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OURSELVES.

This number commences the fourth volume of the FREE PRESS, and we claim the forbearance of our readers while we say a few words about ourselves. This enterprise was conceived with the intention of supplying the inhabitants of this thriving Village and surrounding country with the local and general news of the week, and helping to advance the good of the County and Village. In this, so far, we think the FREE PRESS has succeeded in its mission. From the first the paper has been well received, and has met with such encouragement in the past that we have every reason to believe that in the future it will be more appreciated. While we look back upon the past few years of general depression of business, and the scarcity of that one thing needful in business—money, we think that we have reason for a degree of satisfaction with some features of the enterprise. Our subscription list has gradually increased, and the paper has been received everywhere with hearty expressions of appreciation, both of which go a great way to show that the enterprise has been successful. We have endeavored to give our readers all the news, in a condensed form, that can possibly be put into a small country newspaper, and our local and editorial columns have not been neglected, as they themselves will bear evidence. In politics, we have, to the best of our ability, acted independently, only advancing such measures as we thought would benefit the country, and our guiding star has always had for its motto, "Country before Party." In the future, as in the past, we intend to keep the same purpose steadily in view—that of advancing the best interests of our Country, our County and our Village. Although our efforts in the past were directed towards supplying a journal worthy of the thriving Village in which it is published, we are determined that in the future we will make it more acceptable to our patrons. Nothing will be left undone on our part to bring it up to such a standard of excellence, that even our most bitter opponents must admit, if they do not already do so, that it has no superior as a local journal. We will say nothing more about our plans or promises, but will let the FREE PRESS attest the sincerity of our intentions and the fulfillment of our resolutions. In conclusion, we beg to thank our many friends who have so kindly assisted us in our enterprise in the past, and we are sure that no effort shall be wanting on our part to make it retain the confidence that has been reposed in it by our supporters.

THE REGETTA AT BROCKVILLE.

The Brockville regatta came off on Monday, 1st inst. Another great victory was scored for Edward Hanlan, of Toronto, he having come in about twelve boat-lengths ahead of all others. Amongst his competitors in the four mile race on the St. Lawrence were some of the best rowers in Canada and the United States, and yet he distanced them from the start, and won the race with as much apparent ease as any of his previous victories. Every succeeding race that Hanlan wins seems to make his superiority over all other living rowers more assured, and, therefore, his admirers may be excused for holding firmly to the belief that were he to cross the Atlantic he could distance the best sculler England could put against him. There is not one sculler in America, unless it be

Courtney, who has the slightest chance against Hanlan's magnificent and scientific pulling, and it is pleasing to learn that some kind of an agreement has been made with him for a race in October next. For our part, we have little doubt that Hanlan will prove himself as capable of vanquishing Courtney, and subsequently Higgins of England, as he has of defeating Plaisted and Morris.

SALE OF PARIS GREEN AND HELLEBORE.

The Canadian Pharmaceutical Journal, published in Toronto, has a good editorial on the above subjects. It says that the unrestricted sale of so virulently poisonous a substance as Paris green is, to say the least of it, exceedingly hazardous. Before the advent of the potato bug there was comparatively little danger, as the green was then employed solely as a pigment, and fell into the hands of those who were acquainted with its properties. Now, however, its use as an insecticide has become general, and almost every farmer is, of necessity, a purchaser. Many country storekeepers and hardware merchants deal in the article, and sell it without the slightest caution—by label or otherwise—in regard to its poisonous properties. Not only is this against the public safety, but in direct contravention of the law. Paris green contains 60 per cent. of arsenic, and as a mixture of acetate and arsenite of copper comes legitimately under the "compounds of arsenic" named in the first part of the Poison Schedule attached to the Pharmacy Act. Under the third section, it can only therefore be sold by a registered druggist, and to a person known to the vendor; and all sales must be registered, as in the case of other dangerous substances. Merchants, other than druggists, certainly render themselves liable to the penalties of the Act if they sell this compound for use as a poison. When sold as a paint the case may be different, and it is possible that the letter of the law would be more liberally interpreted. In regard to hellebore there can be no manner of doubt. It is especially named in the second part of the schedule, and can only be sold by a registered druggist, and should be distinctly labelled "poison." There is every necessity that there should be no infraction in this particular. Hellebore is a very powerful poison, and in the powdered condition in which it is always sold, might readily be mistaken for some harmless drug used in the household. Druggists who find the law disregarded in the towns or sections in which they reside, should at once serve their own as well as public interests by laying an information before the proper authorities, and we feel confident the law would bear them out. A word in regard to the purity of Paris green. Much of that sold is adulterated with barytes or terra alba. As these substances are added when the paint is in a pulpy state, they become very intimately mixed with the green, and partake of its color, thereby rendering the admixture difficult of detection—judging by appearance only. The absence of these adulterants may be readily ascertained by agitating a little of the sample with liquor ammonia, either the strong or of sp. gr. 960, in which, if pure, it should entirely dissolve, forming a perfectly clear blue solution; any admixture of the kind named renders the liquid milky, and is of course left undissolved.

County Council.

The Council met in Milton, June 21st, at 12:30 p.m., in accordance with notice for special meetings issued by order of the Warden. The Warden in the chair. Members present: Messrs. Buck, Clay, Foster, Lindsay, Lyon, McKenzie, McEwen, McGarvin, McKenzie, Robinson and Young. The Warden informed the Council that he had called a special meeting for the purpose of investigating an account of George Blain, contractor for extra work of the new jail and addition to the Court House. The Clerk read the contractor's account, and the Warden read the architect's statement of reductions from the same. Dr. Buck moved, seconded by Dr. McGarvin, that this Council adjourn for half an hour, to enable the Jail and Court House Committee to bring in their report. Carried. Council adjourned.

Editorial Notes.

What has become of the Fenian scare? Mr. Mackenzie's speech on the tariff question, to the workmen of Toronto, has been issued in pamphlet form. Mr. Turcotte, Speaker of the Quebec Legislative Assembly, has been presented by his constituents with an influentially signed address, expressing approval of his course during the present session of the Quebec Legislature. A telegram from London, Eng., states that Lord Dufferin has accepted the prolongation of his term as Governor-General of Canada.

Clippings.

Greece has concluded a loan of \$10,000,000 in Paris. The Queen of Spain died on the 26th ult. She was in her eightieth year. The Stars of Syracuse, beat the Maple Leafs, of Guelph, at baseball, Monday. Score 10 to 6. The New York Sun announces that Miss Jeannette Bennett, sister of Mr. J. G. Bennett, is about to be married to Lord Rossmore. The township of Egremont by law granting \$50,000 to the Wellington and Georgian Bay Railway has been carried by a majority of 153. James Marror, from the County of Brant, who lately arrived at Winnipeg, Man., with his family, was robbed of over \$300 worth of intoxicants. His Excellency the Governor-General has presented two medals for the encouragement of farming in the Icelandic settlement in Manitoba. William Sheehan, aged 56, of Fort Wayne, Ind., drank a pint of whiskey on a wager. His dead body was found in an outhouse next morning. Charles Orville, a trapeze performer claiming to be from Detroit, fell a distance of twenty-four feet at the Metropolitan Theatre, Indianapolis, and was probably fatally injured. In consequence of the general dissatisfaction with the award of the judges at the Montreal musical festival, the bands which won the principal prizes propose a second competition. The first three vessels of the Allan line, which left Montreal this season, took 395 head of cattle and 160 horses. The losses by death during the passage were less than one half per cent. At Miss Platt's wedding at the White House no lace was worn on the bride's dress, there were neither groomsmen nor bridesmaids, and there was no wine, but lemonade, tea, coffee and soda-water. Farmers have commenced cutting their clover in some parts of both well. The fall wheat is beginning to turn a yellowish hue, and it is expected that the crop will be an exceptionally heavy one. Messrs. Goldie & McCulloch, of Galt, have shipped to Manitoba within a few days a steam grist mill complete, an automatic oil engine, a lot of wood-working machinery, and two car loads of steam boilers. The proprietors of the Galt Reporter state in their last issue that they intend entering a criminal action against the proprietors of the Reformer for a libel contained in an article in which the latter charged the former with fraud. Inglis & Hunter's foundry, Guelph, was destroyed by fire last Thursday morning. Loss between \$30,000 and \$40,000; insurance \$11,000. The firm employed 45 hands, all of whom are thrown out of employment for the present. They intend rebuilding. A rising of Comanches in the Indian Territory is anticipated in consequence of an attempt by an Arkansas Deputy-Marshal to arrest one of their number. As it was, they attacked the officer's party, and a lively fight ensued, in which two Indians were killed. In the year 1800 there were but forty-nine libraries in the United States, containing in the aggregate 80,000 volumes. There are now in the country 3,682 libraries. All the libraries contain 13,000,000 volumes, not including those in common and Sunday schools. Alfred Herod, the supposed murderer of Calvert, of Hagerstown, together with four other men who were with him, named respectively John Duncan, Richard Van Buskirk and John Lawson, were arrested at Port Burwell on Friday last. Herod's companions said he was the man who killed Calvert. At Thunder Bay, mining interests still have an upward tendency. A large additional force of miners is now at work at the Shantish mine. It is expected that work will be resumed at Three A Mine within a couple of weeks. There are over one thousand miners at work at Silver Islet. The stamping mills are running day and night. A Port Huron, Mich., telegram says that the schooners St. Andrews, bound down with corn from Chicago, and Peshigo, bound up with coal, collided on Wednesday night 25th ult., in the Straits about five miles from Cheboygan. Both vessels went to the bottom. The crew of the St. Andrews reached Cheboygan in a small boat the following day. The St. Andrews was owned by Henry McMoran and Captain E. Fitzgerald, sr., both of that city. She was insured for \$3,000; \$5,000 in the Detroit Fire and Marine in McMoran's interest, \$4,000 in a Buffalo Company in Fitzgerald's interest. The mate and seaman of the Peshigo were drowned.

Clippings.

A parrot created some excitement in a baggage car on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad recently. The cage, enclosed in paper, was put on a coffin, and was soon forgotten. As the conductor and other trainmen were passing through the car they heard in a peculiar voice coming from the coffin, crying "Lemme out!" They were startled and thought a dead man had come to life until the bird was discovered. The writs of habeas corpus issued in the case of Dr. Enoch Ford, of St. Marys, charged with poisoning the late Robert Guest, were made returnable on Friday morning last, and accordingly the accused was brought from St. Marys, and at ten o'clock appeared in the Court of Queen's Bench, Toronto. The Chief Justice presided. Mr. Jones, of St. Marys, appeared for the prisoner, and Mr. Scott for the Crown. After hearing the argument of his counsel, His Lordship decided to release the prisoner on bail, himself in \$2,000 and two sureties of \$1,000 each. A fearful outrage was committed about 12:40 on Tuesday by a negro named Neil, formerly of London, but working in Ingersoll now as a barber. He called at the McMurray house and was refused admission. He then took a dirk-knife out of his pocket and stabbed Mr. McMurray in a most frightful manner. Mr. Capron, the constable, and the McMurray house hostler, while trying to arrest the negro, were also cut in a shocking manner. The town bells were rung to arouse the citizens for the purpose of scouring the country for the wretch, and if he is caught it is feared he may be lynched. The negro's house in town was broken into and searched. He formerly kept a barber shop on King street, London. Mr. McMurray, Mr. Capron, and the hostler are all seriously injured. The citizens are so incensed at this outrage that they have given all the negroes notice to leave town. At the meeting of the Trafalgar Agricultural Society lately held at Palerme, it was decided that the next fall show should be held in Oakville. The rules were amended as follows: "Any member who may feel dissatisfied with the decision of the judges, and who shall (or their parties) in charge of cattle (or other exhibits) show dissatisfaction, or treat the Judges with disrespect, directly or indirectly, shall forfeit to the society any prize or prizes that he or she should be awarded, and may be deprived of the privilege and benefit of being a member of the society for three years. Any member of the society shall have the right to bring to the notice of the secretary any deviation from the foregoing rules of the society and it shall be his duty to retain such prize or prizes that the offender be awarded until it is fully decided at the next annual meeting of the Society, which shall be final in all cases referring to the rules and regulations passed for the government of the Society."

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SHORT HORN BULL.

"Royal Beaumont," dam, imp. "Lady Barnes," sire, imp. "Royal Oxford Gymsie," will serve cows on the farm adjoining the G. T. R., Acton. Terms: Polignos Cows, \$7.00; Grade Cows, \$1.50 each; \$2.00, credit. 40-6m G. S. SMITH.

NOTICE.

Farmers, now is the time to improve your stock. The first prize bull, "Sir William Temple," 111, (83) got by "Sir William Temple," (2296), dam Diana, by the Guelph Baron (809), 4th prize dam, Ana, by Patriot (525), will serve cows on the premises of the undersigned during the season. Terms to insure—Thorough-bred cows, \$1.00; Grade cows, \$1.50. JOEL LESLIE, Lot No. 5, con 1, Etna, 44-3m

LADIES' STRAW HATS.

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

CASH FOR STAVE TIMBER.

Having purchased the mills formerly belonging to P. & H. Sayers, at Spycroft, I am prepared to pay cash for soft pine and oak stave timber. Cash will also be paid for good, sound pine. EDWARD MOORE, 45-4m

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NOTICE.

Any person wishing to have painting or papering done should leave their orders with G. B. Levens, who will be at leisure every day except Wednesday and Saturday of each week. Shaving and haircutting done on the above mentioned days and every night. GEO. B. LEVENS, Acton, April 10, 1878.

DRESSMAKING.

We take this opportunity of announcing to the inhabitants of Acton and vicinity that we have started dressmaking at Mrs. Stone's residence, John-st. Orders left with us will receive prompt attention. The most reasonable prices charged. MISSES BELL & STONE, 39-3m

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Wood's Iron Mower, Akron Buckeye Mower, Conqueror Churn, Sharp's Self-Dumping Rake, Newcastle Harvester, Horse Power (Pitts), Grain Crushers [geared] Stave Cutters, etc. The above cannot be surpassed by any other Machines made in the Dominion. Please call and examine before purchasing elsewhere. April 25, 1878. 2m

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