

Ben Miller.
We are almost sold here for Kernighan and McHardy, and hear good reports from other parts of the township.

Goderich Township.
A young son of Samuel Cox fell recently and broke a knee cap.
George McCartney, of the 16th con. lost a fine horse valued at \$250 the other day. The animal broke its leg while running away.

Leopold.
Kernighan and McHardy are meeting with much success in their canvass. Such good men are needed in the county council.

The school examination of No. 5 came off on Wednesday, the 23rd inst., and was well attended. In the spelling match, Frank McNeer got first prize and Annie Tigert second. An interesting musical and literary programme was presented, after which an address was presented to the teacher, Miss Emily Johnston, expressing regret at her retirement. The address was accompanied by an album and a toilet set. The address was responded to in appropriate language by Mr. T. Johnston, brother of the recipient. Miss Johnston, who has taught this school for three years with much acceptance, will attend the next session of the Ottawa normal school.

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Colborne.
WEDDING BELLS.—Tuesday, Dec. 29th, beheld a brilliant and numerous assembly at the residence of E. Straughan, Esq., Poplar Field, on the occasion of the marriage of his daughter, Minnie, to Mr. Joseph F. Goldthorpe, of Colborne. The ceremony was celebrated by Rev. J. Fitchard, the groomsmen being Messrs E. VanEvery, of Goderich, and R. Green, of Salford, while the bridesmaids were Miss Annie Straughan, sister of the bride, and Miss Alice Goldthorpe, sister of the groom. The bride was attired in bright garnet satin, and the bridesmaid in steel-colored brunella cloth, with velvet trimmings. The presents were numerous and costly. Many were present from distant points. After a sumptuous wedding spread, the tables were removed, and the young people betook themselves to the worship of Terpsichore until the wee, small hours. The bride and groom left for Toronto, Galt and other eastern points, taking with them the best wishes of their numerous friends.

Lochalsh.
E. Armstrong has gone on a visit to friends in Bright and Ayr.
J. Gibson, of Scotch line, Lanark, has been engaged as teacher in our school for 1886. Mr. Gibson comes highly recommended.
Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Belmont, who has accepted the call of the Presbyterian congregation here, will be inducted on Thursday, 14th of January.

Quite a number of young men who left this vicinity in the fall to work in the Michigan woods have returned home, many of the camps having broken up on account of the recent thaw.
A number of our young men are complaining of having sore lips, the cause being some being too much sweet things. It is possibly the kind that was dispensed over the garden gate after the Christmas tree entertainment that is causing the trouble.

The closing examination of the Lochalsh school took place on Wednesday, 3rd inst., when the pupils were examined by their teachers, Mr. McClung and Miss McIntosh, assisted by Messrs. Armstrong and Murdoch. It is needless to say that the pupils acquitted themselves in a highly satisfactory manner, reflecting not only great credit on their teachers, but also on themselves. It is with regret that we part with Mr. McClung and Miss McIntosh, both having accepted positions in the Ripley school. Mr. McClung has occupied the position of master of this school for the past five years, which alone, unoccupied with the fact that the school is in such a good condition, and occupies such a good standing, speaks volumes for his success as a teacher.

A Christmas tree entertainment in connection with the above school was held on the evening of the 24th inst., and was a decided success. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. G. Murdoch, and the programme, a lengthy one, consisted of dialogues, recitations, vocal and instrumental music. The manner in which the pupils rendered the various parts and pieces allotted to them proves that there is considerable talent among our little folks. We would like to mention the names of those who did exceedingly well, but as they are numerous, we have to forbear. Thanks are due to a number not residing in the section who very kindly and materially contributed to the programme. The tree graining under its load of beautiful presents was most elegantly and tastefully decorated, and when at the close of the programme the gifts were distributed you would suppose that "Santa Claus" had arrived on the scene with a whole car load of the very things the little folks wanted. After usual votes of thanks our third annual Xmas tree entertainment was closed by singing the National Anthem. It was pronounced on all sides as "the best yet."

Red is the natural color of a young baby, but afterwards it becomes a yellow.

Parliament.
Taffy pulls are quite common in this section at present.
Robt. McMillan, who has been sick for some time, is improving.
John Murray left here for Buffalo on Monday last with a car load of sheep.
Miss Nelly Goble, of Wingham, is spending a few days with her uncle, Mr. Clark.
John Taylor of Galt, is visiting at present among his old friends in this locality.
A little three-year-old girl, who has been stopping at Frank Molan's for some time, died on Sunday morning. She had got vaccinated some time ago, and had never fully recovered.

The members in Deserod elected their officers for the current quarter as follows:—Comm. bro. John Cook; V. C., sister Mary Martin; secy, bro. S. Blackburn; treas., bro. Alex. McDiarmid; chap., bro. S. Kirk; H. S., sister Annie Martin; F. S. bro. H. G. Wood; herald, bro. A. McKernan; D. U., sister Kate Pickering; guard, bro. Frank Molan; sen., bro. Neil McDiarmid; P. W. C., Wm. McIntosh.

Governmental Responsibility.
The St. John Telegram makes the following quotation from the editorial column of the Toronto Mail:
"Had they had votes, like white men, or if like the Indians they had been numerous enough to command respect and over-awe red tape, without doubt the wheels of the office would have revolved for them; but being only half-breeds, they were put off with an eternal promise until patience ceased to be a virtue. We repeat again that the departmental system under which such callous and cruel neglect of the rights of a portion of the community was possible, was wrong, and should be consigned to the limbo of history."
When these observations were written the Mail was not so thoroughly convinced that the Government were entirely innocent of any wrong done to the half-breeds as it is at this moment. The Telegraph well observes:
"This was published when the organ had some hope that the threatened revolt of Sir John's Quebec following might be prevented. Failing that, the chief organ now declares there was no justification for the uprising of the half-breeds; its Catholic editor raises the Protestant cry, and threatens war of races if Quebec does not evince its support to Sir John Macdonald! Fair-minded people will see that what the Mail admitted last July was true, and more than true; that the half-breeds had just and grievous grounds of complaint, and that all the cost of blood and treasure, and the agitation now prevailing in Quebec, are the direct result of the callous and cruel neglect of the rights of the people of the Saskatchewan district. But if only what the Mail has in distinct terms admitted is true, the Government should be hurried from power."
We do not know whether the Mail was then undertaking to justify rebellion or not. At all events it was putting forward views which were well calculated to induce the public to look on the crime of rebellion with more lenient eyes than it would be disposed to do if it accepted the views expressed by the Mail at the present day.

Tory Lack of Harmony.
Sir John Macdonald's organs profess to believe that it is necessary that the Liberals of Ontario should agree on all questions with the opponents of the government in Quebec, before they can unite to fund the present Federal Ministry out. This is exceedingly silly. We are not aware that Mr. Bowell and Mr. White agree with Sir Hector Langverin and Mr. Costigan upon the question of incorporating the Orange society, but these gentlemen manage to work in the same cabinet together. In 1874, Ewell denounced Riel as a red-handed murderer while Mr. Mason proclaimed him a patriot and a hero. But a few months later, Messrs. Bowell and Mason were found sitting cheek by jaw in the same cabinet. The are many issues, live issues at that, upon which the members of the present government are not in harmony? What of prohibition? Are they all agreed on the questions of Papal infallibility, Home Rule for Ireland, or the wisdom of the anti-French Crusade? We believe not, yet the Tories are foolish enough to assert that the government cannot be defeated unless their opponents see eye to eye on every public question.

Demands for Refunds.
OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—It is reported that the Government of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia have notified the Dominion authorities that they expect to have refunded to them all amounts spent in defending the rights of the Provinces to the exclusive control of the liquor traffic, and that Ontario will demand to be repaid for all her expenditures in upholding the rights of that Province in the License, Boundary, and Streams cases. The taxpayers of the Dominion will have to pay a pretty big bill as the result of Sir John Macdonald's fruitless attack upon Provincial Rights and his constitutional blundering.

The Dominion Ministers, the Ottawa correspondent of the Mail says, yesterday considered the details necessary for the immediate putting into operation of the Franchise Act provisions, relating to the preparation of preliminary lists of voters. A general election may be ordered any day; the longer it is delayed the more difficulties will Macdonald have to face. Our friends should once arrange to have their names on the lists. Of course, many who have votes under the Mowat Act will be deprived of the power to vote; but that is no reason why every Liberal who is qualified should not take the necessary steps to be on both lists. Delay now may mean defeat later on.
Mr. Drolet, a prominent merchant of the city of Quebec, while walking quietly along the street about midnight on Monday night, was attacked by three policemen, who, after beating him unmercifully, ran him into the police station in a brutal manner, and locked him up. His injuries will confine him to bed for several days.

MORALIZING ON MEN.

Don't marry a man to mend him or reform him. Such attempts are generally as vain and powerless as attempts to turn back the flowing tide with a wisp of straw, or outrun a hurricane with a tin whistle. A young man asked for the hand of a beautiful girl. As she hesitated about replying, the young man said: "I await your answer with bated breath." The young lady answered: "Well, my dear sir, you will have to bide your breath with something besides high winds and lightning-bolts to catch me." Her head was level. A young man who will not cease drinking to please his sweetheart, will not do so to please his wife. Don't marry a man that chews tobacco. The use of tobacco is a dirty and filthy habit, injurious to the health and expensive. Only one passage in the Bible can be quoted in its favor: "Let him that is filthy be filthy still."
Don't marry a lazy man. There are some young men who are so lazy that it almost requires an artist to draw their breath. They seemingly have no ambition enough to labor under an impression. They live off the earnings of others until they find a girl who is fool enough to marry them, and they will live off her p. Look where you are going.

Don't marry a man who has spent his all in riotous living, and tell you that he is now going to get married and settle up.
Don't marry a man who has not the wherewith to support you. You cannot live on love. "When poverty comes in at the door, love flies out through the window."
Don't marry a man for a home and a living, when by selling up your savings and taking care of yourself you can earn your own living and provide a house for yourself.

Don't marry a man to get rid of him, or oblige him, or simply because he asks you. Don't marry in haste, lest you repent at leisure. Love can wait. Don't imagine because two persons are miserable when apart, they will be happy together.

Blake's sound advice.
How much better would it have been had the arrogant Macdonald taken Mr. Blake's advice at the time the unpopularity of the Dominion License was under discussion. Then the Liberal leader made the very sensible suggestion that, if the Dominion Government had any doubts about the jurisdiction over the liquor licenses which the Provinces had for more than fifteen years—over the Dominion Government—excise it should ask the Privy Council to decide a special case before trying to enforce a measure so unpopular. Macdonald had promised to show "that little tyrant Mowat" a thing or two, and he declined to follow Mr. Blake's advice. His humiliation was increased by the greater boldness. But the taxpayers will have to foot the bill incurred by his crass stupidity. (Hamilton Times.)

MARRIED.
At the residence of the bride's parents, near Goderich, on the 26th Dec., Rev. A. N. Griffith, Mr. W. J. Gill, son of Rev. J. C. Gill, Goderich, officiated.
At the residence of the bride's father, on Dec. 23 by the Rev. D. Cameron, Mr. Bell officiated, to Miss Camille Wilson of West Wauwasau.

At the residence of the bride's father, Parsonage, on the 26th Dec., Rev. A. N. Griffith, Mr. E. A. McManis to Miss Maggie Agnew, both of Ashfield.
In Wingham, on Friday, Dec. 19th, William, second son of James Jenkin, aged 23 years and four months.

Goderich Markets
(Reported by Telephone from Harbor Mills.)
Wheat, (Fall) @ bush 80 00 @ 82 00
Wheat, (red winter) @ bush 82 00 @ 83 00
Wheat, (white) @ bush 83 00 @ 84 00
Wheat, (spoon) @ bush 84 00 @ 85 00
Flour, (mixed) @ cwt 2 15 @ 2 20
Flour, (strong bakers) @ cwt 2 30 @ 2 35
Flour, (patent) @ cwt 2 40 @ 2 45
Oats, @ bush 30 00 @ 31 00
Peas, @ bush 32 00 @ 33 00
Barley, @ bush 34 00 @ 35 00
Potatoes, @ bush 1 15 @ 1 20
Hay, @ ton 12 00 @ 13 00
Butter, @ lb 18 00 @ 19 00
Eggs, (unpacked) @ doz 0 15 @ 0 18
Sweets, @ cwt 0 70 @ 0 75
Beans, @ cwt 0 80 @ 0 85
Rice, @ cwt 2 00 @ 2 05
Wool, @ lb 1 50 @ 1 55
Sheepskins, @ 40 00 @ 50 00

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The Temperance Cause to Assume a New Aspect.
The Dominion Government Enacted the Necessary Legislation.

The following special clip from the Toronto Ottawa, Jan. 5.—The Dominion Government has been the cause of the Dominion politics. No Carthy Act has been de-tutional, and even the Scot, there is a desire among the Federal parliament to troublesome matter—in unload the whole business whole subject to be and a dictation of the province then leave the way of Legislatures to pass pro- each for itself as it saw.
The World for the pa- been the mouth-piece of and gives more pointer- tion than does any of impossible for the Govt that is laid down in t burke the Scott Act. It Meanwhile, the poa- perance question in Scot this—
The Dominion licen- waste paper. The lig- pointed, by Judge Do- league can be prosecut- ing even under a legis- The Local Govern- any unnecessary delay responsible druggists Scott Act.

It is probable that of the Scott Act will be one fit man, who will be the licensees at The licensees may not t pensive Board, as is n Crooks Act. It may equally convenient) to issued direct from the icial Secretary.
The Ontario Govern- decided on all these likely that one thoro- ur will have charge- tion, and he will be conforming with the favor or impartiality. So far no man has better fitted for the inspector than Step Government could no appointing him.

The election of W. mayor's chair of Tor- of over 1700, is the week. It looks as if determined that civi- incompetency, jobbe- tics, the bill, the bl- bummer, the healer, the howler, must all
Now that Messr have been re-elected we hope they will the interest of the ratepayers will get- the money expend public school. The a capable principal- his time and abili- the standard of e- of the members of t present constituted children, suffered tuttion of the past- now choose wheth- their children, the- alive, or will they- educationist of low results.