

THE ACTON FREE PRESS. Published Every Thursday Morning. J. H. HACKING, Proprietor. \$1 Per Annum in Advance.

Acton Free Press. THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 14, 1877. A motion for the abolition of capital punishment was defeated in the British House of Commons Tuesday on a vote of 155 to 50.

The Premier will address his constituents at Foray on the 26th inst. He will also deliver addresses on the 28th at Kingston, and on the 2nd of July at Newmarket.

Hon. Mr. Blake was last week sworn in as President of the Council, Hon. Mr. L'Amour as Minister of Justice, and Hon. Mr. Cauchon as Minister of Inland Revenue.

Reports from over the lines say that the renowned Indian warrior, "Sitting Bull," who has given the United States so much trouble, is now in Canadian territory.

The failure of Henry Parker, provision merchant in Montreal, has seriously implicated a number of firms and Grangers in the eastern townships.

The war has not been active for some days past, except with the Montenegrins. With them there has been some severe fighting, and apparently a good deal of slaughter on both sides.

The new illustrated edition of Webster's Dictionary, containing three thousand engravings, is the best book for every body that the press has produced in the present century.

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Fourteen towns have been destroyed by an earthquake in Peru and Bolivia. The damage to shipping along the coast was very great, and the property of all kinds to the value of twenty million dollars was destroyed.

The End not Far Off. It needed no prophetic eye to foresee that whatever other results might come of this war, Turkey must go the wall.

Pen and Scissor Selects. The voice of the picnic orator is heard in the land. The Toronto grocers are now going in for huge trade sales.

Russia's Growth. Russia reached the mouths of her rivers long ago, and has got beyond them, unless the Danube is also to be reckoned as a Russian stream.

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Immense forest fires are reported on the Pacific slope, causing wide-spread destruction of crops, cattle, and homesteads. A lad of 65 and a lass of 62 years who were married the other day at Sarnia had their wedding cake stolen from their house.

The new Masonic Hall, Guelph, was last week thrown open for public inspection. All were highly pleased with its appearance. Potato bugs should be handled with gloves. Recently a farmer out West was poisoned by handling the pests, and his recovery is now considered doubtful.

The man who has got more money than he wants is rich; the man who wants more money than he has got is poor. In the Castleton case, the jury found that the death of Alberta Wade was caused by an abortion procured by the man Smith, assisted by Welton and Mallory.

The Bruce County Council has passed the Dunkin by-law by 22 yeas and 7 nays. The by-law will be submitted some time in July, and most probably passed. In Georgetown on the 31 July a by-law will be voted on to raise the sum of seven thousand dollars for the purpose of purchasing the market square and erecting a new town hall.

A child sixteen months old, son of Mr. D. McMullen, near Harrington, fell into a pail of water on the 30th ult., and when discovered a few minutes after life was extinct. The London Conference of the Methodist Church will meet next year in St. Catharines. The committee of the invitation from that town is said to have overshadowed anything London or Stratford could do.

On Wednesday it was discovered that the track of the Midland Railway between Millbrook and Peterboro had been tampered with for the third time within a fortnight. Fourteen rails were misplaced. A Mrs. Sutterly died suddenly in Hamilton on Saturday evening. A coroner's inquest was held. A verdict was returned to the effect that death resulted from congestion of brain, produced by intemperate habits.

A number of farmers in the vicinity of Cheltenham are not satisfied with the offers made by the H. & N. W. Railway Company for the land which this road will occupy, and have agreed to leave it to arbitration. The Rev. Dr. Ryerson, at the request of the London Conference of the Methodist Church, has consented to write a series of articles touching upon the chief points in the history of Canadian Methodism during the past half century.

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The Wentworth County Council postponed action until next session on the petition to have the Dunkin Act submitted to vote. This is understood to be the intention of the temperance people to "carry the war into Africa," if satisfactory action is not then had. A lady who has been experimenting says that the worms which infest currant bushes may be destroyed by the use of a solution of copperas—one pound copperas dissolved in a pail of water, and applied with a sprinkler or brush. It has never been known to fail.

News from the Niagara district is very encouraging as to the prospects to the peach crop about Grimby; but so much cannot be said for fruit in general. The curculio has damaged the crops of plums, and in that district the yield of apples promises to be light. The County Council, in session at Kincardine, passed the Dunkin by-law by 22 yeas against 7 nays. It will be submitted some time in July and most probably passed.

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