Line Written by John Walker on the death of his father, who died on the 5th of April, 1880, at Lindsay, Ontario.

He is gone, the bravest of the brave, He has finished his career; But the relies of his labor For centuries will appear. He was the first to fell the oak,

The forest first to clear,

And Ops will long remember

Her brave old pioneer. O, my sisters and my brothers, Had the solace to be there, But alas! the least that I can do Is to offer up a prayer. Though distance has deprived me

From the raising of his bier, I hope to kneel yet by his grave, And shed the silent tear. I have one rose-bud buried there With marble at her head; Since other ties around me grew

I scarce can think her dead: The flower long slumb'ring there, Was once my only pride: But now she is not lonely For grand-pa's by her side.

I'll strew bright flowers around their grave, With tears bedew the sod

That wraps the clay of youth and age Since their souls have flown to God. Their faithful bodies calmly rest Like those long gone before: Their souls, triumphant, live with God On that Mysterious Shore.

### John Walker, Sen.

From the Canadian Post, Lindsay, Ont., we clip the following, concerning John Walker, Sr., dec'd,

father to John Walker, Co. Commissioner of Platte county: "It is our melancholy duty this week to record the death of one of the oldest settlers and ploneers of the township of Ops: John Walker, senr., who died suddenly on Monday last at the homestead, on the 13th con., at the sdvanced age of eightyfour years. The old gentleman was hale and hearty to the last and was in full possession of his faculties. dinner at the usual hour and afterwards lay down on the bed for a rest. He conversed a little with his aged wife, who is nearly blind, when the latter getting no response to a remark, ascertained that his face was remarkably cold. Mrs. Walker gave the alarm and on some younger members of the family repairing man lived in Fermanagh, near Casand was stationed at Tipperary at the time of the battle of Waterloo. his wife and family of four sons and one daughter set sail for Canada. in getting up the river to Cobourg. They came thence to Peterboro, and by a scow on Mud lake and Pigeon river to Omemee. He took up land he came in the road had to be underbrushed. Some five years before,

The voyage from Londonderry to Quebec took exactly a month, and very nearly the same time was taken where the homestead is now, and ever since remained there. When his wife's brother, Patrick McDonagh, had settled in Ops, and the new-comers joined their relatives. continues to come in. Two car They all had to undergo the hardships and privations of the early settlers, the mere recital of which appal those who go forth these days as pioneers with railways a few miles after them. Then the settlers had to convey on their backs provisions and grists to and from Cobourg or Port Hope along "blazed" tracks, and for years afterwards endured inconveniences that would not have been overcome except by unflagging patience and perseverence. As a reward for their long and weary toil the bush was transformed into fertile farms, surpassed by none in the province. John Walker prospered and in addition to his first hundred acres purchased whose name has been forgotten, and he helped to build the first locks at bers were in time scattered over his descendants reached the large number of one hundred and thirty-

where he is councillor; Mrs. Jere-

miah Scully, living in town; David

Walker, councillor, living on the

homestead, and Francis T. Walker,

Patron.

Some of the trees have taken their cue from the cedars that began "awearing of the green" several weeks ago; the blue-grass is reflecting the same and small fruit bushes are falling into line as fast as possible, in fact there is considerable verdancy lying around loose that communi-

cates itself even to the human subject. Farm work is being pushed with a vim that argues well for future

Chas. Rounds and Flecher Derby, with their families, who hail from Illinois, have taken up their abode in Bellwood for the present season. I believe Mr. R. intends farming one of the many corn-fields adjoining Bellwood. The Illinois people are at home on Nebraska soil, and are good farmers, too, therefore we extend the hand of fellowship to them, and give them a welcome to the advantages of our young State, the chief of which is cheap land, as pro-

ductive as Illinois could boast in her palmiest days, besides being so healthful that, in some instances people left behind them what their friends had thought were their death-beds, and coming hither "lived happy ever after," as the storybooks sav.

tinue to conduct the business of the office for a time. Mr. Baird has secured some lots, and has planted not be so apt to lodge. cedar and other trees on them. He is quite an enthusiast on the subject comparatively a new enterprise, and | better. raised a grove of several acres that

contained thirty varieties. have just returned from a trip into | buildings to stay with, but the great Holt and Antelope counties, report | part of land is owned by large land to the room it was found that death the tide of immigration in that di- holders, and rented out and of had claimed the old pioneer. The rection as being immense. Hotels course the improvements on such deceased was born in Tyrone, Ire- were crowded to suffocation, and places will be less and the dry years land, in August, 1796, and as a young hacks and coaches filled to overflow- freeze out the "small fry" and it grapes, and was awarded the first

tle Archdall, where he occupied a ing. They saw beautiful stretches seems to go more and more into the premium for the best collection of small farm. He took his father's of splendid land as good as the hands of the large holders that dry fruit among all the States. The place in the militia drafted in 1815 world affords, and a great deal of it years do not use up; but, all things was taken. They each took land in considered, in my opinion there is He married in 1817 Catherine Mc. Antelope county, under the timber no better region for wheat in the Donagh, the daughter of a neighbor- culture act. Grass' grows in the States than the Sacramento and San ing farmer, and in May, 1831, with Elkhorn valley as high as a man's Joaquin valleys; it costs less to put shoulders, tho' I don't know how in and take off than at the east, and tall the man was supposed to be.

> learned that the townspeeple held a we like to do it in and not be afraid meeting on the evening of the 16th of showers and grown wheat. to consider ways and means to promote shelter, and all agreed to turn out en masse on Arbor Day and we might anticipate a California plant trees. I want to say "score flood or grand overflow of rivers. one" for Bellwood, and I believe I'll do it regardless of consequences.

It is remarkable how the grain loads of hogs were shipped from here last week, and still they come. M. B. F.

## Wealth and Happiness.

Can gold calm passion or make reason shine? Can we dig peace or wisdom from the

Wisdom to gold prefer; for 'tis much

ness and welfare of your family, especially that of your children in coming years, supply them with enough land to give each of his good books and papers, for the children a fine farm. He is under- minds of the young cannot remain stood to have built the first log empty; they must be stored with house in Lindsay for some person good or evil; and if you do not provide them with good reading, you this point. He was an active, en- may well expect them to procure ergetic, hard-working man, and was elsewhere, that which is worse than remarkable for his cool, courageous, none. It is of immense importance indomitable spirit. He was a man to both old and young, that they of liberal mind and generous heart; to both old and young, that they a good neighbor, a kind and indul. have access to good books and newsgent father and husband. His large papers. Dr. Holmes says, "bread whatever else we do without." The various parts of the country he best wealth is of the heart. They evinced a deep interest in their wel- are not only the wealthiest, but the children and great grand-children, stock of wisdom, virtue and love, who pity the unfortunate, find good seven. Only one of his children in all men, and who cling closely to died in infancy; and of the descend- their family and friends. Though ants it may be said that all are active, healthy, vigorous people, and children in order of seniority there will abide forever, unless you leave are James Walker, now in Michi- legacy of noble deeds done in the gan; Mrs. McHugh, widow of the name of humanity, examples of late P. McHugh, Ops; Samnel Walker, residing in town; John neighborly love, lessons of patience Walker, Columbus, Nebraska; Wil- in suffering and adversity, and of liam Walker, Sheldon, Iowa; An- heavenly confidence when no sundrew Walker, formerly councillor beam fell upon your path. and reeve of Ops, and now of Essex.

"Into all lives some rain must fall, Into all eyes some tear-drops start. Whether they fall as a gently shower, Or fall like fire from an aching heart."

counselor or barrister, Dubuque, Iowa. Several of these were so far "Into all hearts, and homes and lives away that they could not be present at the funeral, and Mrs. McHugh Gilding the ruins of life's great plain,was kept at home by illness; but Weaving for all a golden crown." Mr. Andrew Walker and Mr. F. T.

## N. D. Howe.

Walker able to reach Lindsay in time to follow to the grave the re-Bedbugs. mains of their venerable parent. For upwards of thirty years past A sufferer from bedbugs writes as the deceased had given the active follows: "After fighting them eight management of farm affairs to his years, I learned, from a girl that had sons and for many years had enjoyed the comfortable ease to which served as a chambermaid in a large his advanced years entitled him. boarding-house, that bugs can be He was cheerful and happy to the exterminated for all time. I immelast, and had an inexhaustible fund of anecdote and reminiscence of diately followed her direction, which early times. The funeral on Wed- was to take grease that had cooked tutor, the Rev. Mr. Jerram, was one needay afternoon to St. Mary's out of salt pork, melt it and keep it day preaching when he was diswas one of the largest that has taken place in Lindsay, despite the bad pan of coals), and put it with the once appealed to the supposed church and the Catholic cemetery melted (the vessel can be kept on a turbed by snoring. He more than roads and the bitter wind. The feather end of a quill into every sleeper, and at length peremptorily Especial Attention paid to Repairing Wooden and Metalic Burial Caskets cortege numbered over one hundred place where I could find a bug. It intimated that, unless the good man teams. The bereaved family have is necessary to see that the bed- or woman whom he attributed the in their affliction the sympathy of the entire community, for there cords or slats are entirely free from interruption were awakened, he were few who did not know and the pests. It is more than thirty must discontinue his sermon. "Sir,

For the JOURNAL.

FLY SWIFTLY ONWARD.

BY MINA JACKSON. Oh! weary hour, take thy flight; I'm weary of this endless pain, This restlessness of heart and brain, And long for peace again to reign, Oh! take thy onward flight.

And sorrow, too, begone; Thy chilling breath has slain my flowers, And turned to tears my April showers, And shadowed all my sunny hours; With all thy gloom, begone.

Will not thy shadows flee? I'm longing for that golden dream, That, like the yellow sunlight's beam Falls, sometimes, 'thwart life's hurrying stream, And leaves a ray of light.

Why cloud thus all my joy? You've taken all the smiles away That turned December into May: It seems my heart you've turned astray, With all this woe.

Oh! tarry not so long; haunting memories there you stand Hope's withered flowers in your hand, A mocking, helpless, shadowy band, Oh! haste thee on thy way.

Fly swiftly onward, dreary hours: You bring your phantoms of the past, Like leaflets, drooping in the blast, And chill me with thy gloom at last; Fly onward, slowly dragging hours.

#### California.

CERES, April 15th, 1880. EDITOR JOURNAL :-- We are having one of the heaviest rain storms The infant town is receiving its of the season. It has rained for full quots of trees and shrubs. The days and still raining. All the San inhabitants "talk trees" to a man, Joaquin valley can now count on a lity of hay. and the ladies, God bless 'em, they good crop of wheat, I think, this help. Joseph Baird, the former season. It is not often we get such post-master of Patron, has resigned heavy rains, and so general at this in favor of J. D. Bell, but will con- time of year; late sowed wheat will probably do as well as the summer fallow, as it will have less weeds and

Building is going on all along the line of the railroad more than usual, On Monday he had partaken of of tree planting; began raising trees and prospect of a steady growth of years ago in Illinois, when it was the towns along the line never was

Land has gone up in this county to about twice the value of two R. B. Finch and E. A. Buck, who years ago, and farmers making good we have all dry weather to harvest Since writing the above I have and thrash, and can take all the time

> The ground is full of water, and still it comes. If it was not so late

### Seed Corn.

At this season of the year the inquiries concerning seed corn are numerous, and it gives us much pleasure to record the fact, for it is indicative of a growing interest in a most vital part of successful agriculture. While good seed, without the proper preparation of the soil and proper culture, will not be enough To make our fortune, then our happi- to insure a crop, without good seed all else can certainly not assure it. If you wish to promote the happi- Until comparatively recently this CASH CAPITAL, . \$50,000 has been a subject which strangely enough has received but little attention, and it would be startlingly interesting, if we could know the aggregate of loss which has been entailed upon the farming community through the apparent belief that a kernel of grain was all that was necessary for seed. But the case is vastly different now, and it is a cause for congratulation that it is. No doubt there is still a great deal of carclessness in the selection of seed, but it is in no wise as great as it was family were well provided for and and the newspapers we must have, once among intelligent farmers. Perhaps there may be exceptions which, while they do not show themselves in a total disregard of fare. Counting children, grand- happiest also, who have the largest the importance of carefully selecting, are marked by a failure to recognize all the principles which enter into the make up of perfect seed, and a very important principle you have piles of gold, yet you can- is that which makes the rule: Like some of the great grand-children are not feel either happy or wealthy as begets like. Now a small, naturally twenty years of age. Of his own you depart to that land where you shriveled kernel of grain, from an excellent variety, with established permanence of characteristics, may produce a perfect grain, but a much greater certainty of such result may be relied upon if a perfect, fully developed seed is sown or planted. MANUFACTURERS & WHOLE. Indeed under favorable conditions such seed will reproduce itself. It is not enough, as the experienced reader well knows, that a grain of corn be large, to insure a reproduction of itself. With all cultivated plants there is a tendency to degenerate unless forced into progression

crops .- Western Rural. Lord Teignmouth relates that his All Work Warranted! been called away."

years since a bug has been seen in exclaimed a man from a remote part my house."

or fixedness. It requires a great

deal of patience and labor to fix the

characteristics of new grain, and

when they have become fixed, the

farmer who owns such grain should

seek to maintain them by a most

careful selection of seed for future

### Nebraska.

Another evidence of the richness of the soil of Nebraska is found in the fact of the number and great growth of the native grasses, which afford the very best pasturage from early spring until the month of November. Those who have investigated the subject of the native grasses claim no fewer than one hundred and fifty species. Among other varieties the blue-joint grows everywhere in the State except on the low bottom lands. In ordinary seasons, and under favorable conditions its growth is from two and a half to four feet, and often on cultivated grounds it will grow to the height of seven and ten feet. On the up-lands, blue-joint grows in great abundance and is greatly relished by cattle. Buffalo grass now in the greatest quantity is found in the western half of the State. This, it is claimed, disappears before cultivation, but it is nature's provision of food for grain-eating animals during winter, when the animals are compelled to remain of the prairie, as it retains its nutriment all the year round. Among feed grasses that grow abundantly in the State are several varieties of bunch grass; and in the low lands a native blue-grass, and what is known as the spangletop, which makes an excellent qual-It was a question among the first

settlers of Nebraska whether fruit could be successfully grown in the State or not, but finding the wild fruits, such as plums, grapes, and gooseberries growing in abundance, it was thought that apple orchards might be cultivated with success. So reasoning, the earlier settlers in the eastern part of the State planted their orchards and their first plantings failed, but they persevered and the result has been a complete success. Nebraska fruits now compare favorably with the best produced in other states. In 1871 Nebraska had on exhibition at Richmond, Va., one hundred and forty-six varieties of apples, fifteen of peaches, thirteen of pears, one of plums, and one offruits of Nebraska have been exhib- Corner 11th and Olive Sts. ited at Boston, Chicago and at the International Exhibition in 1876, the judges awarding prizes for eight varieties of pears, large, smooth and well colored, and for two hundred and sixty-three varieties of apples, the latter prize being for the unusually large number of finely grown varieties. Instead of orchards flourishing only in the eastern part of the State and near the Missouri river. they do well away out on the prairie growing fruit are observed.

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