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Business Prospects.

The following hopeful view of the situation is from the Montreal Star:
We believe it will be generally conceded that our commercial position to-day is brighter than it has been since the panic first set in.

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Esqueusing Township Council.
The Council met at Stewartstown on the 27th ult., all the members being present. A petition from the Esqueusing Agricultural Society asking a grant of \$50 was received and on motion of Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Frazer, the sum was granted. On motion the following accounts were ordered to be paid: \$16.09 to Charles Williams for plank furnished to pathmasters; \$12 to James Haines, being the two-thirds value of three sheep killed by dogs; \$6 to Thos. Robinson and \$3 to John McIntosh, for the support of indigents. Wm. Smith and Arch. Sloan to be refunded \$1 each on account of error in dog tax.

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The missing steamer, "City of Brussels" has been spoken at sea, under sail, having broken her shaft. She is expected to arrive at Queens-son before the lapse of many days. The report this time may be depended on.
Over ten per cent of the grand aggregate of all the products and of the manufacturers that the United States sold abroad in 1876, came from the pig-pens! They brought more than one-third as much as the entire cotton crop of the South; almost three-quarters as much as the wheat and flour from all the north.

Cheaper Sewing Machines.
A New York paper says: The expiration of the Bachelor needle-plate patent, which took place at noon on Tuesday, is expected to make a revolution in the price of sewing machines. Machines which sell for some \$60 or \$70 are now known to cost only \$11 to \$15 for manufacturing. This has been owing to three or four large companies controlling the various patents, and thus having a monopoly of the business. As the Bachelor patent is the last of these, it will be really secure where the relief comes in.

Up to the present time the Singer Company has taken the lead in the reduction of prices, and its \$60 machines will hereafter be reduced to \$30 for cash, and their \$70 style to \$40 cash. The other companies will probably follow in their wake, and most of them have made considerable reductions in their prices.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
WALKER LODGE No. 321.
The Regular Meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the Masonic Hall, Acton, on Monday, May 20th, at 7:30 p. m. JOHN ROSS, Sec.

TENDERS WANTED.
Sealed Tenders will be received by the Street and Sidewalk Committee till Tuesday, 22d inst., for the laying of a Sidewalk on the west end of Main-street, also on Church street between John and Elgin streets, both four feet in width. Committee provides all material. Tenders will please state the price per rod. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. For particulars apply to D. D. CHRISTIE, Chairman of S. & S. Committee. Acton, May 16, 1877. 46-1t

AMERICAN ARMS FOR TURKEY.
Nearly all the arms that the Turkish Government contracted for in America have been made and shipped to Turkey. Six hundred thousand muskets were ordered, and of this number 500,000 are already completed. When the remainder are ready for shipment, General Tirvik, the Turkish inspector, with six of the young officers who lately arrived here, will proceed to England where he expects to make contracts with firms in Leeds and Birmingham for the manufacture of another lot of arms for Turkey. He finds, he says, that English muskets are stronger and better finished than those of American manufacture, but cost \$4 (gold) more each, and being largely hand made, the parts cannot be interchangeable like those of American manufacture.

WHO SHOULD GO TO MANTOBA.
In answer to intending settlers the Winnipeg papers say there is in Manitoba a superabundance of bookkeepers and that class, also of printers. Farming is the only interest which cannot be overdone. There are good openings for both small and large capitalists.

At 5 o'clock p. m. there will be a GRAND PARADE BY THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.
In their handsome new uniforms, accompanied by the Acton Brass Band.
In the evening there will be a splendid Dramatic and Musical Entertainment.
Under the joint auspices of the Acton Social Club, the Knights of Pythias, and the Acton Brass Band, when will be presented a complete representation of Mrs. Stowe's world renowned moral drama of

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN.
Which will be enacted, with appropriate scenery, by a number of first-class dramatic performers, assisted by local amateurs. The services of several professional ladies and gentlemen have been secured at great expense, for this occasion, and the committee are determined to spare no pains to make the entertainment of an excellent character throughout. The dramatic performance will be interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. The Drill Shed will be comfortably seated, and otherwise well fitted up for the occasion. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Entertainment to commence at half-past seven, sharp. Admission, 25 cents. Ice Cream, Pine Apples, Lemonade, and other refreshments will be furnished for those who desire them.

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS.
In accordance with the Statute and the General Regulations, the Annual Examination of Candidates for Public Schools, Teachers' First, Second and Third Class Certificates, for the year 1877, will be held (D.V.) in the Town Hall, Milton, Commencing on Monday, the 9th of July, 1877, at 9 a. m., for First Class, and at 1:30 p. m. for Second Class. Monday, the 16th of July, at 9 a. m. for Third Class. Forms of the notice to be previously given by the candidates can be obtained on application to the County Inspector. It is indispensable that candidates should notify the County Inspector not later than the 1st of June of their intention to present themselves for examination, such notice to be accompanied by a certificate of moral character signed by a clergyman since the 1st of May current. Candidates for First and Second Class Certificates are requested to transmit also testimonials of successful service required by the Regulations.

COURT OF REVISION.
For the Village of Acton, will be held At Matthews' Hall, on Thursday, 31st of May, 1877, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Applicants and others will please take notice. The roll can be examined at my office. JOHN ROSS, Clerk. Acton, May 16, 1877. 46-3t

DRESSMAKING.
MISS MANN respectfully announces to the ladies of Acton and vicinity that they have commenced business as Dressmakers in the house recently built by Mr. Edward Matthews, near Nicklin's bakery. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. Dressmaking in the best manner and most fashionable styles. MISS M. & M. S. MANN. Acton, March 21, 1877. 38-3m

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1875.
IN THE MATTER OF Mary McNair, AN INSOLVENT.
NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of the powers vested in me as Assignee of the above named Insolvent, and pursuant to the directions of the Creditors of the said Insolvent, approved by the Judge of the County Court of the County of Halton, shortening the time for publishing the advertisement, I shall offer for sale by Public Auction, on the premises, in the Village of Acton, on WEDNESDAY, the SIXTH day of JUNE next, at TWELVE o'clock noon, all the estate, right, title and interest of the Insolvent, and of myself as Assignee, in and to the following parcels of land:— Parcel No. 1. Consisting of Village lot number nine in block number two, in the village of Acton, aforesaid. Upon this parcel has been erected a large and commodious brick dwelling house and store. The building is new, well finished throughout, and has never been occupied. Parcel No. 2. Consisting of the westerly part of Village lot number eighteen, in block number three, in the village of Acton, aforesaid. On this parcel is a frame dwelling-house and store and stable. Parcel No. 1 will be sold subject to a mortgage to the Hamilton Provident and Loan Society, for one thousand two hundred dollars, and interest from 1st December, 1876. Parcel No. 2 will be sold subject to a mortgage, particulars of which will be given at time of sale. Terms and conditions made known at the time of sale. W. ALLAN, Assignee. Acton, May 2, 1877. 45-1t

BASE BALL MATCH.
Will commence at 10 o'clock a. m., on the grounds of the Pastime Club. A prize of \$10 is offered for the winning side, open to any base ball club in the County of Halton. The other games will commence at one o'clock p. m., sharp.
Quick Match: Throwing yellow shoulder stone 2 00 2 00 Throwing light shoulder stone 2 00 1 00 Throwing base ball 2 00 1 00 100 yard foot race 3 00 2 00 200 yard foot race 3 00 2 00 300 yard hurdle race 2 00 2 00 Boys' 100 yard foot race, (under 15) 1 00 1 00 Hop, step and jump 2 00 1 00 Running 2 00 1 00 Standing jump 2 00 1 00 Boys' running jump (under 15) 1 00 50 Three-1/2 mile race 2 00 1 00 1 mile race 1 00 50 Eating treacle bun 1 00 50 and other games if desired.

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BARGAINS!
STILL AHEAD
ACTON TIN AND STOVE DEPOT.
WILSON & JOHNSON

Be it to thank their numerous friends and customers for the kind patronage hitherto extended to them, and wish to inform them that they have now on hand a large stock of Plain, Pressed and Japanned Ware, which they are selling cheaper than ever.

REPAIRING AND JOBBING PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.
WILSON & JOHNSON. Acton, April 3, 1877. 40-3m

THE ACTON PLOW CO.
Are manufacturing the celebrated STEPHENSON PLOWS, AND THE 'BOSS' GANG PLOW.
They keep a full stock on hand, and are prepared to do all kinds of Repairing on Plows, and also also kinds of Lath Work and Iron Planing on the shortest notice.

Prizes the Present Season.
1st Prize and Diploma at Paris; 1st Prize at London, over Sharpshooters; 1st Prize at Brampton, over War Cry, Reveller, and Hyder AHIH!
TERMS.—For the Season, \$15, ending 1st July; Thorough-bred name \$25; and mares not proving with foal will be entitled to the service fee of charge the ensuing season. Groom's fees 50 cents. C. SCOTT, Champion Groom. JOHN WHITE.

Read the following testimonials from the Canadian Centennial Commission and United States Centennial Commission, 1876:
International Exhibition, 1876. PHILADELPHIA.
The United States Centennial Commission has examined the report of the judges, and accepted the following reasons, and decreed an award in conformity therewith: PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22, 1877. Report on Awards.
Product.—Brown Horse "Terror." Name and address of Exhibitor: J. WHITE, ONTARIO, Canada. The undersigned, having examined the product herein described, respectfully recommends the same to the United States Centennial Commission Award, for the following reasons, viz: "Terror," Brown Horse, dam Imported Maritana, 15 1/2 hands high, ten years old. He was foaled in Canada but we have no record of his running, which was chiefly done there. He has been in the Stud some time. He is an eventful, well trained, runcula horse, and should succeed as a sire. J. W. WELDON, Signature of the Judge. Approval of the Judges, JOHN R. VINTAGE, BASIL DUKES, S. P. BROWN. A true copy of the record. FRANCIS A. WALKER, Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, United States Centennial Commission. A. T. GOSBORN, Director-General. J. L. CAMPBELL, J. H. HAWLEY, Secretaries.

Having thoroughly repaired our Mill, and put in a new Middlings Purifier, we are now prepared to give a better yield of flour than formerly, with quality quite as good. GRISTING AND CHOPPING promptly attended to. The patronage of the public respectfully solicited. The highest price always paid for any quantity of wheat. A quantity of seed barley for sale. G. & E. TOLSON. Acton, April 10, 1877. 41-3m

TO FARMERS.
Now is the time to improve your stock. The first prize bull, Sir WILLIAM TEMPLE THE THIRD, (83), got by Sir William Temple (2296), dam Diana by Red Prince (102), will serve cows on the premises of the undersigned during the season. Terms.—Thorough-bred cows \$4.00; Grade cows \$1.50. JOEL LESLIE, Lot No. 5, 1st con. Erin. April 4, 1877. 40-3m

WALL PAPER.
Ever shown in Guelph, all New and Choice and prices lower than ever. 21 Children's Carriages To be sold off cheap, at Day's New Bookstore. Nearly opposite the old stand. Guelph, April 21, 1877.

FASHIONABLE WEST END MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.
CROWDED DAILY.
This Department, which is always an attractive one, is particularly so this season under the able management of Miss Johnston. Sales are rapid, by increasing, and orders are coming in fast. During the past few days our show rooms have been largely patronized—in fact often crowded to excess. Our superior Millinery, great variety of styles, and reasonable prices never failing to please and give satisfaction. Every lady should make it a point to visit our Show Rooms this season before buying. We can show one of the finest stocks to be found in either town or city in Ontario.

We have just opened Direct from New York, Two cases of American Straw Goods, latest New York and Philadelphia styles for the month of May. One case Misses Hats, also in the latest American styles. 100 dozen common Straw Hats, at 10c, 12c and 25c stock in the trade to select from. A. O. BUCHAN, Fashionable West End Dress, Millinery and Mantle Establishment. Guelph, May 8, 1877.

That Notable Thorough-bred HORSE AND CENTENNIAL PRIZE TAKER "TERROR."

The King of Canadian Turf will make the Season of 1877, as follows: MONDAY, 30th April, will leave his own stable, in the Town of Milton, and proceed to Lindsay's Inn, Hornby, for noon; thence to Brampton, Wallace's Hotel, over night. TUESDAY, the 1st May, will proceed to Beamish's Hotel, Norval; thence to Georgetown and remain over night. WEDNESDAY, the 2d May, will proceed to Acton, and remain over night. THURSDAY, the 3d May, will proceed to Stingle's Hotel, Naamagawa, for noon; thence to Campbellville and remain over night. FRIDAY, the 4th May, will proceed to Lowville, for noon; thence to Nelson, and remain over night. SATURDAY, the 5th May, will proceed to Palermo, for noon; thence to Oakville, over night, and remain there until Monday morning. MONDAY, the 7th May, will proceed to Postville, for noon; thence to Brantford, and remain over night. TUESDAY, the 8th May, will return to his own stable at Milton, and will return to Brampton, Wednesday, the 9th May, and continue the same route, returning every ninth day, health and weather permitting during the season.

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Any parties wanting Shingles would do well to give us a call. We will always have on hand a good supply of No. 1 and No. 2 Shingles. Best quality No. 1 Shingles \$1.60 per square. No. 2, 70 cents per square. Speyside, Dec. 3, 1876. 24-6m

CASH FOR WHEAT.
Any quantity of good merchantable wheat wanted at the highest market price will be paid in cash. S. & E. NICKLIN. Acton, Feb. 7, 1877. 32-1t