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Acton Free Press. J. H. HACKING, EDITOR. THURSDAY MORNING, AUG. 2, 1877.

Reports from all sections of the county unite in promising a magnificent yield of the crops. A large portion of the fall wheat has been housed in a splendid state, and a considerable quantity has been threshed with excellent results.

The labor strikes in the United States are gradually dying out. A vast amount of property has been destroyed, lives have been sacrificed and business in all parts of the continent has suffered as a result of the organized outbreak of the railway employees.

The death of the Right Hon. George Ward Hunt, First Lord of the Admiralty, in the present British Cabinet, is announced by cable. Boston set a noble example of charity and generosity in extending relief to the St. John sufferers.

The Chicago Times draws the following comparison between the relative merits of the Canadian and United States forms of Government. The constitution of Canada is the best political constitution of Anglo-Saxon people that exists on the whole earth.

Provincial Exhibition.—The annual exhibition of the Agricultural and Arts Association will be held this year at London, on the 24th and 25th Sept. next.

Dispatches from San Francisco says that the Indians under Joseph are strongly entrenched at Lolo. Joseph has nearly 400 warriors, and boasts he can whip General Howard whenever he likes to go to him.

HALTON COUNTY COUNCIL.

(Reported for the Free Press.) A special meeting of the County Council, at the call of the Warden, was held in the Court House, Milton, on Tuesday, 31st. Present: The Warden and Messrs. Clay, Ramsay, Meares, Foster, Lyon, Young, Fraser, McKenzie, Robinson, Watson, Waldie, Buck, McGarvin and Warren.

On the minutes of previous meeting being read, Mr. Clay moved, seconded by Mr. Waldie, that the name of Mr. Meares be added to the committee on county buildings, which motion being carried, the minutes were then adopted.

On motion a by-law for raising by debentures the sum of \$10,000 for the construction of jail, &c., was read a first time. The Council went into committee of the whole to consider the by-law and fill up the blanks.

The Finance committee reported having examined several small accounts amounting altogether to \$121, and recommended their payment. READING OF BY-LAWS.

The several annual by-laws were read the necessary number of times and passed, as follows: To provide for the support of public schools; for the printing of the county report; for the printing of the county directory; for the printing of the county directory.

The Board of Education had been found that the Normal Schools at Toronto and Ottawa were unable to fulfil their proper functions on account of being over-crowded with the lower grade of teachers.

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sum of \$250 be granted for the purpose named. Mr. Young thought \$500 quite little enough. Mr. Waldie hoped the amendment would be withdrawn.

Mr. Warren expressed his great surprise at the position taken by Dr. Buck and his supporters. He warmly advocated the granting of a respectable sum if anything.

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Mr. Waldie suggested that as interest was to be paid half-yearly, it would require about \$1370 to meet the payments and avoid taking from other funds.

Mr. Waldie, that Mr. Little, School Inspector, be requested to lay before the Council any statement he wished to make respecting the proposed establishing of a model school in the county.

Mr. Little gave a brief sketch of the scheme proposed by the Minister of Education. It had been found that the Normal Schools at Toronto and Ottawa were unable to fulfil their proper functions.

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In answer to an inquiry, Mr. Little explained that the existing Normal Schools at Toronto and Ottawa would not in future take any third-class candidates, so that if any third-class candidates were not furnished by the counties the lower grade teachers would not receive such training as would enable them to pass the examining boards.

Pen and Scissors Selects.—Hon. Mr. Blake's health is rapidly improving. The Murphy movement—The fall in the price of potatoes.

Ontario never saw a more fruitful year, barring the fruit. The origin of the St. John, N. B. fire is being inquired into by a jury.

There is an investigation ordered of the management of Carlton Jail. Diarell is credited with having the "most remarkable face in England."

Mr. McMaster has now three reliable witnesses who saw Sheehan fire at Hackett. The country editor now shuts up his office for a week and goes out working on the farm.

Mr. John Quarry, for the last forty years a resident of Dundas, died there on Friday, aged 68. New Orleans never saw a fire so destructive as the one which broke out in the city on the 24th.

Considerable damage was done to the crops in the vicinity of London by the storm on Thursday night. The steamship Memphis, Dominion Line, left on Friday with 265 horned cattle, and 200 sheep on board.

F. Graham, Deputy Grand Master of the Orange Young Brigade for the Canada, died at Ottawa Wednesday night. It is stated in Montreal that the Dominion will pay the volunteers who kept the armories in that city on the 12th.

Considerable damage has been done by the grasshoppers to the crops in the northern portion of the county of Hastings. Christopher Columbus is supposed to have been the first man to set the bad example of leaving for "parts unknown."

It is expected that the majority in Kent will be somewhere in the neighborhood of 1,500. The Dunkin Act carries the day wherever it is submitted. The tidal wave of temperance sweeps triumphantly over the land.

Hon. Alex. McKenzie laid the corner stone of the new Baptist church in Ottawa Thursday afternoon, and was presented with an address and a silver trowel.

Reports from Niagara say that the weather is delightful, hockmen's prices are as usual, bridal parties innumerable, and this "cooing and billing" going on at "red-hot" rate; also, that the Horse-Shoe Falls are still there.

The great excitement in the White Mountain region about Milan is at a high pitch, and so many prospectors have rushed in that the Grand Trunk Railway has established a station at the point of discovery, about a dozen miles from Gorham.

A dispatch from Portland, Oregon, states that the dockyards at Victoria, British Columbia, are being prepared for active service in case of war between England and Russia. Equipment will be a depot for victualling and coaling British cruisers on the Pacific.

The Arthur Enterprise says wheat in that section is so plump this year that it bursts the chaff and shells with the most careful handling. Even when reaped a few days before it has reached the "dead-ripe" stage, the loss from shelling is found to be considerable.

The Philadelphia Times remarks: The complete blockade in the transportation of the cattle from the West is likely to be felt pretty severely in the increased price of beef. This is another of the ways in which the strike is expected to benefit the workmen.

The strike on the Canada Southern Railway is at an end, the men having resumed work on the Company guaranteeing to adjust their grievances within a fortnight. Passenger and freight trains are now running on all the branches of the road, and the workshops have been reopened.

Mr. Hermann Kurth, of Milwaukee, has established in Hamilton, a manufactory for making a new and useful machine known as the American Cattle Separator, which has been patented in Canada, the United States, and in Europe.

At Huntville, Ont., last Friday night an eighty armed men were sworn in as special constables and started out under command of Captain Hunt, to effect the capture of four men named Pringle, who stole an ox from a neighboring farm and killed it in the woods.

The bulk of the fall wheat in South Waterloo will be housed this week, a great deal having been hauled under cover within the past few days. Hay is also pretty generally cut, although a good many fields are still standing.

While the yield in quantity is large, the quality is also excellent, and we have heard of very few farms on which the sample is not very good. We observe that in the neighboring county of Oxford the papers claim that the yield of fall wheat will this year average 35 bushels to the acre over the whole County; and while we are inclined to set this down as being a high estimate, we believe that in this neighborhood judging from what the farmers say, it will not fall much short of averaging 30 bushels to the acre.—Galt Reporter.

The danger of interfering between a man and his wife has received a fine illustration in New Jersey. The peace-maker is dead and the husband is a murderer.

Norval people have been victimized by young men selling tickets for a lottery on behalf of the London Orphan Asylum. Of course it's a swindle—there is no such lottery.

In the United States, says an exchange, the proportion of persons having sound teeth is only one in eighty; hence it comes that they have 12,000 dentists in active service, who use up annually half a ton of pure gold besides cheaper filling material.

A BEAVER DAM.—During the last few weeks the Beavers have dammed the Grand River, near lot 21, in the 7th con., New Survey, Melancthon, and raised the water fully four feet. The dam is quite ingeniously constructed, and is apparently of considerable strength.

The Ontario Grand Encampment of Oddfellows met at Belleville Tuesday. The Medical Hall, Acton, is somewhat noted for cheap drugs and staff.

ACTON MARKETS. Flour ... \$3 75 to 4 00 Fall Wheat ... 1 45 to 1 55 Spring Wheat, Glasgow ... 1 40 to 1 50 Red Chaff (Wheat) ... 1 25 to 1 35 Barley ... 60 to 65 Oats ... 47 to 50 Peas ... 0 75 to 0 80 Butter ... 0 15 to 0 16 Eggs ... 0 12 to 0 15 Cherries, per pair ... 0 35 to 0 40 Raspberries, per lb ... 0 05 to 0 10

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. SHAWL LOST. Lost between Acton and the last con. Manhood. NOW LOST, NOW RECOVERED. We have recently published a new edition of Dr. Carter's Celebrated Remedy for the various forms of Nervous Debility, Mental and Physical Incapacity, Impediments to Marriage, etc., resulting from excess.

WANTED. Ladies and gentlemen to learn Telegraph. Operating for offices opening in the Dominion. Salary for answer. Address: MANAGER, Box 355, Toronto.

PLEURY'S MEADOW LARK. Grand Mowing Match held under the auspices of the East Huron Farmers' and Mechanics' Association at Brussels, Ont., on the 10th July, 1877. 14 machines in competition, and PLEURY'S MEADOW LARK was awarded the highest number of points of merit. It showed only 159 pounds draft; the lightest of any machine tested.

PROCLAMATION. CIVIC HOLIDAY. To His Worship, the Mayor of the Village of Acton: Respected Sir.—We, the inhabitants of the Village of Acton, being desirous of setting apart a day for public enjoyment and recreation, request you to appoint Friday, the 3rd of August, a Civic Holiday.

At J. Byder's Factory. Stylish Buggy or Servicable Waggons. I am making up a large stock for the present season, from the best material. Strict attention given to Horse-Shoeing & General Blacksmithing. JAMES BYDER, Acton, Feb. 26, 1877.

PIC-NIC. Arrangements have been made by the Acton Division, Sons of Temperance, to have an excursion on the named day, over the Grand Trunk and Hamilton & North York Railways to Burlington Beach, where a picnic will be held. The fare for the round trip will be about 75 cents. A general invitation is extended to the public to participate. By order of the W. F.

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THE ROYAL EXCHANGE HOTEL. ACTON. This well-known house has recently undergone a thorough renovation and repairing, is now furnished with new and modern furniture of the best quality, and is prepared to receive the first-class accommodation for the public. The present proprietor has secured a license, and will keep the bar and sell and serve the best wine, beer and cigars. The stable is large and well-fitted up; also ample accommodations for the carriage and horse. The patronage of the public is respectfully solicited. JOHN MARRY, Acton, June 26, 1877.

C. T. HILL. MILL STREET, ACTON. DEALER IN Groceries, Crockery, Boots & Shoes, Wall Paper, Window Blinds, Malls, Glass, Paper, Laminated Oil, Paints, Turpentine, Coal Oil, Salt, &c. All of which will be sold low for cash.

ROOTS AND SHOES. Selling off at cost. Also agent for the RUBBER PAINT COMPANY of Cleveland, Ohio. Cash for Hides. Acton, July 18, 1876.

\$999. Can't be made by any other. I have a stock of goods for sale at a very low price. I have a stock of goods for sale at a very low price. I have a stock of goods for sale at a very low price.

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