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The War News.

The news received on Saturday respecting the European negotiations as to the Congress and the treaty of peace was decidedly warlike in tone. The dead lock between England and Russia seemed to offer no hope of an arrangement.

It is estimated that Russia's losses during the late war was 100,000 men, Roumania's 30,000, Serbia's 20,000, and Montenegro's 15,000.

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Acton, March 20, 1878.

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County Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, on Tuesday, March 19th, at the Court House, at one o'clock, p.m.

Mr. Lyon moved, seconded by Mr. Lindsay, that by-law No. 101, be read the first time.

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D. I. R. RINE.

HE IS ARRESTED ON A CHARGE OF CRIMINAL ASSAULT.

As Mr. D. I. R. Rine, the great Temperance lecturer, on Saturday evening last, was arrested and taken to Stratford, on a charge of assault upon a young Stratford lady, aged about 15.

From the evidence which was given by the young lady on Monday, it appears that Rine came to Stratford last Wednesday to lecture in the Town Hall.

The Hon. Jan Creighton, President of the Nova Scotia Legislative Council, and the oldest M. C. in the Province, died on the 16th inst., at Lunenburg.

James Roberts, engine driver, who was severely hurt in the accident on the G. T. R., at Beckett, some weeks ago, is entirely recovered from his injuries, and will soon be able to return to duty.

The proprietors of the Philadelphia Press discharge all their union composers on the 16th, and employed non-union men. The discharged men will be re-employed if they leave the union.

AUCTION SALE VILLAGE FARM IMPLEMENTS.

The undersigned has been instructed by Mr. John Kennedy to sell by Public Auction, at Kennedy's Brick Block in the Village of Acton, on Thursday, April 4th, the splendid new double brick house and lot, situated on Main St., Acton, two miles north of Agnew's Hotel.

WM. HEMSTREET, Auctioneer.

UNRESERVED CLEARING AUCTION SALE.

Mr. John Sibbald. Having disposed of his farm, has instructed the undersigned to sell by Public Auction, on the premises, Lot 4th, con. 3rd, Egin, on Wednesday March 27.

WM. HEMSTREET, Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE THORNTON FARM STOCK AND IMPLEMENTS.

The undersigned has been instructed by Mr. Alex. Waide, to sell by Public Auction, the Farm, situated on the N. W. corner of Lot 24, Con. 2, Township of Esquimaux, to the late Mr. Thornton, and to be sold together with the thoroughbred Farm Stock, and Implements, on Friday, 22nd March.

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Rail to Manitoba.

The canal at Winnipeg reports much activity in railroad matters in Manitoba. Canadian and English parties have purchased the first mortgage bonds of the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad and propose to construct a northern extension in Minnesota from Red Lake River to the Manitoba frontier during the summer.

At Barrie, the other day, a young gentleman had to pay a fine and cost of \$50 for smoking in the post office after having been requested by a constable to desist.

On Thursday the 28th ult., a lodge of Oddfellows, No. 210, was instituted at Bluefield by Messrs. Gibson, P. G. M., and Henderson, P. G.

Mr. G. S. Sleeman, of the Silver Creek Brewery, Guelph, proposes proceeding at once with the erection of a larger beer brewery. It will be built adjacent to the present premises, 30 by 60 feet and two stories in height.

Tobacco Adulteration.

The Pall Mall Gazette, of London, England, says: "The popular belief that bad cigars are made of cabbage leaves is not justified by the last official report on tobacco adulteration. This document contains a tabulated account of the seizures of spurious tobacco made in the United Kingdom since 1867, and in the whole paper there is no mention whatever of the much-suspected vegetable. Its place in the black list is supplied by a variety of ingredients large enough to rejoice the heart of any member of the Anti-Tobacco League. The dishonest dealer in cigars amenable is shown by the report to make use of three different sorts of materials besides that which he professes to employ; and the first sort is required for the actual substance of the cigar, the second for improving its outturning to what is supposed to be a better taste. In the former category the favorite substances seem to be the leaves of the lime tree, the husks of wheat and oats, cotton, yarn, and tannin bean. But there are numerous cases where the ingredients have been much more curiously selected, and have included coconut fibre, small seeds, cotton, wood, and bread. At one establishment 50 lbs. of tobacco dust were found, and analysed, when it was shown to contain string, wood, nails, and various other refuse. Another large class of materials is apparently used for covering the adhesion and consistency of the cigar when made. Amongst these starch is the most prominent; but it includes gum and ammonia, blue, gum arabic, glue, glycerine, and essential oils. The colour of the fabric is the next thing to be attended to, and for this purpose a resort is had to yellow ochre, red sandalwood, logwood, lampblack, and Venetian red. As for the flavour of the cigar, it is varied to suit the most diverse tastes; but the usual object seems to be to impart to it a pleasing sweetness of tone. Accordingly saccharine matter, and especially treacle, is very largely pressed into the service. For those who like a more delicate taste, liquorice, salt, wood, glycerine, and aniseed are used. It is in Dublin where the latter ingredient is most fashionable, while Edinburgh is fond of treacle and sugar, and East London is addicted to liquorice.

Two boys aged twelve and ten years respectively, were abducted on Tuesday evening while on their way home from school to the residence of their legal guardian, the Rev. A. A. Diamond, of Newcastle. The boys are named James and John Keith, of Toronto. Their parents, who were supposed to have been watching for them during the day, overtook them and induced them to enter a covered buggy on the pretence of giving them a northern direction, and when they had travelled a mile and a quarter the lads were driven by a young man, who started once more northward. It is thought that the intention is to secrete them temporarily in Canada, and then carry them to Quebec or across to the United States, in order to take them beyond the jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery, of which they are wards. Our readers may recall that some years ago there was a great deal of trouble about the guardianship of some of Mr. Keith's children, his wife (a Roman Catholic) having endeavored to make their guardian after she and her husband had separated.

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The Whitehall Review intimates that the Duke of Manchester will succeed Lord Dufferin in the office, because the Duchess will leave home.