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OLD NEWSPAPERS.

The Toronto Globe and Leader lately devoted a considerable space to describing a couple of old newspapers which had been sent to them by subscribers. The Globe's old paper was a copy of the London Times, dated March 11th, 1809, and the Leader's was a copy of another newspaper, a few years older than the Times. It is our turn next. We have in our possession a copy of the St. James's Chronicle, or the British Evening Post, dated Thursday February 21, 1765, which was published in St. James, Eng. It is yellow with age, and the paper is of a larger and stronger quality than is used for printing newspapers on now. The newspaper consists of four pages, four columns to the page, and is about half the size of the Free Press. The type used is the composite of long primer size, and is as nice and clear as the type used in the present age. There are a great number of communications in the paper, but no local or editorial news. A letter from London, Eng., says: "Before the year 1764, the duties of import and export amounted to about \$1,500,000 sterling in this Kingdom; and that during the year they have produced upwards of two millions. A proof of the increase of our trade." An attempted robbery, near Boston, Mass., in which the would-be robbers were killed, occupies a prominent position on the third page. The paper has news from all parts of the world, being inserted in the shape of communications. The advertisements are set up on the same as the ready matter, and all are started with a large initial letter. To place this aged paper beside one of our country local papers of the present day, there is as much difference as night from day, and yet, when the Chronicle was printed, it was, no doubt, considered one of the city newspapers. It is wonderful to see what strides journalism has made during the past century, and it causes us to wonder if a century hence, it will be as much ahead of us now as we are ahead of the times when the St. James's Chronicle was printed.

OUR POSTAL FACILITIES.

A petition, addressed to the Postmaster General, is going around the Village, and is receiving a large number of signatures, the object being to secure four mails per day, instead of two, as at present. That the business of the Village is hindered, on account of their only being two mails a day, there is no doubt, and, owing to our position and trade, we have not the requisite postal facilities. Villages to the east and west of us have two mails daily from the east and west, and Acton, whose trade is vastly superior to some of these, has only one recorded one mail daily from the east and west. Although we are only 36 miles from Toronto, it takes three days to receive a reply, whereas, if we had two mails each way, we could receive a reply the same day as sent. Acton has a population of between 900 and 1000, and this, of itself, should insure us better postal communication than we have at present. Besides this, both the population and business of the Village are increasing, so that it is not a privilege but a right which we ask for. The want of better postal communication has long been felt by the people of this Village, and the business of the place demands it, so that we are certain the Postmaster General will give the petition the consideration which it deserves.

J. E. McGarvin, druggist, Acton.

LORD DUFFERIN'S SUCCESSOR.

It transpires that there was no foundation for the rumor that Lord Dufferin was to remain in Canada as Governor-General for another year. The Imperial Government was anxious that he should do so, but he has fully made up his mind to return to England in September. The home authorities seem to be at a loss to find anybody to take his place. The Duke of Manchester has been spoken of in this connection more than anybody else, and the Earl of Carnarvon has been looked upon in some quarters as a likely man. The name of Prince Arthur has also been mentioned. The appointment of a Prince would be rather a departure. He is a title young, perhaps being only twenty-seven; but he will grow out of that, and anyway the duties of the post are not very difficult of performance, being almost nominal, although, of course, important. The appointment of a real Prince of the blood, who, by the way, is a single man, and is in receipt of \$75,000 a year from Parliament, would be looked upon with much pleasure by one class of the community at any rate—the ladies.

RIOTING IN QUEBEC.

Quebec was in a state of uproar on Wednesday, the 12th inst., the rioters having risen in a mass, and rioting and plundering prevailed throughout the day, the city being for a time powerless to quell the mob, and it was not until after the Riot Act had been read and the military and police forces opened fire upon the crowd that they gave way. The result was some loss of life and much blood shed, several being severely wounded. There ought to be some more speedy way of quelling these mobs and preventing their fiendish work than Quebec or Montreal seem to possess.

Editorial Notes.

The United States Senate has agreed to an amendment to the Sunday Civil Appropriation Bill, appropriating five and half millions to pay the award of the Halifax Fishery Commission.

Although the progress made by the Emperor William since the attempt on his life has been remarkably satisfactory, the patient suffers extremely from weakness, and his recovery will be a matter of considerable time.

The suit which the Hon. Alex. Mackenzie brought against the publishers of the Sarina Canadian, for charging him with betraying a Cabinet secret for the benefit of his friends, and with locating the Lake Superior terminus of the Canada Pacific Railway for his own advantage, has been finally settled by the publishers apologizing.

A New York religious paper mentions, with fervent approbation, as an instance of the Christian zeal of the congregation of St. Anne's Church, Brooklyn, the fact that "a woman has given \$25, which she had saved for the tuition of her children." We trust that such instances of Christian zeal will be common notably rare. It is difficult to say who committed the greater sin, the woman who robbed her children of their education, or the approving pastor who accepted the deluded woman's savings to invest in religious vanity that which had been designed to assist in rearing the noblest temple which can be raised in honor of God—a pure and educated mind.

The news from Labrador coast is disheartening. Last fall there was a failure of the fisheries, and traders who used to supply the fishermen with provisions in exchange for fish and oil abandoned the territory, leaving whole families to live through the winter on fish offal, for crops are impossible on that sterile shore. There have been many deaths from starvation. Of five families, containing forty souls, in one settlement, five persons survived the winter. Scarcity is epidemic, and the women haunt the shore like spectres, picking up the dead seal, while men and boys gather sea moss or shell fish. The people have been cut off from the outside world since last September. When they found death staring them in the face it was too late to make their wants known, for navigation had closed, and they were two hundred leagues from Quebec, without any means for overland communication in winter.

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Chippings.

The Pope's health is failing, and his physicians insist upon his removal from the Vatican. It is estimated that over 32,000 bushels of wheat have been exported from Winnipeg this season. The Dundas cotton factory employs 400 hands and pays out over \$3,000 every two weeks in wages. No steps have yet been taken by the Mayor of Montreal for the preservation of peace on the 12th of July. The Teumethis, of London, beat the Maple Leafs, of Guelph, at base ball, Tuesday, by a score of 8 to 9. The expenses of the Montreal troops on duty in Quebec during the riots will reach between \$5,000 and \$6,000. The trial of the Oka Indians takes place at the July term of the Court of Queen's Bench at St. Sebastienne. It is said that Mr. George Laidlaw has successfully concluded arrangements for the construction and full equipment of the Credit Valley Railway. The Premier and Mrs. Mackenzie celebrated the first quarter of a century of their married life Monday. They entertained a large number of friends. Masked burglars broke into a toll house at Lyon's Corners, a few miles from London, on Tuesday night, and secured about \$27 in money and two silver watches. Toronto list of liquor licenses for current year is now complete. It comprises 266 tavern and shop licenses—a decrease of 20 from last year—and 21 wholesale licenses. At Bangor, upwards of 2200 lbs. have been accidentally found in the possession of an old female pauper, who was supposed to be in a state of extreme poverty, and had been many years in receipt of parochial relief. A young Indian Prince, the Maharajah of Kooch Behar, has arrived in London. He is making a twelve months' tour of Europe, and after a two months' stay in London will visit the principal manufacturing towns in England. Hindu's friends are quiet confident that he will win the sculling race with Morris at Hulton, Pennsylvania, to day. The betting, which is understood to be a sort of barometer by which to predict the result, is in favour of the Canadian. The statement prepared by the Special Committee of the financial condition of the city of Ottawa for presentation to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council shows the debt of the city to be \$2,187,300. This is about \$20 per head of the population. During a big thunder storm which raged over Perthshire, recently, the monument to Gen. Baird, the hero of the storming of Scutumpah, which was erected on a hill between Grief and Gowrie, at a cost of over £4,000 in 1852, was shattered by lightning. The Innate Murray, who is attacked by the Hon. Mr. Blake at Ottawa some time ago applied to the Ottawa Chief Constable on Tuesday 11th inst., for two million dollars, which Murray said had been left him by Lord Dufferin, in payment of his claim against the Government. He didn't get a cheque, as there were no funds. Two ragged little imps, aged six and seven years, were before the Toronto Police Magistrate on Friday on the terrible charge of having stolen three lbs. valued at three-quarters of a cent. Col. Denison ordered the property to be carefully delivered up to the contractor, who is one of the largest in the city, and the poor boys to be discharged. On Friday morning a 300 barrel oil still exploded at the Victoria Oil Works, London. Immediately after the explosion the oil ran in all directions. The oil ignited and before anything could be done towards removing the contents of the shop, the building, about 200 feet in length, was lit flames and beyond all hope of being saved. Loss \$5,000. The Wellington County Council made a clean sweep of the old inspectors and examiners, the new appointments being all new men with one exception. G. A. Somerville, of the Guelph high school, has been appointed inspector for the south division; David Clapp, of Stratford, inspector for the north division; and Alexander Petrie and C. Macpherson, examiners. A band tournament, under the auspices of the Goderich Silver Cornet band took place on Friday last, and was a great success, there being a large attendance of visitors. The following bands were present: Stratford, Berlin, Mitchell, Seaforth, Kincardine, Clinton Juvenile Band, and the Sauguen Indian Band, of the 7th Battalion Band of London had also entered but could not attend. The contest was very keen, and resulted as follows: Stratford, 1st; Berlin, 2nd; Mitchell, 3rd; Seaforth, 4th; 525. In the evening a grand concert was held in the Skating rink.

The Communists in Chicago.

The Communists made a grand display in Chicago on the 15th inst. They formed in procession at about 10 o'clock, and marched through the principal streets with red flags and Socialist emblems. About 8,000 marched in the procession, and 25,000 more took part in the exercises at the picnic grounds. The procession was headed by the Lehr and Wede Verein, carrying about 200 rifles. They wore blue and white uniforms, and with thorough discipline and glittering bayonets made a soldierly appearance. The Bohemian sharpshooters, forty musketeers, also formed in the procession. The march was as well as the largest picnic Chicago ever saw. Speeches were made by Parsons, Bodelohski and Thorsmark in English, Bohemian and Norwegian. Paul Grottkan, the German agitator, also spoke. The First and Second Regiments were under arms all day, but they left their barracks. Only a few police were on the picnic grounds, and not a single arrest was made. The proceeds of the affair are to start a Socialistic paper, and amounted to about \$8,000. The peaceful manner in which the demonstration was conducted will be a great point for the Socialists there, and it is believed will lead to a victory for their ticket at the next municipal election. They already have one alternate a Communist, elected last fall.

Correspondence.

We wish it to be understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

A Model Conductor.

DEAR SIR:—If I am not intruding upon your valuable space, I would like to say a word in regard to that sorrowful looking individual who calls himself Draper, the model ticket snatcher, who has been in the Guelph station five minutes before the train was due, and tried to obtain a ticket, but the office being closed, I could not get one. After trying every way to secure a ticket, but failing to do so, as the ticket office was closed until after the train started, I had to get on without one. Draper, the conductor, asked me for my ticket, when I explained to him about the office being closed, but he would not listen to any common argument, but demanded forty-six cents, which I did not have with me, having spent all but forty cents for fare from Guelph to Acton in the Guelph train. He immediately handed me back fourteen cents, keeping twenty-six cents, which we would carry me to Rockwood, when I could obtain a ticket to Acton for fifteen cents. Enquiring the station at Rockwood I also failed to close, and so I got on the train again without a ticket. Draper knew that the ticket office was closed, and when he found me on the train again he stopped it to put me off. I gave him the four cents and promised him the remaining six cents when I reached Acton, and refused to get off the train. He did not attempt to put me off, but started the train again, and when I reached Acton I saw a friend who gave him the extra money. Altogether Draper used me in a manner unbefitting a gentleman. I would like to know how long the public is to be persecuted with such an individual as Draper, as he is certainly not a gentleman conductor. Of course, the Company is partly to blame for putting me in such an unenviable position before a travelling public, but I think that after explaining the matter to Draper, and him knowing that I could get no ticket, he might have been a little more civil to me than he was.

Yours, &c.,  
CAN. COR. CHICAGO TRIBUNE.  
Acton, June 19, 1878.

J. E. McGarvin, druggist, Acton.

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The subscriber, having purchased the Acton Plow Works, is prepared to furnish Single and Double Frame Iron Plows, as well as the Ross Gang Plow, which has gained the reputation of being the best Gang Plow made, at the usual rates. All repairs done on the shortest notice and at the cheapest prices. SYDNEY SMITH, 37-47

SHORT HORN BULL.

Royal Beauford, Falm, imp. "Lady Barnes," sire, imp. "Royal Oxford Gwynne," will serve cows on the farm adjoining the G. R. R., Acton. Terms: Polished Cows, \$7.00; Graded Cows, \$2.00, cash; \$1.50, credit. Also two Berkshire Boars will be kept for service at the same place. Terms: \$1.00, cash. G. S. SMITH.

NOTICE.

Farmer, now is the time to improve your stock. The first prize bull, "Sir William Temple," III, (58) got by "Sir William Temple," (2256), dam Diana, by Red Prince (602) & Dan Annetta, by the Guelph Baron (509), 4:19 g. g. dam, Ann, by Patriot (525), 4:19 g. g. cow on the farm of the undersigned during the season. Terms to insure—Thoroughbred, \$4.00; Graded cows, \$1.50. JOEL LESLIE, 44-3m, Lot No. 5, cor 1, Elm.

LADIES' STRAW HATS.

Cleaned, dyed and altered to the present fashion. MRS. WM. THOMPSON, 43-3m, Bower Street, Acton.

CASH FOR STAFFERS.

Having purchased the mills formerly belonging to P. & H. Sayers, at Spey-side, I am prepared to pay cash for soft and hard Staffers, Timber, Cash will also be paid for good, sound Pine, 45-4t EDWARD MOORE.

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CASH FOR SKINS.

I am prepared to pay the highest cash price west of Toronto for all classes of Cat and Sheep Skins, delivered to my factory. Live Leathers constantly on hand. JAMES MOORE, 41-1v

NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS.

All persons found fishing or shooting on my premises, without leave, will be prosecuted according to law. E. L. SNYDER, 47-3t

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All orders in the Weaving promptly attended to. Special attention paid to Carpet Weaving. MRS. H. McLOUGHLIN, near CHAPMAN'S CORNERS, 40-4t

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We take this opportunity of announcing to the inhabitants of Acton and vicinity that we have started dressmaking at Mrs. Stone's residence, John-street, Acton. Our prices are very low, and our work is of the best quality. The most reasonable prices charged. MISSES BELL & STONE, 39-3m

ACTON TIN WORKS.

Main Street, Acton. W.M. LEITH. Would respectfully call the attention of the public to his immense stock of TIWNARE, STOVES, &c. which he is now selling Very Cheap. Having had an experience of many years, all orders for Repairing and Eavetroughing will be filled on the shortest notice, and in the best style. Be pure and go to Leith if you want good TINWARE or a good job of Eavetroughing done. Produce Taken in Exchange. W.M. LEITH, Proprietor. Acton, March 29, 1877.

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1878. Weekly Globe.

The success that has attended the publication of THE WEEKLY GLOBE, during the year just drawing to a close, has been a matter of no small satisfaction to the publishers. The establishment of the paper, notwithstanding the opposition of the press, has been a triumph. The success of the paper is due to the fact that it is a paper of the highest quality, and it is a paper that is read by all classes of the community. The paper is published every week, and it is a paper that is read by all classes of the community. The paper is published every week, and it is a paper that is read by all classes of the community. The paper is published every week, and it is a paper that is read by all classes of the community.

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