The Kingston budget is a serious one for the city. It don't increase the taxes. Mr. Carlyle is one cool Mr. Carlyle.

A man named Taylor, of Kingston, was badly run in a car on the corner of McGill and St. Paul streets, Montreal, on his first visit on Friday morning.

Messrs. Woodhull and Tomlin, C. Clarke, of Beaches mendicant notoriety, Professor Johnson, are engaging to lecture in the Catholic cities.

The fishermen in the neighborhood of Kettle have been doing well lately. One haul was made during the week over the mouth of that harbor of 1,800 pounds of mackerel.

A school barring, named Sylvanus Johnson, of St. Catharines, bolted with the wife of a Mr. Brown a few days ago, taking $450 of his wife's money with him.

Rev. Alex. McIntosh addressed a meeting of members of his congregation at Waterford on Friday. He was most cordially received, and he spoke with great vigor and acceptance.

It is stated that a bully named Malloite of Otis, has received an appointment from the Quebec Government as foreman over a gang of men at St. Vincent de Paul quarries at a salary of $600 per annum, so that he will be out of the way of troubling the Indians.

On Thursday night about 11 o'clock, two miles west of Tilbury station on the G. & R., a man named John Malloy, was found close to the track, insensible, with a deep cut in his skull. He is supposed to have been struck by a passing train. Liquor was the cause of the accident.

On Monday last a young man named Gill, engaged in hauling wood near Strathroy, found a bag full of shoes hid under a log; and carefully covered with chips and sticks. These shoes were principally ladies' gunetts. In the bag were also a brace and bit and a chisel. This is evidently some of the plunder of burglars.

The new government of Prince Edward Island is composed as follows: L. H. Davies, Attorney-General; G. W. Deblois, Colonial Secretary and Treasurer; W. T. Stewart, Commissioner of Public Works; John Yeo, Alex. Laird, D. Gordon, John Lefurgey, J. F. Robertson, and S. Prowse.

Mullaney, Sir Francis Hincks' coachman, was arrested and immured on Saturday night in the same cell in Chabollez Square station, Montreal, in which the unfortunate Taylor, of Kingston, died on Friday morning. Strange to say, he also was found dead on Sunday morning, probably for congestion.

On Friday a man by the name of T. Curtis came to Clifton to see a brother, and while at the Falls befell in with a party of men who were very kind in showing him around. In the evening they enticed him into a bush near by, and started a three-card monte game by candle light. After letting him win a little money, they invited him to have a drink out of a bottle which one of the gang had with him. After taking the drink Curtis remembered no more until next morning, when he awoke out of the stupor, and finding he had been relieved of $200, he immediately gave information of the affair, with a description of the men who were arrested, tried and committed for trial.

Some three weeks ago, one Campaigne, an old man, who was employed as engineer on the Port Neuf, of Montreal, failed to report at his boat, and his sudden disappearance caused some comment among the hands on board, as well as among those employed on the Harbor Commissioner's fleet, and other harbor boats, by whom he was well known. Some plausible excuse was given for the man's absence, but it has since transpired that he died about two weeks ago from injuries received at Caughnawaga by a number of Indians. It appears that Campaigne had been in the habit of visiting Caughnawaga to see a squaw more frequent than the Indians thought was proper, and one night several set upon him and knocked him down and so scandalously mutilated him that he died a few days afterwards.

SEAFORTH.

SENT UP.—John Dunham, for assaulting a constable on the 4th inst., was in default of the payment of a $30 fine sent to jail for 30 days.

QUICK WORK.—According to an estimate made by a man of figures, and which we believe to be correct, property was destroyed on the morning of the fire at the rate of $10 a second, or $600 a minute.

RECONSTRUCTION.—Owing to the lateness of the season, very little opportunity will be afforded to rebuild the burnt district, but preparations are being made therefor. Mr. Carmichael, with his characteristic pluck and enterprise has determined to rebuild on the property; the property of Mr. Duncan on the corner of St. John street will also be built on; Messrs. Stephens & McKinney intend rebuilding this fall, if possible; Mr. Campbell has already purchased a portion of the material for rebuilding on his property; Mr. Aitk and Mr. McCrevor will each rebuild in the spring; Messrs. Robertson & Co. intend rebuilding as soon as material can be got, and it is more than probable that Messrs. Murphy and Stark will rebuild. All the new buildings will be of brick. Mr. Grassie will also rebuild at once. This will nearly fill up the burned district.—*Expositor.*

From our correspondent.

AFTER THE FIRE.—The Magistrates, Beattie, Armitage and Wilson, deserve great credit for the thorough investigation of the origin. The people were thinking that either of the three gentlemen would make an excellent Mayor. Mrs. Griffith was pale and terror-stricken when she first came before them—evidently thinking that the Magistrates had found out some conclusive evidence against her—but, as the case went on she brightened up, and at the last when she saw that the evidence was all circumstantial—though strongly so—she got bold and brazen, and almost defied them. Mr. Beattie then undertook to explain to her that she should not look upon the Magistrates as her enemies, for if it had not been for the prompt action they took upon the night of the fire, she wouldn't be to-day in the land of the living. He was alluding to the fact that a large crowd were searching for her with a rope, vowing that they would hang her to the first tree or telegraph post. The magistrates, with great promptitude, had her conveyed by a back way to the lock-up, to save her life.—Nine-tenths of the people believe she set fire to her shanty; but conclusive proof is wanting for the present. When she left for Goderich she was in good spirits, and lifted the window of the car and bowed to the crowd, which numbered about 200 people.

—Several search-warrants were issued on Thursday to search for goods stolen at the time of our great fire. Quite a number of articles were found, and some delinquents found a temporary home in the lock-up. It is and to relate that a large amount of stuff was stolen during the confusion consequent on the fire—the goods having been thrown promiscuously on the street. People might be seen running with hats, boots, rolls of cloth, looking-glasses, picture frames, bottles of ale, and mattresses; and one woman was seen running down Main street with a small coffin under each arm—no doubt expecting a death in her family at no distant day.

—Several of those who were burnt out show considerable energy in rebuilding. Their motto is *resurgam*. Mr. D. Campbell, merchant tailor; Mr. T. Stephens, hotel keeper; Robt. Carmichael, hotel keeper; Daniel McGregor & Son, book-binders, we believe have all ordered brick for their buildings. Mr. Andre, Calder has rented rooms, and is fitting them up in good style as a photograph gallery. Others, as Murphy & Kirk, grocers, it is feared are too much crippled to do anything; while Dent & Stark will build in the spring.

—The loss has been variously estimated from $50,000 to $200,000; but probably 150,000 dollars will be about the right thing.

Grand Trunk Railway.

TRAINS WILL LEAVE GODERICH AS FOLLOWS:

No. 1 Express, 7.00 a. m., for Toronto London and Hamilton.

No. 7 Mixed, 8.45 a. m., for Stratford.

No. 3 Mail Express, 12.30 p. m., for Toronto, Buffalo and Detroit.

No. 9 Mixed, 3.00 p. m.

TRAINS WILL ARRIVE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 8 Mixed, 9.15 a. m., from Stratford.

No. 2 Mail Express, 3.10 p. m., from Toronto, Detroit and Buffalo.

No. 10 Mixed, 7.00 p. m., from Stratford.

No. 4 Express, 10.00 p. m., from Buffalo.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, SEPT. 13, 1876.

Canada's Position.

The Toronto *Nation* last week again took occasion to advocate its theory of Canadian independence, being incited thereto by the tone of the English press upon the relationship existing with British Columbia. In substance its remarks are that the Mother Country has snubbed its American offspring, is anxious to get rid of it, and that the country is so far advanced that its relationship with England is similar to that of "an overgrown youth clinging to his parents' skirts and lisping words of affection" when he should be up and doing for himself. It is not so long since such sentiments as these would have been regarded as treasonable, but of late years a wonderful change has taken place in the national spirit of the people. With the memory of the U. E. Royalists, pensioners and early English settlers of the country the affection for the mother country has become associated. The young generation of born Canadians have acquired respect for that country as a tradition and their loyalty has found expression in various ways, the sentiments of the few patriotic songs extant being evidences in point. How deep this feeling was the history of the past decades fully; that the feeling was reciprocated on the other hand, notwithstanding that there exists a popular quotation to the effect that "Canada is the fairest gem in Victoria's crown," there is very little evidence, in fact the evidence is to the contrary. In the case of the Fenian raids, how did Canada act—not as a dependency, certainly. The question of defence was left with herself, and England resented the dishonor to her name in a manner that indicated that Canada was a source of annoyance to her and not anything to be proud of. And nothing has been done by her to make good the losses, or to press the claims therefor, incurred through these raids. The press of the country generally manifests an unfriendly spirit towards Canada, and many and severe have been the rebukes promulgated by the "great thunderer" and other papers, which have caused many cheeks to flush with indignation. At the time the Intercolonial Railway Guarantee Bill was under discussion in the British Parliament the language which occasionally found vent gave indication of anything but a feeling of admiration for Canada; and when the lying telegram from San Francisco, touching British Columbia affairs, was received in England it proved an "open sesame" to the inmost feelings of the people and we beheld ourselves regarded contemptuously by a great portion.

We are certainly indebted to England, and as an offspring should do, we cherish due respect for her. Her history and glory we have boasted of, and have expressed our pride, time and again, of our relationship with her. Our children have been taught to cherish her memory, and Queen Victoria is as warmly revered here as in England. Yet we are ever and anon being treated to expressions of impatience and ill-will, insulting, to say the least, to every Canadian who has any feeling of independence or love of country. As a result of this unmistakable fact, the feeling amongst Canadians which is rapidly gaining strength will ere long manifest itself in tangible shape. Imperial Federation is a favorite theory with some of our leading Canadian statesmen, and which has obtained favor from some of the more friendly spirits in England, but the consummation of the scheme seems hardly possible whilst the already expressed feeling exists in the latter country. We do not expect or hope, however, to see all connection with Britain severed, but rather that we shall occupy a position which may not be assailed in a humiliating fashion, but, since we have attained the dignity of a flourishing country with a great future, to be regarded as a country equally independent with England to which we are allied offensively and defensively. And no doubt many will feel that, in view of all the circumstances, the present existing feelings and the mutual benefits of continued friendly relationship, the claim is not unreasonable.

SYMPATHY very naturally goes with the weaker combatant in the fight, and amongst the impartial on-lookers "poor Servia" has many friends. The fearful atrocities perpetrated by the massacreing Turks makes sympathy in their cause a sin, and the regrets at the helpless condition of the Servians are deep and sincere. The assistance lent by Russia to the insurgents and the free enlisting into their ranks of Russian officers have failed to bring victory, and now the Servian star has almost set. The fears, however, of European interference are not yet at rest, and while England continues to shut its eyes to the brutality of the Turks in its endeavor to further the interests of one of its policies and Russia pronounces so strongly on the opposite side, Europe cannot be said to be secure from trouble.

WHEN an orator at Ingersoll last week declared of Hon. Alex. Mackenzie, "He has proven himself a bungler, and has only brought the country's affairs into confusion," the papers say that the audience cheered lustily. What patriots these lusty people must be, who are delighted to be informed that the country's affairs are in a state of confusion—what model citizens they must be. It is easy to read their character. Men in whom no spark of consistency obtains; who would gloat over every misfortune that befel the country, every miscalculation or mistake their opponents might be guilty of, so long as their prospects of returning to power were brightened thereby. It is to be hoped, however, for the country's sake, that these people they are not numerous, and we rejoice to think that they are gleeful without cause.

WM. MCDOUGALL, at the Oxford picnic, said: "In this country a man will have to do something in order to live, and if he does not he will not live very long," whereupon the audience cheered loudly. The cause for the cheering is very obscure; possibly, however, at the moment the remark was made some one in the crowd proposed to pay for the drinks, or possibly they were delighted at the Wanderer's delicate manner of expressing the vulgar saying of "Root hog or die."

MR. PETER GOW, M. P. P., for South Wellington, has accepted the office of Sheriff of Wellington, rendered vacant by the decease of Sheriff Grange, and has resigned his seat in the Legislature. If long service in the country's interest is one of the needful qualifications for an office which in the Government's gift, Mr. Gow is certainly worthy of the appointment. We think, however, that there were others in Wellington equally worthy of the office, and that it does Mr. Gow no great degree of credit to step from his high position to accept a subordinate office while he possessed ample wealth.

ONE of the results attending the opening of the Intercolonial Railway, most pleasing to Canadians, is that Halifax, instead of Portland as heretofore, will be the winter sea port for Canada. The Allan line has been receiving a large subsidy to carry the Canadian western mails from Portland in the winter to England. By the opening of the new road the western Canada mails will be conveyed from Halifax during the whole year, as the Lower Province mails have always been, and the benefits of the subsidy which fell to Portland's share will be transferred to a Canadian port.

WHEN Sir John A. Macdonald visited Ingersoll last week, the band played "See the Conquering Hero Comes" before him. The great chieftain must have felt this bit of sarcasm keenly, and sighed at the thought of how gratifying-ly appropriate the air would have been in years past.

The Summer Hotel.

On Friday evening last a meeting of the stockholders of this company was held, at which it was unanimously resolved to ask the Council to submit to the popular vote, a by-law for the purchase of a part of the hotel property as a town park, and with a view to making the matter satisfactory, the directors were requested to have the property divided so that citizens could see what was being purchased before casting their votes. Accordingly the directors, on Monday in company with Mr. Weatherald, divided off the grounds in such a manner that the hotel company reserves only sufficient ground for the actual purposes of the enterprise and offers the rest to the town for $6,000. Last year the ground was divided into two equal parts and there did seem to be some ground of complaint on the part of those opposing the by-law then on account of the mode of division, but now there can be no reasonable objection to the purchase of the property as divided. The entrance to the park will be direct off West street at the present entrance gate and the town will get all the table land that can be spared. We feel sure that no obstacle will this year be placed in the way of the purchase, as a double object is to be attained in the matter, namely the assisting of an enterprise that, if successful, will be but the nucleus of many other such houses, and also the possession by the town, at a reasonable figure, of a point that should long ago have been purchased for a park. Let every voter who feels any doubt in the matter take the trouble of visiting the ground and examine the division and general prospect. For the matter of $300 to $500 a good, wide foot bridge could be built across to the opposite bank, and in the course of time as the corporation found means to beautify the grounds no prettier park could be found in the Dominion. No citizen who has the welfare of our town at heart will be found opposing this scheme, for if ever Goderich is to be built up to the dimensions of a city it is as a summer resort. But while ratepayers are assisting a scheme that has that object in view they are at the same time receiving value for their money. It is a matter that all are interested in and we hope to see the by-law submitted and carried with enthusiasm.

Arrest of Boss Tweed.

New York, Sept. 10.—The *Herald* London special says:—A despatch from Vigo states that on Wednesday, the 6th inst., on the arrival of the Spanish barque Carmen at the quarantine harbor of San Simon, Vigo, from Santiago de Cuba, after a voyage of forty-one days, the Governor of the Province of Pontevedra boarded her. The Governor was accompanied by some of the passengers. He ordered their detention, and having consulted some protographs, arrested them. Escorted by a detachment of police, the prisoners were sent to Corunna, whence they will be transferred to Havana on the Spanish mail steamer leaving on the 21st. On their arrival in Havana they will be handed over to the American authorities. Their baggage has been sealed, and goes with them. It is believed here the two prisoners are William M. Tweed and his secretary.

A dispatch from Madrid to the same paper gives the following additional particulars: It was found in July last that Tweed was in Santiago de Cuba, having passed there from Havana. General Jovellar was applied to by the American Consul to have Tweed secured and sent to the United States. General Jovellar was quite willing, even in the absence of the extradition treaty, to oblige the American Government in return for their courtesy in the Arguello case some years ago. Tweed, however, was apprised in Santiago of his impending danger, and sailed for Vigo, Spain, on July 27th, on board the sailing vessel Carmen. Mr. Cushing, thereupon, notified the Spanish Government of the fact, and found them willing to arrest Tweed and return him to Cuba, or deliver him up to the American Consul. Every precaution was taken by the Spanish Government to secure Tweed's arrest in any port of Spain, or any coast line by which he might arrive. Severe orders were given to the authorities, especially those of Vigo and the Galician coast. On September 6th, after a long passage of forty-one days, the Carmen hove in sight of Vigo, and was immediately boarded by the Governor Pontevedre. The Governor at once recognized Tweed from photographs which he had in his possession for some time previous to the arrival of the fugitive. Tweed was entered on the ship's papers under the name of Secor, and was accompanied by a man giving his name as Wm Hunt, who is said to be his nephew. Both were immediately secured and thrown into the calaboose, under a strong guard, but were subsequently transferred by order to the fortress in Vigo, under command of the Captain-General.

Lumber Notes.

Receipts—Williams & Murray, 160,000 feet lumber by schr. Ontario, and 133,000 by the schr. Tecumseh; Wm. Lee, 105,000 feet lumber and 50,000, and about 66,000 feet by the Mountaineer; Iath by Phoebe Catharine; Secord, Cozzens & Co., 230,000 by the schr. Tecumseh.

Shipments—Wm. Lee, 10 cars lumber; Wm. Seymour & Co., 1 car; Williams & Murray, 4 cars; Secord, Cozzens & Co., 13 cars.

Owing to the run on cars for grain the shipments last week were smaller than usual.

Business is brisk at present prices, which are low.

Messrs. Secord, Cozzens & Co. are arranging to receive two lots of 1,000,000 feet each from the mills. Each lot will be loaded on three barges to be towed from the mills.

Saline Notes.

Harrison & Evans are shipping 1000 bbls. to Windsor.

Shipments—Wm. Lee, 150 bbls. to Fishing Islands; Wm. Stitt, 75 bbls. to Sarnia and Saginaw; G. H. Old, 70 bbls. by rail; S. Platt, 211 bbls. fine for Ottawa and other eastern points; Wm. Campbell, 1050 bbls. to Owen Sound, 250 bbls. to Sarnia and 350 bbls. to Amherstburg.

Messrs. Harrison & Evans have sold a cargo of bulk salt, and will ship probably this week.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

COAL.—Mr. Wm. Stitt received this week a cargo of 180 tons soft coal from Sandusky, by the schooner C. L. Pick.

VISITING THE FATHERLY.—The editor of the *West Durham News* was in town last week, no doubt soliciting donats for the "defence fund."

CHARTER.—Mr. J. B. McRae, contractor for the Bayfield harbor works, has chartered the schr. Kalfago to carry stone to Bayfield, for $100 per month.

SHOOTING GALLERY.—Mr. J. C. McIntosh, gunsmith, has fitted up a shooting gallery on his premises, where he purposes giving lessons in the use of the rifle.

HARBOR MILLS.—The mills are now in full operation, and work goes on very satisfactorily. The shipments for last week amounted to 2320 bags of flour and one car load of wheat.

EXCURSION.—On Wednesday the town was visited by a large number of people from the neighborhood of Carrondroit. The train consisted of ten coaches and one flat car fitted up as a bower for the brass band. The Berlochy made a short trip on the lake, being well laden with the excursionists.

GRAND TRUNK ELEVATOR.—Business at the elevator last week was quite brisk. Eighty-car loads of corn were shipped for Portland. The schooner McGraw arrived on Monday from Milwaukee with 13,000 bushels of wheat, which is to be transhipped to Gibbs Bros., Oshawa.

SUCCESSFUL.—At the Royal Canadian Yacht Club Regatta, on the Bay at Toronto, last Thursday, the yacht Vixen owned by M. P. Hayes, Esq., of the International Salt Works, took third prize. The prize consisted of a cup presented by Commodore Hodder. Five yachts sailed in the race.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—A few days ago Mr. Harrison, of the Dominion salt works, while working at his newly patented salt pan, met with a painful accident. A quantity of hot brine was splashed upon his neck and shoulders, inflicting most painful injuries, and causing Mr. Harrison such agony that he plunged into a vat of cold water in order to relieve the pain. We are glad to see that he is recovering.

A COMPLIMENT.—In its report of the Grimsby camp meeting, the St. Catharines *News* speaks of one of our citizens thus: "On Friday morning, at 10:30, the Rev. F. Sanderson, some of the respected President of the Conference, occupied the stand and preached a very practical and impressive discourse. Mr. Sanderson, though one of the younger ministers in the conference, has already occupied very prominent appointments. He is at present junior minister at Goderich."

THE EXPLANATION.—An explanation has been made with regard to the account presented to the School Board, by J. C. Crabb, Esq., chairman. The bill comprised the express charges on prize books for the schools, which Mr. Crabb paid at the time of their arrival; also two brooms which were procured from his store without his knowledge. We are anxious to see the independence of public officials sustained, and make this explanation with pleasure. Our informant made the error of accrediting J. Crabb instead of C. Crabb with presenting the account.

PAINFUL FALL. — On Wednesday afternoon last Joseph Holland, a carpenter in the employ of Messrs. Gordon & McBrien, whilst working on Mr. Whitely's new building corner of Brittania Road and South street stepped too near the end of the scaffold causing the boards to tip up and let him fall to the ground. He fell a distance of nineteen feet, alighting on his feet, and stumbling and falling on some stones bruising his head, but fortunately breaking no bones. The shock was such as to cause bleeding from the nose and mouth, and his system was so shaken that he will be unable to work for some days. Dr. Cassiday attended the injured man.

TOO GREEN.—Alex. McCurdy was a passenger on the Manitoba on Wednesday, bound for the North West, and he got off here to get a $5 bill of the Merchants Bank, Halifax, changed, applying for that purpose to Mr. J. Butler. He was accompanied by one Owen Graham, who has been in town but a short time, and on being informed that the bill could only be changed at a discount of 20 per cent, they departed. A short time after Graham came back with the bill, and had it changed, stating that the banks offered no better terms than Mr. Butler. On Thursday McCurdy called on Mr. Butler and asked if the latter had received any word from Halifax, as he had been informed by Graham that it was counterfeit enough to that place before changing the bill. Mr. B. informed McCurdy that the bill had been changed, and the latter at once saw that he had been swindled. He at once had Graham arrested, brought before C. Crabb, Esq., who committed him for trial. It appears that McCurdy met Graham for the first time on the street, and after a few minutes conversation became friendly and entrusted him with his money, which he lost as well as his passage on the Manitoba.

OUR BAND.—During last week the Silver Cornet Band serenaded Mrs. Rich, Judge Toms and Major Turner. These serenades have been given with with the purpose of raising funds to meet the expenses which the band has incurred in purchasing music, uniforms, new instruments and ordinary expenses, and we are glad to see that the effort is being favorably met by the citizens. It is intended to prepare a list for circulation, when those who wish to encourage this very worthy and appreciable institution will have an opportunity to give substantial expression to their feelings. An opportunity having afforded itself in Kincardine of purchasing some useful instruments very cheap, a circular bass, B bass, baritone and E. and B. Cornets—five instruments in all—costing $170, were purchased for $50. These instruments have been in use only a few months, are in good condition and will be a great acquisition to the strength and excellence of the band. When this expense has been met, as well as the others already mentioned, and if proper encouragement is received, Mr. Duckham intends adding three clarionets and a clarionet to bring the band to 25 strong and placing it on a footing with the best in the Province. The citizens should assist to this end, and we hope to chronicle shortly the fact that the band is clear of debt and encouraged to go on with its very appreciable work.

HYMENIAL.—On Wednesday forenoon last the North Street Methodist church was the centre of attraction, with many of our citizens, on which occasion Mr. Alex. Megaw and Miss Mary Miller, daughter of Mr. Jas. Miller, were united in the holy bands of matrimony. The church was filled to its utmost capacity by the friends of the happy couple and others. Shortly before 10 o'clock the bridegroom arrived attended by Messrs. Chas. Andrews and W. T. Welsh, and directly after the bride arrived attended by Miss Tillie Trainer and Miss Carrie Smith. The bride looked very handsome, dressed in blue silk trimmed with blue satin and wearing a bridal wreath and a rich bridal veil. The bridesmaids looked very becoming, Miss Trainer being attired in white tarlatan trimmed with white satin and Miss Smith in white tarlatan trimmed with blue ribbon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. Ure, D. D., in a most impressive manner. After the ceremony was over the party proceeded to the residence of the bride's father, to partake of the wedding breakfast and present congratulations to the happy couple. The bride was the recipient of some valuable wedding presents, amongst which were some handsome pieces of silver ware, &c., from her parents, the bridegroom and relatives, and a beautiful set of jewelry from Mr. and Mrs. M. Hutchison. Mr. Megaw and his bride departed by the noon train for Toronto, and the bridal tour will extend around the lakes to Cleveland and thence home.

EXCURSION.—To-day (Wednesday) a large excursion party is expected from Mitchell.

PERSONAL.—Mr. D. Gooding is spending a few days here, renewing acquaintances with his many friends as well as attending to some private business.

LOCATING THE LINE.—On Monday last Assistant-Engineer Bartlett, of G. T. R., whose headquarters are at Stratford, was in town locating the line of the breakwater railway. It is intended to lay the track this fall.

THE STATION.—Quite a number of improvements are being made about the station, a new platform being laid down repairs made in the freight shed and a new and larger cattle-pen is being constructed.

LECTURE.—On Tuesday evening next, Rev. Mr. Gales, Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, will deliver a lecture on temperance in Knox church, commencing at 8 o'clock p. m. A collection will be taken up to defray expenses.

NEW SALT PAN.—Mr. H. Harrison, of the Dominion salt works, has patented a new machine for making salt, which it is stated will effect a great saving in fuel, cost of attendance and time. We have not yet seen it in operation, but will endeavor to give a full description of the machine next week.

SHIPMENTS.—Among the shipments from the station last week were the following:—G. Maedel, 937 lbs. wool; P. Reeve, 2515 lbs. rags; J. & G. W. Thomson, one car composition stone; Kirkpatrick Bros. & Co., 6 rolls leather; James Mitchell, 2236 lbs. fish; Foundry Co., 1404 lbs. castings; and a number of small lots of plums.

QUARTERLY SERVICES.—The regular quarterly services in the Methodist Episcopal church will take place on Sabbath next, 17th inst. Love feast will commence at 9:30 a. m. Rev. O. O. Collamore, of London, will preach at 11 a. m. and at 6:30 p. m. Collections in aid of the general fund will be taken up at both services. On Monday evening the annual missionary meeting will be held, at which addresses will be delivered by Rev. W. D. Hughson, presiding elder of the London District and Rev. O. O. Collmore. All are invited to be present.

THE CREKWATER.—This structure is completed, with the exception of the flooring. Its effects upon the harbor are yet to be proven, and many doubts are expressed as to the benefits which will result from its construction. From its position, the necessity of having it so distinguished that vessels making the port may avoid collision at night is apparent. We would suggest that one of the lanterns now being replaced on the north pier be placed at the end of the checkwater, for this purpose.

SABBATH SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—Anniversary sermons will be preached in the North St. Methodist Church on Sabbath next by the Rev. John Philp, M. A., of St. Marys. The annual meeting will be held on Monday evening next. Addresses will be delivered by the Rev. J. Philp and Rev. J. Caswell. The singing on Monday evening by the Sabbath School children under the leadership of Major Thomson will add much to the interest of the meeting.

FOR THE CENTENNIAL.—The teachers and friends of education in Ontario have arranged for a cheap trip to Philadelphia. The fare from Toronto including board and lodging for six days and admission to the grounds is fixed at $22, and reduced fares to Toronto have been arranged for. The excursion leaves Toronto at 7 a. m., on Saturday next, 16th inst. Mr. W. R. Miller principal of the Central School, has tickets for sale and will furnish all necessary information. This is really the cheapest offer yet. For $1.25 extra excursionists may return by way of Long Branch and New York.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On Friday afternoon last Alexander Eagle, a teamster in the employ of Mr. S. Platt, met with an accident which resulted in his death on Saturday afternoon. He was teaming salt to the station, and whilst rolling the last barrel from his wagon into the car, the board upon which he was rolling the barrel slipped off the wagon. The consequence was that he was thrown down, and the barrel rolled upon him striking him across the abdomen and crushing him fearfully. Some parties who witnessed the accident ran to the spot and assisted Mr. Eagle to his feet, and had him conveyed home. Drs. Shannon and Cassiday were at once called in, but they could do nothing for the injured man, so badly had he been ruptured, and he lingered in much pain until Saturday afternoon, when death relieved him from his sufferings. Deceased leaves a large family in poor circumstances, to mourn his untimely end.

AGRICULTURAL FAIRS.—The annual exhibition of the West Riding Agricultural Society will be held at Smith's Hill, on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 27 and 28. By reference to the prize lists, our readers will see that liberal premiums are offered. Special prizes are offered as follows: One horse buggy, 1st prize of $5 by A. M. Ross, M. P. P., also similar sums as first prizes for heavy draught brood mare, general purpose do., span carriage horses, thoroughbred milch cow, collection of Leicesters, collection of fruit, collection of flowers, two bushels of fall wheat, two bushels spring wheat—$50 in all; R. B. Scott, Smith's Hill, 1st prize 5 lbs. of tea for grade cow having raised calf in 1876; J. Gledhill, Benmiller, $10 divided into prizes for aged Southdown ram and pair aged ewes; Geo. Cox, Goderich Tp., $2.50 for best pair of mitts; W. R. Robertson, Goderich, silk umbrella for best specimen of business penmanship.

—The Western Fair takes place at London, on the 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th inst., when $12,000 will be offered as premiums to competitors. This fair in previous years has always proved very successful, and this year with the completion of the L. H. & B. Railway it promises to excel itself.

—The Central Exhibition at Guelph will take place on the following week, when $8,000 will be offered in prizes.—As the horses and cattle will have returned from the Centennial by that time, the exhibition will be as appreciable as in previous years. Intending exhibitors should read advertisement in another column. Reduced fares have been arranged for on the railways.

MR. YOUMANS' CONCERT.—The farewell concert given by Mr. J. W. Youmans' and his juvenile class of vocalists, in Oddfellows' Hall, on Friday evening last, was fairly attended. The programme was not so well arranged as in the first concert, but its rendering gave very general satisfaction. The glees, choruses, &c., were given with a correctness of time which, coupled with the whole-hearted manner of singing, elicited much applause. Of the specialties the duetts "Milkmaid and Dandy," by Fannie Ball and John Robertson, and the "Quaker Courtship," by the same little girl and Eddie Andrews, created much amusement, the latter being exceedingly well rendered. Both duetts were loudly encored. The "Songs of Nations," was decidedly the feature of the evening, each member of the class being attired in the costume of some particular nation. Poor "Lo" and his better half, John Chinaman and his almond-eyed lady and the "culled" brother and sister drew especial attention. In the climax, where the nations were assembled in the presence of Brittania, the scene was very pretty, heightened as it was by tableaux effects, and called forth loud applause. During the evening Prof. Marquis Chisholm presided at the piano, and played a couple of solos. His playing was much admired, and it was certainly the finest we have ever heard, and we have had the pleasure of hearing several famous pianists. The delicacy and clearness of his touch is remarkable, and he is thoroughly master of his instrument. To give an idea of his musical ability we might mention that all the accompaniments played on the piano were improvised by Mr. Chisholm as he proceeded, and as they were in perfect harmony the excellence of the effort is apparent. Many of our citizens would be pleased to hear more from this famous pianist.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW.—Next Friday the annual exhibition of the Goderich Horticultural Society will be held in the Drill Shed. The entries so far are numerous, and the show promises to be successful notwithstanding the unfavorable character of the season. The hall will be open to the public at 2 and 7 p. m., and the Silver Cornet Band will be in attendance during the evening.

—S. S. CONVENTION.—A Sabbath School Convention for the Goderich District will be held in Wingham to-day and to-morrow (Wednesday and Thursday), commencing on the former day at 2 p. m. An interesting and successful meeting is expected, as the programme promises much valuable instruction and considerable interest is manifested in the meeting.

ACCIDENT.—On Monday Alexander Cathcart, carpenter, while at work siding a house near the Foundry on East street met with a painful accident. He was standing on a scaffold which, being improperly secured, gave way allowing him to fall in such a way that the siding caught him under the chin. Fortunately his arm struck on the siding at the same time, thus preventing what might very probably have been a fatal accident. As it was the skin was torn from the inside of his arm, his chin was badly cut and he received some painful bruises, but he will not be long incapacitated for work.

ERIN AND THE BERNNANS.—This popular company appeared before a good audience in Oddfellows' Hall on Monday evening. We need hardly say that the entertainment, which is a characteristic one, gave great satisfaction. The singing of Mr. Brennan and his talented lady was excellent and received loud applause, and Messrs. Cole and Hearn, Dutch and Irish comedians respectively, won high encomiums by their admirable acting, the former being equal in our mind to the famous Charley Baker. The panoramic scenes, consisting of well executed paintings on an immense roll of canvas, on which are representations of Irish, English, European and other scenery, were much appreciated. We are sure that Mr. Brennanand his company will always receive a hearty reception in Goderich.

IMPROVED BOAT LAUNCH.—In cases of fire at sea or shipwreck, one of the great difficulties experienced those whose lives are in danger is the awkward arrangement for launching life boats. The boat being inside the davits more time is lost in lifting it to the outside; then in lowering the rope is very apt to be paid out irregularly, and before the boat is filled and away there is a fear of its being dashed against the side of the vessel and smashed. Mr. Jas. Strachan, of Goderich, who has experienced the excitement of three launches in cases of great need and been a seaman for eight years, has secured a patent for a new apparatus for launching. It is simple yet ingenious. The davits are placed on a sort of track, and may be shoved backwards and forwards when necessary.—When in position, the position of the davits and boat is quite the reverse of the old apparatus, the boat being in front instead of behind the davits. When it is desired to lower the boat the davits are simply pushed forward to the edge and the boat is ready to be lowered, and this may be done by one person. The ropes which are attached to each end of the life boat wherewith to lower it, are paid out from drums, which are permitted to revolve by use of a ratchet wheel. In order to prevent the boat lowering too quickly, a band is attached to a pully on the end of the shaft upon which the ropes are wound, and is so arranged that by a pressure of the foot the person who is superintending the lowering of the boat has full control of it. When the boat touches the water, by raising a lever in the centre the boat is released from the davits ready to start. The boat is laden before being lowered, and can get away easily within five minutes, while ten, fifteen or thirty minutes would be lost by the present plan after the alarm was raised. This is a very important matter, and the new patent should be thoroughly examined and its use be compelled on all boats, if found satisfactory, as we have every reason to think it will be.

Legal Notes.

FINED.—Dan Kelly and William Billonsy were fined on Wednesday last by C. Crabb, Esq., $1 and costs for fighting on the streets.

THE JAIL.—There are at present fourteen prisoners in jail, six of whom were awaiting trial on Monday. Six of the prisoners were from Seaforth.

INCENDIARY.—Mrs. Griffiths, charged with being the originator of the Seaforth fire, was committed to jail on Thursday last to await trial. Mr. B. L. Doyle has been retained for the defence.

COMMITTED.—Geo. Graham, hotel keeper of Port Albert, in default of payment of a fine amounting with costs to about $11 for contravention of the Liquor Act, was last week committed to jail for a term of 30 days.

ACQUITTED.—On Monday Douglas Smithson and Michael Markey, charged with assaulting and robbing Luke Kelly, in Seaforth, on 30th Aug., were tried before Judge Toms, but the evidence of the plaintiff was so contradictory that prisoners were dismissed. Mr. B. L Doyle appeared for the defence.

INTERFERING WITH WITNESSES.—Luke Kelly, who last week laid information against two men named Smithson and Markey for assaulting and robbing him in Seaforth, which case we reported last week, was brought to jail for safe keeping on Saturday. When the case came up for trial last week, his presence as a witness could not be obtained, and a constable having been sent to hunt him up he was secured after considerable searching. Kelly declares that he was drugged by some of his assailants' friends and taken away from Seaforth, so that he could not appear against Markey and Smithson. Kelly declares that he knows the parties who conspired against his liberty, but his story being considered somewhat "fishy," it was decided to take no proceedings in the case.

BURGLARY.—At an early hour on Thursday morning Mrs. Beards, who resides in a frame house on Elgin street, a little east of the Huron Road, was awakened by noise at the window. She was much alarmed, there being only her friend Mrs. Waters and their children in the house at the time, and cried out when a voice outside replied "keep quiet, or we will murder you," and a heavy stone was thrown into the room through the window falling on the bed close to one of the children. Mrs. Beards at once ran out to the street and called for assistance, and fortunately constable Reed heard the cries and came to her assistance. On reaching the house, he was in time to see two men making their escape through one of the windows, and giving chase followed them until they entered into Reed's hotel by the back way, fastening the door after them. Having secured a warrant constable Reed searched for his game in the hotel, and found them secreted in the garret. They proved to be Barney Waters and Harry Smith, and on being examined before Mr. Crabb were committed for trial. Waters is a hard case, and has just completed a term in the Central Prison for stealing a watch. The prisoners declare that they did not enter the house with burglarious intentions, but were hunting after two lewd women who had been stopping for a short time in the neighborhood and got into the wrong house.

NILE.

LECTURE.—The lecture delivered in the church on Thursday evening last was very instructive and interesting. The lecturer, Rev. Mr. Caswell, endeavored to show the expedience of a prohibitory law in this County and throughout the Dominion. At the close a vote of thanks was tendered to him for his efficient discourse.

THRASHING.—The farmers are busily engaged in thrashing at present. Oats, peas and barley will yield about an average crop.

DELEGATES.—Messrs. S. Pentland and W. Bailie are sent as delegates from the Sabbath School here to the Methodist Sabbath School Convention held at Wingham on 13th and 14th inst.—COM.

EXETER.

Exeter is to have a visit from the Tecumseh base ball club of London.

In order that more hotel accommodation may be secured a new comers is being taken of the village.

A "gird away" 2 mile race was trotted at the park a few days ago between Shoemberry's stallion St. Lawrence and Millick's mare from Forest, for $50. The latter was allowed to win, although St. Lawrence showed himself the best horse.

About 60,000 feet of lumber, 2,000 sets of hubs, shafts, poles, tools, &c., were destroyed by the recent fire in McNabb's bending factory. The loss is estimated at $11,000.

COLBORNE.

AN OLD SETTLER GONE.—On Thursday last 7th Sept., Mr. Joseph Fisher, Senr., died at his residence, lot 7, 2nd con. W. D. Colborne, aged 71 years. The deceased was one of the oldest settlers in the Township, having settled there in the year 1834. He first visited Goderich about the year 1834, and his first recollection of the