LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 1882.

"Vote for Jones or go to Gaol."--He Went to Gaol!

For a sample of the meanest kind of Grit tyranny we were inclined to believe that it would be necessary to look for it outside the borders of Perth; but after perusing the following letter, published in the Stratford *Times*, we can no longer entertain this belief. A more contemptible piece of tyranny than that which Mr. Kunder has been made the victim of is seldom brought to light.

To the Editor of THE STRATFORD TIMES.

SIR,—I don't pretend to be much of a newspaper writer, but I want to say a few words with your permission. I think it cannot do any harm to lay my statement before the public. About three years ago I built a house and put into it $900 of my own money. I had to mortgage it to Mr. Idington, but long ago I had to give up all my claim to the property. I had got behind on the interest some $35. Mr. Idington sued me for the amount, but I told him I had no money but would work the claim out if he did not bother—I told him this in court. He agreed to it, and I sawed wood for Idington since—he paid me half in money so that I could live. Two months ago, I met Mr. Mickle (Mr. I's partner, who used to attend the Division Court business of the firm.) I asked him if I need attend Court any more before the judge, and he said there was no necessity for me doing so, and I did not trouble myself further in the matter.

On Tuesday last John Idington, Esquire, Queen's Counsel and County Crown Attorney for the County of Perth, (a man whom the law says shall not vote or interfere in politics) sent his son to me, demanding that I should go to the poll and cast my vote for Robert Jones. I said I wouldn't vote for Jones or any body else. The boy muttered something about gaol and went away.

On Saturday night last at 8 o'clock I was arrested by the Division Court bailiff, under a warrant for contempt of court sworn out by John Idington, Esquire, Queen's Counsel, and County Crown Attorney, for the County of Perth, (a man who the law says shall not vote or interfere in politics) and dragged away from my family and put in the County gaol for ten days!!

That's the way, Mr. Editor, that a poor man, a German, was served by this high official of the Hon. Oliver Mowat's Government. In my Fatherland, where they do not boast about liberty so much as I hear in Canada, they would not act in such a mean and tyrannical manner.

Mr. Editor, I remain, Yours, truly,
HENRY KUNDER.

Stratford, June 27, 1882.

NORTH WELLINGTON.

The Largest Number of Conservative Votes Ever Polled in the Riding.

A Recount to be Demanded.

ARTHUR, June 28.—The returning officer proceeded this morning to sum up the various returns of the deputy returning officers for North Wellington. Having done so he declared Mr. McMullen, the Liberal candidate, duly elected by a majority of seventy five. Both Mr. McMullen and Mr. Plumb were present. The gentlemen in a few brief remarks after the declaration, stated that from the appearance of things there was trouble ahead, but that he was prepared to spend the money of which he was possessed to a considerable amount before he would allow Mr. Plumb to take his seat.

Mr. Plumb in a few well chosen remarks thanked the persons and those of the entire riding through them for the very warm reception and very hearty and unanimous support extended to him during the few days which were at his disposal to canvass such a very large riding, and concluded by stating that although he could not boast of his wealth—he did he require any in the north riding of Wellington, owing to the generous and hospitable manner in which he was met by the electors of the noble riding—he was ordered by the house his duty, after the declaration, Mr. Plumb, in company with Dr. Clarke, who drove down from Palmerston, visited a number of places here, and from the manner in which the enthusiasm was aroused, and the unfeigned regret at his defeat, it is evident that had he had even two weeks to canvass the riding instead of being confined to one, McMullen's chances of success would have been very small indeed. If there is one thing more than another of which Mr. Plumb may justly feel proud it is the fact that notwithstanding the extent of the riding and of his having entered it at the eleventh hour he succeeded in recording by two hundred the largest Conservative vote ever polled in the north riding of Wellington. The Conservative Association have decided on having a re-count of the ballots.

Montreal *Witness* (Grit):—The Government has won a great victory. Although the result will show a somewhat reduced majority in the House, yet in one respect the victory is a greater one than that of the 17th September, 1878. The first victory was one obtained on the strength of promises, which could not be fulfilled, while that of yesterday was upon a policy which has already been inaugurated. The Government has not pledged itself to anything new, it has simply pointed to what it claims to be the results of the National Policy, and it has been supported.

Berlin *News*:—We are pleased to note as one of the results of the vote on Tuesday that the extensive manufacturing firm of Bingeman & Wilds, of the Berlin Glove Works, have already commenced work at the erection of a large three-story factory on Foundry street. This fine new addition to our large manufacturing establishment is to be ready for occupation in about two months.

Notwithstanding that the *Globe* asserts that our farmers are "dropping" the feeding of cattle, and killing all their calves, Canada exported, according official return, 40,592 head of home grown during the last half of 1881, and of these 30,266 went from Ontario and Quebec. Not bad for a "dropped" business. Besides cattle we also exported 564,759 lbs. of beef of our own produce.

The Conservatives have arranged for a monster political demonstration at Cornwall, on July 1st (Dominion Day.) Sir John A. Macdonald, and three or four (if not all) of the Ministry, as well as other eminent politicians, are to be present. Preparations on a grand scale are in progress.

The township of Mono, in Cardwell, gave Mr. White, the Conservative candidate, a majority of 407. Is there a township that can beat that? Mono, it would seem, is the banner township of Liberal-Conservatism.

MR. ANGLIN having failed to secure the necessary proportion of votes forfeits his deposit of two hundred dollars, and yet the *Globe* boldly declares that no Liberal candidate has forfeited his deposit.

The defeat of Sir Richard in Centre Wellington is regarded by certain Reformers in that constituency as a "high-handed Tory outrage." It is very wrong of Tories to vote.

Mr. W. L. Smith, of the Manitoulin *Expositor*, has withdrawn from the contest in Algoma; and the contest there now lies between Hon. Wm. McDougall and Mr. Dawson.

In the Bothwell election case the county judge at Chatham has given the seat on a re-count to Mr. Mills by a majority of twelve.

NORTH PERTH ELECTION.

The Returning Officer, Mr. F. L. Mennig, summed up the votes given at the late election on Saturday, 24th inst., when Mr. Hesson's majority was found to be 252. Below is a correct statement of the votes polled in the various sub-divisions:

	Hesson.	Jones.
STRATFORD.		
Avon Ward No. 1	51	32
" " 2	47	42
Falstaff Ward No. 1	15	48
" " 2	26	24
Hamlet Ward No. 1	34	23
" " 2	30	29
Shakespeare Ward No. 1	36	38
" " " 2	69	32
" " " 3	48	43
Romeo Ward No. 1	44	42
" " 2	55	42
" " 3	70	28
" " 4	35	27
	560	450
Majority for Hesson, 110.		
LISTOWEL.		
East Ward No. 1	59	42
East Ward No. 2	32	37
Centre Ward	51	45
West Ward	61	50
	203	174
Majority for Hesson, 29.		
Milverton	39	38
Majority for Hesson, 1.		
ELLICE.		
Sub-division No 1	51	56
" " 2	60	58
" " 3	32	6
" " 4	81	27
" " 5	47	53
	271	200
Majority for Hesson, 71.		
ELMA.		
Sub-division No. 1	54	54
" " 2	69	77
" " 3	62	52
" " 4	74	42
" " 5	70	30
	329	255
Majority for Hesson, 74.		
LOGAN.		
Ward No. 1	78	49
" 2	39	78
" 3	26	91
" 4	64	64
	207	282
Majority for Jones, 75.		
MORNINGTON.		
Sub-division No. 1	57	41
" " 2	50	57
" " 3	85	75
" " 4	83	42
" " 5	50	68
	325	283
Majority for Hesson, 42.		
Stratford	560	450
Listowel	203	174
Milverton	39	38
Ellice	271	200
Elma	329	255
Logan	207	282
Mornington	325	283
Totals	1,934	1,682

Majority for Hesson, 252.

Ballots rejected, 27.

SOUTH PERTH.

Official count of the South Perth election, 1882.

	No Div	Guest	Trow
Hibbert	1	85	41
"	2	73	68
"	3	47	75
"	4	43	79
Majority for Trow			15
Downie	1	58	67
"	2	20	105
"	3	35	90
"	4	35	74
"	5	86	38
Majority for Trow,			140
St. Marys	1	18	30
"	2	37	31
"	3	31	49
"	4	49	64
"	5	55	52
"	6	40	37
Majority for Trow,			33
Blanshard	1	64	49
"	2	75	51
"	3	71	35
"	4	58	67
"	5	35	77
Majority for Guest,		24	
Usborne	1	104	46
"	2	32	98
"	3	83	98
"	4	50	72
Majority for Trow,			2
Fullarton	1	108	69
"	2	88	49
"	3	45	96
"	4	12	58
Majority for Trow,			19
Mitchell	1	41	47
"	2	26	19
"	3	34	49
"	4	31	26
"	5	48	33
Majority for Guest,		6	

Trow's Majorities 209
Guest's " 30

Trow's majority 179

MANITOBA ELECTIONS.

Results of the Nominations in the Prairie Province.

Mr. Royal Elected by Acclamation.—The Whole Province Expected to Go Solid Conservative.

WINNIPEG, June 27.—Hon. Joseph Royal, Conservative, has been re-elected by acclamation for Provencher to-day. There was a large attendance at the nominations. Mr. Royal spoke at length and was loudly applauded. His nomination paper was signed by a number of Reformers as well as Conservatives. In Winnipeg, Scott, Smith, and Conkling were nominated; in Selkirk, Mulvey and Sutherland; Marquette, McDonald and Watson (provincial rights); in Lisgar, Schultz and Ross (Independent.) Hon. Mr. Bowell and Hon. Mr. Caron arrived, and speak at Brandon to-night, Portage La Prairie to-morrow night, and Winnipeg Thursday night. Intelligence from the different parts of the country is to the effect that the Conservative candidates will be elected by a good majority.

Late despatches indicate that war is imminent in Egypt. Arabi, by sending several companies to guard the Suez Canal, has given his latest menace to the Powers. The troops are more threatening than ever, and pillaging is expected to begin in Alexandria at any moment. The national party are mounting cannon to cover the fleets in the harbour but the work is done so poorly that it is claimed the guns could be silenced in half an hour. It is reported that the English and French Ambassadors have submitted a proposition to the Conference looking to the adoption of active and energetic measures for the preservation of order in Egypt, and another rumour states that England is isolated at the Conference, and that Arabi and the National party are recognized as the rulers of Egypt by the Eastern Powers. Further particulars of the massacre at Alexandria show that Europeans defended themselves bravely, committing frightful carnage among the natives.

The Bishop of Huron has appointed Rev. Canon Innes, M. A., of St. Paul's Chuch, London, his commissary during his absence in England.

ORANGEMEN IN SESSION.

Fifty-Third Annual Session of the Orange Lodge of America.

Satisfactory Progress Reported.

SHERBROOKE, P. Q., June 27.—The fifty-third annual session of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America was held to-day in the Grange Hall. The attendance was fair, but probably not as large or as representative as if the meeting had been held at the date fixed by constitution, namely, the first Tuesday in June.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Grand Master, Mr. Henry Merrick, M. P. P., who was detained by pressing business engagements until late this evening, the chair was occupied by the deputy Grand Master, Mr. W. J. Parkhill, M. P. P., Mayor Jas. Bennett, of Toronto, G. M. of Ontario West, occupying the deputy chair. The usual opening ceremonies were conducted by Rev. Bro. James Norris, G. C., and the Grand Lodge proceeded with the routine business. A committee of five was appointed to strike standing committees, after which the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were presented. The latter officer's report shows a great improvement in the state of the ordinary funds of the Grand Lodge as compared with last year, there now being a handsome balance in the treasury. The Grand Secretary's report dealt principally with matters affecting the internal working of the order. During the year ending on the first inst. no less than twenty two new and three renewal warrants were issued, and also four Young Briton warrants.

Copies of resolutions of thanks passed by the Grand Lodge of Ireland to the Grand Lodge of British America were also submitted.

A resolution was also presented from the Grand Lodge of England commending the action already taken in

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for our brethren in Quebec, and urging the Canadian brethren, if they do not attain the desired end in the courts of the Dominion, to make an appeal.

The Grand Secretary bears testimony to the valuable assistance rendered to the cause by the *Sentinel*, and wishes the brethren to redouble their efforts in extending its influence.

The reports received from the various provinces show the order to be in a very flourishing condition throughout the Dominion.

A memorial was presented from the newly organized Young Briton Grand Lodge praying for certain amendments to the constitution. The memorial was referred to a special committee.

Bro. E. F. CLARKE of Toronto, gave notice that he would to-morrow move that the necessary steps be taken to apply at the next session of the Dominion Parliament for an act of Incorporation for the order in British America.

The Grand Dodge adjourned at 4.30 to meet again at 9 a. m. to-morrow.

The various committees are at work this evening considering the questions submitted to them. The following delegates are present:—W. J. Parkhill, M. P. P., Rev. Jas. Norris, Thos. Keys, Capt. Wm. Anderson, Wm. White, Capt. A. J. Van Ingen, E. F. Clarke, Murdock McLeod, Major Jas. Bennett, Wm. Johnston, Capt. John Woodward, Jos. Wise, James Barr, John Hamilton, and T. A. Kinnear; the County Masters of Montreal, East Peterboro', Kent, East Bruce, Halton, South Ontario, North Ontario, South Grey, Haldimand, Dundas, North Huron, Lennox, Addington, Victoria, North Grey, Wentworth, Sherbrooke, South Simcoe, South Leeds, and Queen's, and the District Masters of Centre Toronto, East Toronto, Hemmingford, Port Hope, Cavan, Hope, Norwood, Hamilton, Vankleek Hill, St. Marys, and many other brethren.

SECOND DAY.

SHERBROOKE, Que., June 28.—The Grand Orange Lodge of British America concluded its labours this afternoon, and most of the members will leave for home to-night. The sessions should have commenced on the 9th inst., but were deferred by the Grand Master until yesterday. The postponement prevented many from being present, but the attendance notwithstanding was large and representative.

The Grand Master, Henry Merrick, M. PP., was on hand to preside at the sessions held to day. The consideration of the reports of the committees took up the entire morning.

In the afternoon a resolution was unanimously agreed to, instructing the proper officers to apply to the Dominion Parliament for an Act of incorporation for the Grand Lodge of British America.

Several changes were made in the constitution of the Young Briton order.

The Grand Master was unanimously elected the representative of the Grand Lodge to the Imperial Triennial Orange Council, to be held in London, England, on the 18th July. The usual votes of thanks were passed to the local brethren and to the railway companies, after which the Grand Lodge was closed in due form. The next annual session will be held in St. Catharines, on the first Tuesday in June, 1883.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Following is a list of the newly elected grand officers of the most worshipful Grand Orange Lodge of British America for 1882-3:—Henry Merrick, M. PP., G. M., Merrickville; Wm. J. Parkhill, M.P P., D.G. M., Randwick; Rev. Jas. Norris, G.C., Omemee; Thos Keys, G.S., St Catharines; Captain Wm. Anderson, G.T., Mountain View; Murdock McLeod, G. Lecturer, Milton, P. E. I.; Ensign Wm. White, G.D.C., Tweed; Captain A. J. Vaningen, G.D.S., Cobourg; E. F. Clark, D.G. Treas., Toronto; T. C. McAvoy, D. G.L., Balsam; Jas. Evans, D.G.L., Port Hope; A. D. Bostwick, D.G.L., Sherbrook; James Elliot, D.G.L., St. John, N.B.; P.J. Chisholm, D.G.L., Truro, N. S.; D. W. Henderson, D.G.L., North Wiltshire; Joseph Doupe, D.G.L., Winnipeg; Rev. Wm. Pattyson, D.G.C., Coboconk; Rev. W. T. Smithett, D.D., D.G.C., Omemee; Rev. W. W. Leach, D.G.C., Gorrie; Rev. J. A. Dowler, D.G.C., Vroomanton; Rev. R. S. Cooper, R. Dean do., Invermay; Rev. William E. Smith, do., Bridgewater.; Ont.; Rev C. A. Doudiet, do., Montreal, Que.

THE RAILWAY FUSION.

London, June 26.—The agreement between the Grand Trunk and Great Western, which has been signed by the Presidents, will be submitted to a meeting on the 29th inst. The united Company will assume the name of the Grand Trunk. The Board includes all the Grand Trunk and Great Western Directors, except Mr. Plunkett, M. P., who succeeds Mr. John Swift. The terms of the agreement provides that if 30 per cent. of the net earnings appropraited to the Western share of the capital be insufficient to pay a dividend of 5 per cent on preference and 3 per cent on the remainder of the capital, then the amount required to make up the deficiency shall be taken from the 70 per cent of the Grand Trunk's earnings. If the net earnings do not yield the per cent. the dividends which remain in a cumulative deficiency which shall be a first charges payable out of the earnings of subsequent years. As an additional security for the regular payment of the 3 per cent. dividend on Great Western stock, and the protection of the 70 per cent. appropriated to the Grand Trunk, when a deficiency occurs in the 30 per cent. accruing Great Western, the united Company will be at liberty to apply such portion as may be necessary to makegood the deficiency from the presen reserve fund of the Great Western.

$100 REWARD.

Is offered for any case of Catarrh that can't be cured with Hall's Catarrh Cure. Taken internally. Price 75 cent. Sold by J. A. Hacking.

The body of a boy named John Campbell has been found in the river at Owen Sound under suspicious circumstances.

PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Modification of the Model and Normal School System.--The Proposed Improvements.---Terms Lengthened and "Cramming" Abolished.

OTTAWA, June 28.—Hon. Adam Crooks, Minister of Education for Ontario, in an address delivered in connection with the closing exercises of the Normal and Model Schools this afternoon, made an incidental allusion to some important changes proposed in the educational system of the Province. These changes will be formally announced in a few days, and will go into effect on the expiration of the present vacation. The main objects which it is hoped to achieve are a more thorough instruction for teachers in training, the abolition of the cramming system, and the greater adaptation of the studies to the pursuits or callings which the pupils may follow in after life. To accomplish these results some radical changes are proposed. To commence with it is intended to have two instead of three Normal School terms in the course of a year, the terms being nineteen or twenty weeks in length, instead of ten or eleven as at present. They will begin on the 12th of September and 1st of February respectively, and will expire on the 1st of February and 16th of June. Proper provision will be made within these periods for a more thorough exposition of the theory and practice of education. The term in the County Model Schools will be lengthened to thirteen weeks, and the course will be enlarged and improved. It is believed that the professional training of the teachers will be carried still higher by lengthening the term in the County Model Schools, by giving longer sessions in the Normal Schools, and by placing the Normal Schools with their upper masters under the direction and supervision of Inspector McLellan, to whom so much of the great improvement in the training and efficiency of the teachers is due. The course of study in the Provincial Model Schools, comprising as it does four divisions, will in the future be models for a similar division of classes in the Public Schools. There may, however, be 50 or 60 divisions, at the option of the Public Board. It is proposed that the course of study shall be more flexible, and greater discretion will be given to trustees with reference to the choice of subjects than is the case at present. The number of compulsory subjects will be reduced and the number of optional subjects increased. Public School trustees will have the option of introducing elementary science, and in the rural schools the elementary principles of agriculture. The High School course will also be made more flexible, and the intermediate examination is to become a mere test of promotion from the lower to the upper school. Music and drawing, and such subjects as are more suitable for girls, will also be taught in the High Schools. Latin will no longer be one of the compulsory subjects. The change of principle in the distribution of the Government grant will avoid cramming and also prevent undue influence being exercised, inasmuch as the basis of distribution will recognize a minimum for all the schools, due regard being had to the amount paid for teachers' salaries. One of the beneficial effects of the proposed change in the mode of distributing the Government grant will be to do away with the present system of cramming picked candidates for the intermediate to the injury of the other scholars. Such, in brief, is an outline of the proposed changes, the complete details of which will be made known in a few days.

GUITEAU'S LAST HOURS.

A Last Effort to Save the Wretch from the Gallows proves a Failure.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—Reed yesterday said he had done all that could be done for Guiteau, and every avenue was closed now but that which leads to the gallows. Yesterday John W. Guiteau found his brother perfectly calm and seeming to fully realize it was his last Sunday on earth. He displayed no anxiety or fear, and seemed content. Reed said he had been urged to persistence because he had become more and more convinced that Guiteau was legally irresponsible. Rev. Mr. Hicks says he once believed the assassin to be thoroughly bad and vicious and wholly responsible for the crime, but since attending him in gaol he has been obliged to believe that Guiteau's convictions respecting inspirations are genuine.

THE DEATH WARRANT SIGNED.

Guiteau's death warrant was signed by the Clerk of the Criminal Court this morning, the seal of the Court attached, and the document forwarded to Warden Crocker at the gaol. It will be read to the prisoner just before the execution. The scaffold has been turned around, and other slight changes made.

It is said that both John Guiteau and Mrs. Scoville will be present at the execution.

A LAST EFFORT.

John W. Guiteau has been employed all day condensing new evidence of his brother's insanity which he proposes to submit to President Arthur. He now has it in the form of printed slips of matter, adequate to make a pamphlet of ten pages. One of the letters from which he quotes is from J. H. Noyes, once head of the Oneida Community, dated in 1868. In it Noyes says:—"I regard him (Guiteau) as insane, and I prayed for him last night sincerely as for my own son, in a lunatic asylum." In 1868 E. H. Hamilton wrote that he thought Guiteau "demented." Another of the letters is from the assassin himself to his father, in which he claims inspiration and asserts that he is in the employ of Jesus Christ, and in another letter, written in 1872, L. W. Guiteau declares Charles Guiteau insane and hardly responsible for his actions.

MRS. SCOVILLE.

Mrs. Scoville arrived here to-night with her little daughter and is stopping with a friend. She appears worn and excited and does not wish to make any public statement at present. She and John will probably visit the assassin to-morrow. Nothing has yet been done in regard to the disposition of Guiteau's corpse. It is thought, however, that the gaol officials will deliver it to his friends if they make any demand for it, but this is doubtful.

REED THREATENED.

Reed said he was astounded and shocked at the discovery of evidence of Guiteau's mental condition years ago known to Scoville and not introduced at the trial. He has received two more threatening letters. One said that if Reed persisted in his efforts to save Guiteau he was a dead man.

FRUIT PROSPECTS.

Report from the Niagara Peninsula.

DRUMMONDVILLE, June 27.—The following is a report of the present prospect of the fruit crop in the vicinity of Niagara Falls at this date:—Apples, although the bloom was very abundant, are almost a total failure, propably owing to wet cold weather, which prevented the pollen from performing its proper functions. Pears, peaches, and cherries a short crop. Plums unusually abundant. The curculio came about June 15th and soon ceased to work. Strawberries and gooseberries a fair crop. Currants a very poor crop. Rasperries, blackberries, and grapes are very promising at this time. Housekeepers will do well to supply themselves with such fruit as happens tobe abundant. If the apple crop proves to be a general failure the demand for the smaller fruits must be unusually large.

Fresh murders of Christians have occurred in the Delta of the Nile. Open threats are made at Alexandria of seizing a number of Europeans as hostages.

MARYBOROUGH.

A serious accident occurred on Friday last to John C. Sholta, weaver, of Moorefield, who was assisting at the barn raising on the farm of Mr. Samuel Hill, con. 7, Maryborough. They were placing a sill on the stone wall of the basement and got it nearly in position when it rolled over and run down the skids, badly bruising and hurting the arm of Mr. Sholta. He was taken home and medical aid called in.

No. 9 company of the 30th battalion volunteers, paraded on Sunday under the command of Capt. Booth and Lieut. Jamison, and attended divine service in the English Church where a very impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. R. Gardiner.

The annual picnic of the English Church, Moorefield, will be held on Dominion Day, in the grove near the railway station. The Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Niagara and others will speak.

The Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Niagara will preach in the several Episcopal churches in the Maryboro Misson on Sunday. Rothsay in the morning, Moorfield in the afternoon, and Drayton in the evening.

STRATFORD.

The following items are taken from our Stratford exchanges:

The *Times* says it is an open secret in Stratford that Mr. James Fisher will be the next Grit Candidate for the Local House in North Perth.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL.—On next Saturday (Dominion Day), Hon. John Carling, Postmaster General, will lay the Corner Stone of the new Public Buildings in Stratford. We hope our citizens of all shades of politics will join hands and give the distinguished visitor a right hearty welcome.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT.—Mr. J. M. Riddell, formely station master of the Port Dover Railway, Stratford, has been appointed successor to Mr. A. B. Atwater as Assistant Superintendent of the G. B. & L. E. division of the G. T. R. at this place. We congratulate Mr. Riddell on the appointment.

A SNEAK THIEF MAKES A BIG HAUL.—On Saturday last, an old couple named Little who reside near London, met with a severe loss while travelling on the G. T. R. They had about $4,500 in cash and notes in a satchel which they placed under their seat in the car. A clerical-looking individual rode in the opposite seat with them from Toronto. When St. Paul was reached this party allowed his rubber coat to fall on the floor, and in picking it up he took the satchel also. He stepped off the car and some time elapsed before the satchel and its valuable contents were missed. The robbery was immediately reported, but it is not likely that any trace of the thief will be discovered. People travelling with large sums of money should exercise more caution.

HOWICK.

COUNCIL.—The Council met to-day pursuant to adjournment in Buschert's hotel. All the members present. The Reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Moved by Mr. Jacques, seconded by Mr. Weir, that Mr. Johnston repair sideline 20 and 21, con. 10, north of bridge—carried. Moved by Mr. Weir, seconded by Mr. Cook, that the Clerk notify the clerk of Turnberry that Howick is satisfied with the equalization of U. S. S. No. 1. Mr. Thompson to be referee to settle it if Turnberry is not satisfied as it is now, as the Council do not meet before the first of August to settle it.—carried. Moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Weir, that the Assessor receive $10 for extra work called for by statute.—carried. Moved by Mr. Weir, seconded by Mr. Johnstone, that Mr. Jacques gravel and repair crossway opposite lot 18, cons. 12 and 13.—carried. Moved by Mr. Weir, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that Mr. Cook repair the boundary opposite con. 6, Howick, provided that Minto pay half the expense.—carried. Moved by Mr. Weir, seconded by Mr. Cook, that Mr. Jacques pass in a culvert across sideline 15 between 16, con. 13, for an outlet for John Nay's drain—carried. Moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Weir, that Mr. Johnson examine cons. 12 and 13, opposite lot 28 and repair hill if necessary—carried. Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Cook, that Messrs. Weir, Jacques and Reeve examine sideline 5 and 6, con. 16, relative to drain dug by John Mawhinney—carried. Moved by Mr. Weir, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that Mr. Jacques give George Beatty a barrel of flour, he being in indigent circumstances—carried. Accounts passed: Wm. Weir, $3, for culvert on sideline 15 and 16, con. A; Hugh Howard, $1 for repairs on bridge, con 10; and $1.50 for repairs on bridge, lot 29, cons. 4 and 5; Wm. White, $7.30, for culvert on lot 30, con. 6. Council adjourned to meet in McIntosh's hotel, Gorrie, on the third Wednesday in July next.

WM. DANE, Township Clerk.

ELMA.

The adjourned Court of Revision for the township of Elma was held at Newry on Saturday the 17th June; members all present except Mr. Mann. Minutes of last Court read and adopted. The following changes were made in the Roll, viz: A. Climie's name struck off as tenant for S. lot 38, con. 1. A. Lawrence's name struck off as occupant of S. E part lot 7, con. 11. J. A. Hacking's name was entered in roll as owner for lot 4, con. 9; A. Laidlaw's name entered as owner for lot 3, con. 9; M. Ballantyne was assessed as owner for lot 2, M. St. N. Station for $40. The above changes were passed, and roll as finally revised was adopted, and the Council met for general business. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Moved by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Lochhead, that T. Maynard be refunded $4 statute labor money, the work having been performed—carried. Moved by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Lochhead, that Mr. Richmond attend to bridge on 10th con., and have the same repaired—carried. Moved by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Lochhead, that the tender of A. Thompson for putting in 850 yards of gravel on gravel road be accepted—carried. Tender was 50cts. per yard north and 60 cts. south of Newry. Moved by Mr. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Richmond, that having considered the petition of a number of ratepayers for $50 to be expended in gravelling 8th con., west of gravel road, that $25 be granted, and that Geo. Graham, Pathmaster, be authorized to expend the same—carried. Moved by Mr. Richmond, seconded by Mr. Lochhead, that the Reeve be authorized to have ditch on 16th con. extended to S. road 24 and 25, as the road is unfit for travel—carried. Moved by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Richmond, that the sum of $30 be granted towards opening up concessions 9 and 10, opposite lots 2 and 3, and that Mr. Mann be asked to supplement the same from his Ward grant—carried. Moved by Mr. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Dunn, that the following accounts be paid: J Morrison $1, repairing scraper; T. Fullarton 38 cts., telegram to Provincial Treasurer, Toronto; T. J. Knox 25 cts., to Treasurer from Stratford; M Harvey $250, expenses to Stratford, county loan—carried. Moved by Mr. Lochhead, seconded by Mr. Richmond, that the offer of Mr. H. Featherstone to build bridge on con. 14 for the sum of $600, be accepted, and that Mr. Richmond and Mr. Knox look after the work, bridge to be completed on or before the first day of August next—carried. (There was another tender for bridge of $800.) Council then adjourned to meet at the call of the Reeve. T. FULLARTON, Clerk.

On Thursday last Mr. Swain, of Mornington, shipped a car load of fine-looking animals, consisting of cattle and mules, to his farm in Silver Creek Settlement, Manitoba.

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FRIGHTFUL RAILWAY DISASTER.

A Train of Flat Cars Goes Over an Embankment.--Twelve Persons Reported Killed.

ST. PAUL, June 26.—A work-train on the Manitoba line, consisting of an engine, caboose, and 22 flat cars, left the track near Atwater, Minn., while going 18 miles an hour. The engine, caboose, and five cars went down a 12 foot embankment into a pool of water. An indescribable scene of confusion ensued. Geo. Floody, engineer, and Joe Doehl, Andrew Johnson, S. Thompson, Torison Burgland, Christianson Stifle, and John Holland were killed. The injured are:—James Wilson, C. Saunburg, bruised; H. Staunson, badly bruised in the back; Peter Rossmussen, arm broken and internally injured; the fireman, both arms broken and amputated. The company is sending out a relief train. It is believed others are under the cars in the pool, and a search for the bodies is proceeding.

ATWATER, Minn., June 26.—Three of the persons wounded by the Manitoba railroad disaster here died on Saturday, Joseph Goran, conductor of the train, has been arrested on a charge of running the train too fast, against the protests of the engineer and fireman.

U. S. FARMING STATISTICS.

Statement by the Census Bureau--Increase in the Number of Farms in the West and South.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 27.—The Census Bureau has published a special bulletin showing the number of farms in the United States at the end of every decennial period since 1850, as follows:—In 1850, 1,449,073; 1860, 2,044,077; 1870, 2,659,985; 1880, 4,008,907—rate of increase since 1870, 51 per cent. The States which contain the most farms are:—Illinois, 255,741; Ohio, 247,189; New York, 241,058; Missouri, 215,575; and Pennsylvania, 213,542. The increase in the number of farms has been greatest in the Western States and Territories as follows:—Dakota, from 1,720 to 17,435, or 914 per cent.; Nebraska, from 12,301 to 63,387, 415 per cent.; Idaho, from 414 to 1,885, or 355 per cent.; Arizona, from 172 to 6,767, or 346 per cent.; Colorado, 3,738 to 4,506, or 159 per cent.; Kansas, from 38,202 to 138,561, or 263 per cent. There has also been a large increase in the number of farms in the Southern States, as follows:—Alabama, 102 per cent.; Arkansas, 91 per cent.; Florida, 129 per cent.; Georgia, 98 per cent.: Louisiana, 70 per cent.; Mississippi, 50 per cent.; South Carolina, 81 per cent., and Texas, 185 per cent.

ALMA COLLEGE.

Results of its First Year of existence—Encouraging Prospects for the Future.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., June 27.—This new institution, erected and equipped at a cost of over $60,000, is just closing up its first year. This year has been in every way highly successful, the attendance and work in the various departments having far exceeded the hopes of its founders for the opening year. The highest attendance was that reached in the closing term, 113. It has a full staff of teachers in its three departments of letters, fine arts, and music. In the literary work there are three departments, preparatory, academic, and collegiate. The academic takes up the work of High Schools, and the three years' collegiate course carry the work on through a two years' university course. The first of the closing services began Sabbath last with a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Aylesworth, presiding elder of Huron district, before the faculty and students, on "National stability." He selected for his text: "And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of the times and strength of salvation." The sermon was a most masterly effort, and was listened to with rapt attention by a crowded house. The rev. gentleman last night delivered a lecture on "the mystery of Marriage" to a very select audience in the College convocation hall. Large numbers are coming in from a distance to attend the grand musical entertainment this evening under direction of Prof. St. John Hyttenrauch and Miss Maggie Baker.

Ticket scalping in Canada will, after the 1st of July, be a business of the past. The measure regulating the sale of railway tickets, which was approved of by Parliament last session, will come into operation on that day. Under it no person can legally sell a railway ticket unless he is licensed to do so by the companies whose tickets he sells. No can a traveller after performing half the journey for which his ticket is valid sell his remaining interest in the ticket to a scalper. The railway companies will purchase it from him. It was claimed when the bill passed through Parliament that it would prevent dishonesty on the part of railway employes, the charge being made that scalpers encouraged certain employes to purloin tickets from the companies they served.

Two important reforms in the rates of postage have been brought forward in the American Congress. It is proposed to reduce the charge on letters from three to two cents, and a Bill to abolish the postage on second class mail matter—newspapers and periodicals—has been introduced in the House. These are advantages promised to the people, says the *Herald*, as a result of ridding the service of the Star Route jobbers. For years every person who used the mails was made to pay tribute to these plunderers in the form of unnecessarily high rates of postage. A material reduction is now practical, chiefly in consequence of the enormous saving in postal expenditures that has been effected since Brady was ousted from the department and the shameful jobbery of the corrupt ring of contractors stopped.

Those who have been pestered to death by the irrepressible dandelion on their lawns may now take heart. The pest will pester them no more. Eastern markets have begun to utilize them for greens, so that gardeners cultivate them for sale. The plant having become useful, the bugs will eat it off above ground, the grub will saw its roots in two, the sun will parch it to death, the rains will drown it out, the wind will thrash it to strips, and the boys will dig it out and steal it. Thus the dandelion, which has been among the first of the weeds to coax its way into human favor in the spring by throwing out its golden blossoms as a sort of flag of truce and peace offering combined, will retire from the field and the lawn to the seclusion of the guarded greenhouse.

On Sunday night the choir of Erskine Presbyterian church, Toronto, struck in a body and left the church, owing to the dismissal of the organist, Mr. Frank Reynolds. He was dismissed by the Session without any reason being given, and the choir, twenty-three in number, sympathized with him. Not only have they left the choir, but the church as well.

ASSISTING HOMESTEADERS.—A despatch from Winnipeg says: The Minister of the Interior has telegraphed to the Dominion Land Commissioner to employ as many guides as may be found necessary to direct emigrants to the most desirable sections of the country, and assist them in selecting homesteads.

Never Give Up.

If you are suffering with low and depressed spirits, loss of appetite, general debility, disordered blood, weak constitution, headache, or any disease of a bilious nature, by all means procure a bottle of Electric Bitters. You will be surprized to see the rapid improvement that will follow; you will be inspired with new life; strength and activity will return: pain