in the future. The Russian troops will be demobilized immediately after the signature of the peace proposals.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.—A discussion in the House of Commons, last week, on the Weights and Measures Act, showed that its provisions are very unpopular. It is understood that the Government have under consideration various recommendations in reference to the proposed amendments to the Act, and it is likely that the Bill to be submitted to the House will be of a nature to render the impositions upon the public of a less onerous nature.

FARMERS' SON'S FRANCHISE.—The Bill giving votes to Farmers' Sons has passed the Ontario Legislature by a majority of more than two to one in its favor. The Globe was the only reform paper in the country that opposed the measure. The Act provides that farmer's sons residing at the homestead, if over twenty-one years of age, are privileged to exercise their franchise the same as if they were part owners in the property. A "farmer" is described to be a man owning not less than twenty acres of land.

The Ontario Government brought down their railway aid policy last week, on which a good deal of discussion ensued. Among the roads to be aided is the Credit Valley, to which it is proposed to make an additional grant of \$1000 per mile for the whole line, comprising 152 1/2 miles. This road has already been granted \$2000 per mile, and the promoters have given assurances to the Government that with the proposed additional grant, they will be enabled to complete the main line from Toronto to Ingersoll, and the branches from Streetsville to Elora. It is estimated that the total sum required to complete the line is \$3,015,987. The amount already expended is stated to be \$945,379. This would leave \$2,070,608 to be provided, which is what was proposed to be raised as follows:—Bonus capital unexpended, \$111,060; Government aid already granted, at \$2,000 per mile, \$405,000; proceeds of \$10,000 per mile bonds to be sold at \$7,500, \$1,188,750; municipal bonuses yet to be granted, \$319,000; additional Government aid at \$1,000 per mile, \$152,500; which would in all make a financial basis for the purpose of building the road.

Toronto Sabbath-Breakers are being looked after. A few days ago some persons were fined for lighting on Sunday, and barbers were fined for shaving on Sunday, and now it is stated that newspaper proprietors, distillers and others who keep open on Sunday are to receive the attention of the detectives. For many years the Sabbath laws have been almost a dead letter, but still they are laws which are found possible to be enforced.

The Montreal Gazette says in its financial column that the increased duty on tea has no effect on the price.

Mr. Venor predicts three feet of snow on the level shortly. There will also be some tremendous gales.

NEW VERBOS.—The boom of Winter years for the check of Spring.

COMMENTABLE COURAGE.—His courage to pay a debt when you have the money in your pocket.

DIVORCE.—Three divorce bills are before the Senate this session independent of the Campbell bill of last year. One is from Mr. Scott of Notawana, against his wife who committed bigamy in marrying another man. Another is from Mrs. Howell, of Quebec, against her husband, who got a divorce in the States, and then married another woman; and the third is by the wife of Mr. Bates of Mitchell, against her husband for bigamy.

The Municipal Council of Nassagaweya. This Council met on Saturday, 17th day of February, instead of Monday the 19th as per adjournment, by order of the Reeve. Members all present; the Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. A petition was presented to the Council, respectfully signed, praying for aid in behalf of Mrs. Alcock, which having been considered, it was ordered that a By-law be passed to authorize the payment of certain sums to the parties named therein, and in advance, viz., Ann Alcock, \$2; John Moore, \$9, and a further sum to be agreed on for Mrs. Brain.

Mr. McPhail moved, seconded by Mr. Meuzies, that the sum of \$1170 be paid to the Township Clerk for Registering 77 births, 13 marriages and 27 deaths, the same being duly certified by the Registrar General's office of Ontario.—Carried. Mr. Meuzies moved, seconded by Mr. McPhail that the account of Messrs. Lister & Kilday amounting to \$1112 for clothing purchased by James Moffat for the Ferris family be paid, said family being in destitute circumstances.—Carried.

Mr. McPhail moved, seconded by Mr. Meuzies that S. R. Lister, Collector, is hereby authorized and empowered to collect the balance of taxes remaining unpaid for 1876, and to make his final return to the Treasurer on or before the 20th day of March next.—Carried.

Mr. Meuzies moved, seconded by Mr. Norrish that the blanks in the By-law for the appointment of certain township officers be now filled up and read the third time. By-law read the third time and passed. Mr. McPhail moved, seconded by Mr. Norrish, that the Auditor's Report be received and examined by a committee of the whole.—Carried. Council in committee, Mr. Meuzies in the chair. The financial accounts were then examined and found correct, and Council resumed. Reeve in the chair, and on motion it was ordered that the Report be adopted, and that the auditors be paid the sum of \$6 each for their services, as per By-law.

A By-law was introduced and read the necessary number of times, and passed, which enacts, that the total number of Township officers shall not exceed three in number. Moved by Mr. Norrish, seconded by Mr. Hutcheon, that leave be granted to introduce a By-law, for the partial support of certain poor and indigent persons therein named, and that it be now read a first time. Leave granted and By-law read the first time.

On motion duly seconded a By-law was introduced and passed the necessary number of readings, appointing certain Township officers, which in conjunction with By-law No. 1 enacts as follows, viz., Auditors, Alex. McPherson, and James Stoumbe; Assessor, Malcolm McMillan; Collector, William Logie; Fence Viewers, A. Alexander, B. Johnston, P. Gould, A. Bell, J. Fletcher, W. Watson, R. Hume, J. Norrish, and R. Akins; Pound-keepers, W. Burns, H. Stungie and W. H. Burrows. Overseers of Highways, J. Ingle, W. Elliott, W. Dutton, J. West, C. Little, J. Henderson, S. Atkinson, J. Grieve, B. Johnson, M. Roberts, T. E. Donavon, R. Allison, J. Allison, D. Gillies, G. Kitching, J. White and R. Hume, J. McMillan, P. Reed, R. Lowry, W. Elliott, G. Norrish, W. W. Ball, R. Laing and A. Ramsey; Road-keepers, W. Reed and R. Shortreed, G. Curry, J. Leachman, G. Simpson, T. M. Taylor, J. Ramsey, J. Smith, E. Chapman, G. Kennedy, A. McTavish, F. S. Clarke, T. Willison, J. Gordon, W. Patterson, D. Wheeligan and J. Henderson, H. Cargill, D. Storey, J. Wilson, G. Remick, A. Elliott, McMillan, J. Burch Jun. M. Job, D. Carnochan, D. McTavish, W. Carroll, A. Ross, D. Peddie, J. Anderson, M. Flynn, D. Black, R. Campbell, and S. McGorman.

Moved by Mr. Hutcheon seconded by Mr. McPhail, that the sum of seventeen dollars be paid to Henry Stungie as caretaker for keeping clean, heating and lighting the Town Hall and afternoon, and providing fuel for the same, both for Municipal and Temperance purposes, and that half of the above sum be paid by Prospect Division Sons of Temperance, No. 233; and for all other occasions not herein specified the Township Clerk be, and is hereby empowered to make the following charge, viz., all persons wishing the use of the said Hall whose object is self benefit, \$5; for tea meetings, socials, &c., by religious denominations, \$2; and further that after paying the caretaker a reasonable amount for fuel and cleaning, made necessary by such extra occasions, the balance of the proceeds thereof to be paid into the Township Treasury.—Carried.

On motion the Council adjourned to meet again at the call of the Reeve. J. EASTBROOK, Clerk.

An insane man named Murray was being executed a good deal of interest in Ottawa. He is the subject of a hallucination that the Government owes him a million dollars, and to further his claims, assaulted the Minister of Justice a few days ago. This phase of insanity is a very common one arising very often out of disappointment in the race for wealth.

The Dunkin Act repeal by-law has been carried in Leeds by a majority of 33. It is proposed to submit a Dunkin by-law in the county of Hastings. The final majority in Prince Edward in favor of the Dunkin Act was 248. Only 15 votes were cast on the third day.

Mumford, the Guelph book and hardware thief, has been sent to Penitentiary for two and a-half years. The residence of Mr. Jas. Malone, at Ayr, was burned on the morning of the 23rd. As Capt. on the 23rd, the wife of Mr. Adam Smith, usually, committed suicide by hanging herself with her cloud.

A veteran of the war of 1812, Mr. Charles St. Charles, died at Madoc, on the 22nd, at the age of 86. Russia has an army of 600,000 men, one half of whom are on the frontier, fully organized. John Keen, who keeps the Dominion Temperance House, St. Mary's, was fined \$20 and costs for selling liquor without a license.

A little daughter of John Dennis, Pleasant Valley, in Essex, was so severely burned last week that she died shortly afterwards. There was an unusually large attendance at the funeral of the late Mr. John McPherson, of Hamilton, on Friday afternoon, the profession being the largest witnessed in that city for many years.

A lad named Robert Roblin, while attempting to climb upon a box car of a moving train at Trenon, on the 22nd, missed his hold, and falling beneath the wheels was instantly killed.

A Grand Trunk engineer, named Wm. M. Shaw, has been arrested at Portland for obstructing the mails on the Boston and Maine Railroad. Mr. George Hague, late of the Bank of Toronto, having investigated the affairs of the Merchants' Bank, has consented on certain conditions to assume the management.

Mr. R. A. Switzer, of Oakville, has been engaged by the trustees of the Elora High School as head master, in the place of Mr. Edgecumbe. Mr. James Golding has been elected Mayor of Brampton by 65 majority, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. John Haggart.

The Hamilton papers record the death of Mr. John McPherson, one of the largest wholesale boot and shoe manufacturers in that city, after an illness extending over 18 months. Elliott Hurst was taken from Brampton about three weeks ago with his feet frozen, and placed in Toronto Hospital for treatment. Amputation was performed, but the patient never rallied, and died on Thursday.

Work on the Belleville and North Hastings Railway has made rapid progress, most of heavy work being now done. The railway will be ready for the rails by the 12th of May. The Globe Printing Company is seeking legislation to increase its capital stock. It is said that the Globe will gradually grow independent, and will reach that position in two or three years, or after the next general election.

The Earl of Bective has had the misfortune to lose by tuberculosis the famous short-horn "Tench Duchess of Geneva," which was purchased by his Lordship at the New York Mills sale, United States, in 1873, for over 5,000 guineas. The Milton Champion says:—The Chingacousy people complain that the H. & N. W. R. Co. agreed to build the road along the valley of the Credit from Bloomhills, whereby it would greatly increase the milling facilities, but now refuse to do so, as it would cost too much. The Chingacousy people say that their bonus was given on the strength of that agreement.

Mr. Smart, ex-Postmaster of Port Hope, attacked Mr. Wilson, of the Guide, with a club, and wounded him seriously. He was arrested. The reason assigned for Smart's conduct was an item that appeared in the editorials of the Guide. The Post Office Inspector found that the Postmaster was a defaulter to a considerable amount, and was dismissed the service. He was arrested on Monday afternoon and committed to stand his trial at Colborne. He got out on bail a short time before he made the attack on Mr. Wilson. Smart assumed that it was on account of the article in the Guide that the Government had him arrested.

The thoughtless carelessness of a boy named James McLaughlin, in the use of a revolver, nearly resulted in killing a lady, according to the account given by the Waterloo Advertiser. The lad was practicing shooting, a cat being his target; he aimed in the direction of a dwelling, fired, shot the cat, the ball passing through the animal, through the window into the house, and striking Mrs. Marston in the cheek an inch below the eye, glanced downward and lodged in the under jaw. The bullet was successfully extracted.

Murder at Windsor. AN EMPLOYER SHOT BY A DISSENTING WORKMAN. WINDSOR, Feb. 26.—Frederick Apple, an old resident here, was shot about 2 p.m. to-day, by a man named Humphrey, who had been employed by Mr. Apple. The cause of shooting was because Mr. Apple refused to pay Humphrey a week's wages. An inquest is now being held. Humphrey is in goal.

THE MURDERER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE. WINDSOR, Feb. 27.—The trial of Austin Humphrey, the murderer was postponed this morning until Thursday, the 18th March, on account of Humphrey having attempted to commit suicide this morning. Just previous to the opening of the Court he ran across the office of the Chief of police, butting his head against the brick wall with great force, but was prevented from seriously injuring himself.

Singing, He Died. THE LAST MOMENTS OF FRANK BARTLETT, THE BARTONE. (From the New York World.) The circumstances attending the death of Frank Bartlett, the well-known singer, Bartone, on Saturday, the 3rd, and particularly affecting and dramatic. He had been suffering some days from pneumonia, and had endured great pain. On the eve of his death he was much better, and his friend, Mr. Cuyler, had determined to go to Boston to attend a business engagement. Before leaving he went into Bartlett's room and found him looking much worse than when he had left him some time before. Fearing the worst, he sent for Dr. J. B. Gilbert, who found that Bartlett's bronchial tubes and air cells were filled up with a watery secretion, interfering with the absorption of oxygen, and the exhalation of carbonic acid, thus rendering him unconscious. Stimulants were given in large quantities, and Dr. Guernsey was sent for, and expressed the opinion that the patient had not more than fifteen minutes to live. He rallied, however, and recognized many of his musical friends, who were present. Dr. Gilbert, finding that the stimulants were not having much effect, suggested that some music should be played. Mr. Post accordingly sat down to the piano and began to play one of Mr. Bartlett's favorite hymns, the tears meanwhile running down his cheeks. In a minute two of the company, who started to see the dying man rise in his bed and with great effort sing to Post's accompaniment. "Hallelujah," says Dr. Gilbert, "better than ever before, three or four hymns, his listeners looking on in amazement. In a few minutes he sank back exhausted, and fell into a stupor, from which he was again aroused at the sound of the piano, the familiar music proving more potent than all the medicine combined. Again he attempted to sing, but the water which had accumulated in the bronchial tubes overflowed into the wind-pipe, causing dyspnoea of the lungs, strangulation, and the singer fell back dead.

The report that Mr. W. K. Muir, at present General Superintendent of the Canada Southern Railroad, is to supersede General Manager Hickson, of the Grand Trunk Railroad, and that Mr. John Crampton, who has just left the Great Western Railroad, is to succeed Mr. Muir in the management of the Canada Southern, is denied at the general office of the latter road.

Some parties are under the impression that bill stamps will be payable. This is a mistake, and it is important that the public should know that all letters prepaid by bill stamps must, by a regulation of the Postmaster-General, be sent to the Dead Letter Office.

POTATOES.—The time seems to be coming when we will have to hire a few potatoes from my grocery to ornament the table on company occasions.

MARRIED. On the 28th of February, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. D. B. Cameron, of Acton, Mr. George Smith, of Esqueping, to Miss Janet McDonald, daughter of Hugh McDonald, Esq., of Nassagaweya.

ACTON MARKETS. Flour ... \$3 25 to 3 50 Old Fall Wheat ... 1 40 to 1 50 New Fall Wheat ... 1 35 to 1 40 Spring Wheat, Glasgow ... 1 25 to 1 35 Red Chaff Wheat ... 1 20 to 1 30 Barley ... 0 90 to 0 99 Oats ... 47 to 50 Peas ... 0 68 to 0 72 Potatoes, per bag ... 0 90 to 1 00 Dried apples per lb ... 0 65 to 0 06 Eggs ... 0 13 to 0 00

EPH'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING. "By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations 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 flavored beverage which may save 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. Civil Service Gazette. Sold only in packet labeled 'EPPS' COCOA. JAMES EPPS & CO., Homoeopathic Chemist, 48, Threadneedle Street, and 170, Piccadilly, London."

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We will keep no winter goods on hand—we must have room for our new Spring Imports—so if you want the greatest Bargains going, Now is the Time, and the Lion the Place. We have done a rushing trade during the past season, and now to counter-balance the hard times so generally complained of, we will give our customers a Grand Chance to Buy Cheap. Our entire stock, amounting to over \$90,000, is offered AT COST.

This will be found to be the greatest chance for buying Cheap Dry Goods ever known in the annals of Guelph. The Lion has already the greatest reputation for selling cheap of all the stores in the Province, but this time we will surpass all previous efforts, and best the world. The Reduction is general throughout our Stock. Everything to be rushed off at cost. No one should lose this big chance.

DRESS GOODS. 65 Pieces, reduced from 30 cents to 20 cents. 36 " " " " 25 " " 15 " " 24 " " " " 19 " " 12 " " 20 " " " " 22 " " 15 " " These are the very latest styles and colors, and no one should buy a dress of inferior size, (the largest outside of Toronto)? The true answer is that we do the best we possibly can for our customers. We buy at the lowest figures; we sell at the same and we treat our friends so that they always come back to us. Honesty is the best policy, and honesty and courtesy are the ruling principles at The Lion.

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A fine assortment of Tyeds all marked down to cost. Full Cloth 30 Cents. Our Ready-made Clothing and Millinery and Hattie Branches, deserve special notice. These goods we will run out at any price, and any one needing these goods should come to us at once for they will never have a better chance to secure a bargain. A fine assortment of Tyeds all marked down to cost. Full Cloth 30 Cents. J. D. WILLIAMSON & CO. Guelph, Feb. 12, 1877.

GEORGE HYNDS, Watchmaker and Jeweller, POST OFFICE STORE, ACTON, ONT.

My work is all giving satisfaction, and you will find this is the place to bring your Watches, Clocks and Jewellery. To get repaired. THE FINEST SELECTION OF JEWELLERY, THE LATEST STYLES IN JEWELLERY, AND THE BEST STOCK OF WATCHES AND CLOCKS. Will always be seen at. GEORGE HYNDS, Jewellery Store, Acton. February 7, 1876.

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