'And what do you want, Uncle Nat Treloob?'

'Just to ax how you are, Miss Tabitha. You are the picture of his honour your grandfeyther, and there warn't a better favoured man betwixt this and the kink—no, not in no country.'

'What do you want, Uncle Nat?'

'And you are the nat'ral-born image of your maather too, miss. And I mind she well, the day your feyther brought her hoam—prinkt and pridy she was, the raal lady, and prettier—'

I took up my work again, and went on stitching.

'Miss Tabitha, I'm sure you won't be wishing nobody ill, leastways a poor man. You are the best of friends to the poor, and the kindest lady that ever rode in her own coach, or aut to, if you had your rights. And you've the best meadow in the parish, Miss Tabitha—sure you have'

'Nobody knows that better than you, Uncle Nat Treloob.'

'It's boustering work making good coose sich a day as this, Miss Tabitha. I'm in a cruel shaape weth the wind and the rain, and my heart 'most bruk about thic cow. And plase sure, Miss Tabitha, I tied her oop laest night 'pon the common with a big balch; and I dunno how she bruk loose. I'm afeard some patti; left your gate open, and she smelled the good grass. It's the fust time, Miss Tabitha, the very fust, the imparent ould thing ever thoft of getting into your croft. And of you'll look over at this wanence, I'll easier-en I tha tail of her on to the pump. I will, plase sure, afore she shall do it again.'

'Uncle Nat Treloob, I wonder at you! It's awful to hear an old man telling falsehoods.'

'Miss Tabitha, I abbn't tould a strain never since I went to mitinhouse twenty-nine years ag-me. Don'tee go now to teake away my good character, there's a dear lady. I've been tarving and teering round arter thie polrumptious beast ever sin-e five this blessed morning, and nerra sup, nor porridge, nor crouse has gone emside my craw. And I abbn't titch pipe wannce by the way. You won't be hard, Miss Tabitha, on a ould man?—a ould man who seed you christened, and the prettiest babby you was as ere I looked upon in aal my born days; you won't be hard, Miss Tabitha?'

'Uncle Nat, you are a bad old rascal. I saw you put your cow in my field with my own eyes.'

'Me! Plase, father, it wadn't me.—Miss Tabitha, I wouldn't be so unmannerly. Your eyes dedn't see right, miss.'

'It was not you?'

'Narra bit of me, miss. Or, ef 'twas me, I was mazed, or the devil had hould of me. Plase sure, it wadn't me on my right mind, Miss Tabitha I'd leifer the ould brindle went leary for a month than I'd help her steal a blade of your grass.'

He was very wet; he looked very dismal. I gave way before his eloquence.

'Ah, well, Uncle Nat, your cow is in the pound, go and fetch her.' But Uncle Nat gave no signs of stirring.

'There's a hunder weight of water a-top of me, and my lembs is wore out, miss; and I've been oop to tha pound a'ready, and Farmer Kunckuy waient give oop tha cow without a guinea, and a line from you to say she may go.'

'A guinea!' I screamed through the wet window; 'that's too much. I don't want you to pay for the grass. I'll write a line to the pound-keeper, and tell him to give you the cow.'

Uncle Nat shook his head. 'Tis no good to carr' oop tha letter without tha guinea, miss. I'm bedoled and bruk down with grief to think of axing you fur a guinea. The piskies was in the cow. I bla,' to teake her into your croft; but aal my cobshans es aunly haafe a crown. Miss Tabitha, if you'll aunly forgive the auld cow, and let me have the guinea, I'll pay 'ee back every farden—faith and sure I will—honest as Job, I will. And ef you waint, Miss Tabitha, then me and my auld woman, who is fatleish and bedoled with rheumatism, must staarve out-right We shaan't have a crown or mossel to clunky, of the cow goes. My auld missus lives on tha scal' milk.'

What could I do? I knew the old rascal was as poor as a coot. I knew his wife was childish and had the rheumatism.

I gave the guinea. Need I observe that it never came back to my pocket?

Temper and I always felt very doubtful about that guinea We thought it extraordinary the farmer should make so high a charge for keeping that pickpocket of a cow a few hours in the pound. However, we dared make no enquiries about it, as that might have let out the fact that I had driven the beast there. And you see I didn't want to get laughed at in my own parish.

In about a year after this, I met Uncle Nat Treloob and his cow with a young calf.

'Well, Uncle Nat,' I observed, 'your cow has got a fine calf. What have you called her?'

'Dorcas, which being interpreted, meaneth Tabitha,' said the old sinner, taking off his hat, and passing on, with a droll expression in his pivot eye. And Dorcas that calf remains to this day. She is an old calf now; in fact, she isn't a calf at all, she is an elderly cow; and I always feel, when I see people grin over her name, that somehow I only came off second-best in the revenge I took on Uncle Nat Treloob

# Huron Signal.

GODERICH, APRIL 28, 1870.

## The Rebel Poet Laureate.

The members of the Quebec Legislature are doing their duty in petitioning Premier Chauveau to discharge Pamphile Lemay, whose blasphemous and treasonable effusion we give elsewhere, from the office of Provincial librarian held by him. Serve him right! Here is the petition :—

SIR, We deem it our duty to call your attention to the insolent verses recently published by Pamphile Lemay, the librarian of the Quebec Assembly, relating to the recent murder of Scott at Fort Garry, and to request you will bring the matter before His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor in Council, with a view to his immediate dismissal. Whatever M. Lemay's views were respecting Scott, or the part Riel took in his execution, is a matter of no concern to us, or to the community; but we are bound to regard the publication of sentiments such as are in those verses by an employee of the government as an atrocious insult wantonly offered to the whole British population. You can, of course, understand that, meeting, as we shall do shortly at Quebec, to discharge our public duties, the presence of M. Lemay as librarian, or in any other capacity, would not be tolerated, and that his immediate dismissal should be carried out.

### Fenianism.

We do not object to our Government making all necessary preparations when they receive authentic information of intended raids. The present 'scare' really appears to be without the slightest foundation. Neither American nor Canadian journals seem to be able to discover any movements among the Finnigans indicating their intention to cross our frontier. The country will expect to hear, through Parliament, what was their reason for ordering all this 'mounting in hot haste the steed, mustering squadrons' and manning of gunboats. There has been an expenditure of the people's money which only good cause will justify.

☞ Mr. W Campbell has now received a splendid stock of Fruit and other Trees, and a choice selection of Grape Vines.—Give him a call at his garden on East st.

## The Harbor of Refuge.

### Goderich Decided Upon.

We clip the following from the Bruce *Reporter* of last week :—'The Goderich papers speak very "confidently of the determination of the "Government to expend on that harbor "during this season $30,000. On what "authority they do not state. However, "we shall not be at all surprised if events "corroborate the truth of this announcement, considering the influence of the "Grand Trunk at Ottawa and the pertinacious advocacy of that claim by the "talented member for South Huron. "Meanwhile we should like to know what "the two representatives for Bruce have "been doing at the capital in the interest "of the harbors on this coast." We are in a position to state on excellent authority that the matter is now finally *settled*. On Friday the 22nd inst. when the estimates were under discussion, the Minister of Public Works said distinctly that the government had decided upon constructing the Harbor of Refuge *at Goderich*. Great credit is due to our worthy member for South Huron.

We are also indebted to several of our citizens, and at least *one* person who is dead, for their strenuous advocacy of the superior advantages of Goderich in this respect, and we think we can say without egotism that the old *Signal* deserves a little praise. We have fought long and hard for two objects: One a duty on American salt—the other the construction of a harbor of refuge on the best spot to be found on either side of lake Huron. The Salt duty—in advocating which we were opposed by certain of our village papers—is showing its good effects in the increased stimulus it is giving to the enterprise in those localities as well as here. The true test of the soundness of the arguments we have heretofore advanced in favor of the commercial interests of the great Co. of Huron may be inferred from their recent *practical adoption*, and the pecuniary advantages now following therefrom.

We cannot agree with the *Reporter* in censuring the members for Bruce. The fact, that Mr. Blake in particular, would not endeavor to secure any part of the nation's money to be spent on Harbors in Bruce, not one of which is naturally adapted to be made a great national Harbor of Refuge, is to us only one more illustration of the manliness and independence which have so prominently characterized that gentleman in his parliamentary career; a career of which Bruce has good reason to be proud.

### Cheeky Chandler and Ranting Ramsey!

What a splendid span they are! On the 'stump' unrivalled, and in temper, impudence and bluster, perfectly matched. Their action, which consists of an insane fling at Great Britain on every opportunity, is beautifully harmonious. They have the special faculty of making a grievance where none exists and they always kick together; of course with the understanding that each, in succession, is to have the coveted honor of being the first to dash out his hoof. We publish in another column, an account of a discussion in the United States Senate, on a motion directing the President to appoint Commissioners to negotiate with the Red River rebels for the annexation of that Territory. On this occasion he of Michigan kicks out first, and the representative of Minnesota follows suit. The resolution 'was offered in the interest of peace and goodwill.' Chandler had the impertinence to remark in opening his speech. Peace with and good will to whom? 'Peace and goodwill' to a handful of ignorant, uncivilized, rebellious half-breeds, who stole arms and stores and tyrannised over the thousands of loyal settlers of the country and added murder to tyranny, while winter was king and legitimate authority could not reach the country. And what do 'peace and goodwill' to them mean? War and ill-will to 25 nations of loyal Indians; war and ill-will to tens of thousands of loyal, reasonable, and peace-loving settlers; war and ill-will to our young Dominion; and war and ill-will to the glorious Empire of which we are proud to form a part. We should like to see what reception such an offer of 'peace and goodwill' would meet with from the Indians and settlers of Ruperts' land; and how the annexationist who sought to supplant the Union Jack by the Stars and stripes would be welcomed in that Territory. Such men as Chandler and Ramsey, ready to sympathise, with and protect all the 'scum of creation' in any attempt to annoy Great Britain, are a disgrace to the United States and we are glad to know that the best men of the Union are heartily ashamed of them, It will be time enough to refuse to our troops passage through the Sault St Marie Canal when our Government asks for the permission. In the meantime, Mr Sumner has very sensibly consigned Chandlers braggadoccio to the 'Committee on foreign relations,' a kindly Moloch which has swallowed up many such miserable abortions and prevented them from disgracing the neighboring Republic in the eyes of the civilized world.

### A Little Dodge.

The *Star*, like its bigger brothers of the antiquated Tory family, is ever ready in a silly, sneaking way to flatter the powers that regulate the supply of advertising 'pap.' The "Star's" report of the recent indignation meeting is headed in display-type with the words—"Government Sustained.' If the sense of the meeting had been taken, we know the Government's conduct, throughout the affair, would have been *blamed* and not 'sustained.' People of all parties agreed to sink, for the time, their opinions on the past action of the Government, that they might combine in telling the Government what course they should pursue in the future. It is contemptible in the *Star* to attempt to give its own dingy complexion to a public meeting in this mean, little way.

### Quebec vs The Dominion.

While Quebec is sympathising with Riel and his rebels, on account of their religion and nationality, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are uniting with Ontario, in demanding the vindication of the honor of Great Britain and Canada, and justice on the murderer of Mr Scott.

☞ The propeller *Wm. Seymour* made a capital trial to northern ports, receiving a regular ovation at every port. She is staunch and sea-worthy, and will no doubt give ample satisfaction to all concerned.

### The Gunboat and the Harbor.

On Wednesday afternoon the *Prince Alfred* was let go from her moorings and steamed slowly away from the wharf, with the intention of proceeding out to the lake. When near the south pier her wheel was stopped by a log and a strong current, running from the north, turned her bows round and drove her among the sunken cribs where she stuck fast. By means of the new propeller, and the assistance of Capt. Dancy and others on the shore, she was got off by 11 a. m. on Thursday, without the slightest damage. It was not considered safe to come back to the Harbor, so she was moored at the end of the pier, where there is sufficient depth of water. This (Friday) morning about 7 o'clock, she sailed for her destination and we trust the excitable denizens of Sarnia, who have been raising such a tremendous fuss about nothing, at all hours of the morning, will now calm down a little. The *Prince Alfred* is now manned as follows :—

Capt. James Thomson;
Lieut. Grigg;
Assistant-Surgeon, Dr. Holmes;
Sailing-master, Capt. Fraser;
Mate, Capt. Parsons;
1st Engineer, J. H. Killey;
2nd Engineer, Wilson balkeld;
4 Firemen;
20 Men of the Goderich Artillery;
20 Men of the Clinton Infantry;
2 Stewards;
1 Cook;
And 6 Sailors.

On account of want of accomodation for all the military drafted, 10 of the Clinton boys returned home yesterday. The *Prince Alfred* is in splendid order, and, in consequence of the alterations made under the superintendence of G. H. Wyatt Esq., Government Inspector, her appearance is now so smart, that you would not recognise her to be the same vessel. Her masts, spars, rigging and sails have been renewed; her upper works taken off and the hull fitted up with handsome quarters for the officers, comfortable rooms for the Engineers and berths for the military and crew, convenient magazines Wardrobes &c. &c; and we must congratulate Mr. Wyatt on the successful completion of his well-arranged plan. But for the ridiculous fuss of the Sarnia people, her bulwarks would have been protected by oak railings and iron-plates, the material for the construction of which is on board. The excellent State of drill in which Capt. Thomson has his Goderich boys is a guarantee that the four brass guns will do the very best execution they are calculated to do if any Finnegan should venture to come within range. Than the Clinton boys, the vessel could not be manned with a finer body of *amateur marines*.

We were gailed to see our Harbor, so susceptible of being made a first-class harbor, in such a dangerous state, through the negligence and *inertia* of the Grand Trunk Railway Co. whose course in regard to it has been that of 'masterly inactivity', likes the policy of a good many statesmen of the present day. We trust, now that an appropriation has been made for the purpose, that Government will at once commence such dredging and repairs as will allow the "Prince Alfred" or any vessel in distress, to come in with safety. We understand the dredging contract, between Mr. Pierce and the Railway Company, is not to be carried out, and we hope the Government will not delay the expenditure of the sum voted by Parliament.

### Friendly.

The Buffalo *Express* of 18th has the following :—

FENIANIC.—Our Canadian friends across the border appear to be making the necessary preparations to repel the anticipated invasion by General O'Neill and his Fenian followers. Volunteer companies have been called to the front, their gunboats are manned and every needful precaution has been taken to meet the enemy even handed. We see no reason for these precautionary measures, as the Fenian body in this locality appears to be dormant, and there is no unusual stir in their circles. We admire the prompt action taken by the Canadian government, but very much regret the expense they are put to in maintaining these precautionary measures. We have no reason to doubt but that our government and Great Britain are on such amiable terms that any movement on the part of the Fenian organization would be immediately suppressed by President Grant.

### OUR MONEY.

Just as we expected and predicted, friend Hincks' new shin-plaster arrangement is a failure. All it does is to disorganize the business relations of the country without adding any monetary advantages. We deem it absolutely necessary that our business men should meet without delay to decide upon what shall be done in the premises. Who will make the first move?

### Right at Last.

Our Government is, at last to pay the £300,000 to the Hudons Bay Company for any rights they have in the North West territory. This should have been done long ago. Better however late than never. The North West must and shall be ours and the Government should do everything to give the Dominion full control of that territory.

### Rev. A. Sutherland's Lecture.

MEN FOR THE TIMES.—This lecture was delivered in the Wesleyan Church, on Tuesday evening, and was one of the most eloquent and practical of the whole series. The lecturer gave an exhaustive description of the serious nature of the times in which we live, and the principles and training of the men the present emergency requires. He casually administered a telling rebuke on the "masterly inactivity" of the Government in their administration of Red River affairs, and the dishonesty prevailing throughout political and commercial life. Such lectures are very much wanted for the sweetening of the breath of society, and our only regret is that Goderich did itself injustice by only giving the eloquent lecturer a comparatively small audience.

OBITUARY.—We regret to have to record the melancholy death, through consumption, of Mr Michael Campion, at his father's house, in Colborne Township, at the early age of 20. Deceased was for several years in the office of J. B. Gordon, Esq., Barrister, and was one of our most talented and promising law-students; having taken a very high place in the examinations at Toronto. He was of an uncommonly amiable and genial disposition and is deeply regretted by his companions and all with whom he came in contact.

MORE ENTERPRISE. — We understand Standly & Co., propose erecting a new Salt block, beside their Saw-mill and Cooperage; for which they are to be supplied with brine from the Ontario Co. We wish them success.

VERITUS—Your letter was too late in time for this issue.

A NEW REFORM PAPER.—One of the good and encouraging "Signs of the Times" is the rapid increase of Reform Journals throughout Ontario. St. Marys has now a new Weekly called the *Vidette*, published by Canham and White, an enterprising young firm of practical printers. Their first No. is a spicy sheet of good appearance. Brother Belch will have to look sharp.

### Government Defeated.

The attempt of Sir Francis Hinks to legislate several centuries backwards and fix the rate of interest on money borrowed from private individuals at 8 per cent, while allowing corporations to out-Shylock, if they pleased, that well-known usurer, has received a richly merited check.

Hon. Mr. Holton moved that the Bill be referred back to the Committee of the Whole with instructions to provide that 6 per cent. be the maximum rate chargeable by private individuals and corporations alike.

This amendment was carried by a vote of 70 to 67, and the Government was defeated. Sir John A. Macdonald not having this time declared that he would consider an adverse vote tatamount to a declaration of "want of confidence," we suppose Government intend to pocket the humiliation. As the above amendment destroys the intention of the Bill, it will probably be withdrawn; and if it is we shall heartily rejoice. All such legislation has increased instead of lessened the difficulties of the borrower, and no legislation can prevent the lender from preying on the necessities of the borrower, in some shape, if so disposed. At all events, an arrangement only desired by Quebec and distasteful to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Ontario should not be foisted on the Dominion Parliament, but left to the action of the Provincial legislatures.

### What is it?

We have received by mail a printed poem entitled as above. The *what is it* is the Mitchell *Advocate*, but we must refrain from publishing the verses, on account of their extreme personality.

### Mysterious Affair.

A MAN DROWNED IN A CREEK IN COLBORNE.

We have to record a very mysterious affair which occurred on Wednesday last in Colborne. Mr. James Cassidy, a hard working, industrious man, who leaves behind him a wife and five small children, came to an untimely end, as follows :—On Wednesday morning last he left home saying he was going to Goderich to see a doctor about the erysipelas with which he had been troubled for some time. No more was seen of him until Sunday forenoon, when, the neighbors having turned out to search, his body was found by Robt Sallows, his brother-in-law, in a small creek near his home. The water was about two feet deep, and deceased had his arms clasped around a large limb near the bottom.

An inquest was held by Coroner McDougall on the following day, when, after the jury had carefully investigated all the facts, the foreman, John Savage, Esq., delivered their verdict to the effect that deceased came to his death by drowning.

MR. W GOODWIN.—Your poem will appear in Friday's issue.

OBITUARY.—Death is very busy in our midst During the last week the daughter of Mr. Wm. Papst, of this town, Mr. Sant Lamontine (for 25 years a respected resident), the infant son of Mr. Alex. Fraser, the esteemed Deputy Reeve of Ashfield, Mrs. John Kirkpatrick, of Goderich Township, and Miss Victoria Hawkins have all gone; and Mr. James Cassady, of Colborne, came to a melancholy end by drowning.

### The Indignation Resolution.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
Ottawa, 22nd April 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, to acknowledge the receipt through you of a Copy of the Resolutions passed at a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Goderich on the subject of Thomas Scott's Murder at Fort Garry.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
EL. PAREUR,
Under Sec'y of State for Canada.

JAMES YOUNG, Esq.
*Huron Signal* Office,
Goderich, C'ty of Huron, Ont.

☞ The Assizes will open in Goderich on Monday next. The business will be of considerable importance. Our old friend C. Robinson Esq. is to be the Queen's Counsellor.

☞ Judge Black and Father Richot are understood to have had an unofficial interview with the Premier.

☞ The Fenians are said to be plotting in Great Britain. Arms and cartridges belonging to them have been seized in Manchester, Newcastle and Glasgow.

☞ The carriage occupied by the Queen and Princess of Wales was nearly collided with by a runaway team and heavy waggon. The illustrious party was only saved by the skill of their driver.

☞ Riel has issued a proclamation styling himself 'President by the Grace of Providence.' He should have said by the instigation of the Devil.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH CONCERT.—We would beg to remind our readers of this Concert which will take place on Thursday Evening, April, 28th, in Crabb's Victoria Hall. Juding from the programme the affair promises to be the best of the season and as the object is a good one, we hope to see a full house.

### FOR THE FRONT.

Goderich, 25th April, 1870.

BATTALION ORDER.—The following letter is published for information and guidance.

Brigade Office, Stratford,
23rd April, 1870.

SIR,—In compliance with a telegram sent to you yesterday, you will please enlist from your Battalion ten men, volunteers, to go with an expedition now preparing for Red River. the following are the conditions of service: 1. Men to engage for one year or for such longer period as the government may require, but not exceeding two years in all. 2. Rates of pay of non-commissioned officers and men of companies, Col. Sergt. $18 per month, Sergeants $15 per month, Corporals and Buglers $13 per month, Privates $12 per month, with free rations and lodgings. 3. Men to be between 18 and 45 years of age, of good character, amenable to discipline. Those accustomed to Backwoods life to the use of the axe or having a trade preferred, preference given to those intending to settle, married men fit, but no women or children allowed. 4. The men to be mustered at District Head Quarters, not later than 30th April, when they will be medically examined, and if accepted, attested before the Deputy Adjutant General, and where they will be billeted and clothed to await concentration. 5. Each non-commissioned officer and man to be fitted out with a free kit. The Battalion to be clothed as Rifles, and furnished as follows, 1 short Snider Enfield Rifle. Sword, Bayonet, and accoutrements complete, 60 rounds ammunition, 1 knapsack, 1 haversack, 1 water bottle, 1 tin plate and mug, 1 blanket, 1 waterproof sheet, tunic, trowsers, great coat, 1 forage cap, 1 pair beef boots, 1 pair ancle boots, 1 linen blouse and trowsers, and 1 mosquitto net. Free Kit, 3 flannel shirts, 2 pairs socks, 1 pair braces, 2 towels, 1 knife, fork and spoon, with hold all, 1 cloth brush, 2 blacking brushes, 1 comb, 1 box blacking, 1 tin waterproof blacking, 2 darning needles, 1 piece darning yarn, 2 ordinary needles, 1 hank thread, 1 piece soap, and for winter 1 tunic, 1 pair trowsers, 1 fur cap, 1 pair mitts, 2 pairs drawers, 4 undershirts and 1 muffler. 7. The men to be examined medically at their own homes, as should any not be accepted by the Board at London, they will have to return home at their own expence. 8. The men will proceed to London in plain clothes.

By order,
(Signed)
R. S. SERVICE,
Lt. Col. B. Major.

We have reason to believe that the above will be found correct, although we have obtained it as reporters only know how. Five of the men will be taken from the Bayfield Company and five from that of Dungannon. They will be the right men in the right place. No doubt Adjut. Cooke, Lieut. Wilson, Capt. Jackson, and Capt. Mallough will do their duty in the premises well and truly.

### The Lie Direct.

We have been accustomed to look up to Parliament as our model of controversial etiquette, where a remnant of the courtesy of the 'age of chivalry' was still preserved. Sir Francis Hincks, with other noxious ideas, is attempting to introduce into the House of Commons the rude and roystering manners of the Windward Isles, caught from the sailors whose vessels once in a while touched there for water and provisions. Across the floor of the House on Saturday night, he told Mr Holton that he was a 'liar,' in almost so many words. He could not have insulted a braver and manlier member, or one more able and willing to take up the gauntlet.

The speaker ruled that the Finance Minister's language was unparliamentary; so Sir Francis had to retrace and retire into a corner to eat 'humble pie.'

A TOWN HALL FOR GODERICH.—We are glad to hear that the Committee of the Town Council have reported in favor of accepting the offer to the Council from the Mechanics Institute and Sons of Temperance, of $600 in cash and the Grammar School lot and another lot, on condition that the Council will build a Town Hall, in which accomodation will be secured to these bodies.

PENNY READINGS.—Another, of these highly interesting and successful entertainments, is to be given by the Sons of Temperance, in their Hall, on Friday evening at 8 p. m. The programme is equal to the very best of any previous meetings and will deserve a crowded house.

☞ The *Prince Alfred* was detained in the ice on lake Huron for several hours on her passage down from Goderich, but she arrived in Sarnia all right.

☞ The rookery is being invaded every day by a small but determined army, and the pigeons are slain by thousands. Two men from Toronto shipped several barrels of them to that city recently.

BASS-FISHING, we learn, has commenced in our Harbor. We would warn these engaging in it that it is contrary to law till 1st May.

FISHING BOATS. We are sorry to hear that a number of the boats have been caught in the returning ice. If the weather is calm there will not be much danger.

BRITISH EXCHANGE.—We notice this popular hotel is having a balcony erected to the second story. This will be a source of great comfort to boarders, during the summer months.

### EDITORIAL NEWS SUMMARY.

☞ Volunteers for the N. W. are being enrolled in Toronto.

☞ Grant is *not* going to visit Europe.

☞ Agrarian outrages continue in Ireland.

☞ A reportor of the *Telegraph* has been to St Albans, &c., but failed to find any live Fenians.

☞ Four men supposed to be Fenians were arrested at Montreal on the 21st.

☞ The Quebec volunteers have volunteered for Red River service.

☞ Immense damage has been done by the recent freshet all throughout Canada and the States.

☞ The *Telegraph* is pitching into some of the French people of Quebec for their unBritish talk with reference to the Red River troubles.

☞ The Toronto drill shed has not been rebuilt yet. Smart people the Torontonians.

☞ The N. York papers say we sha'nt send our troops through their territory to the Nor'-West. We don't want to.

☞ N. York Fenians are holding another Congress. Wonderful fellows for congressing!

☞ New Brunswickers are denouncing the new tariff arrangements.

☞ The British police is guarding the office of the *Pall Mall Gazette* which is threatened by Fenians.

☞ The Columbian Legislature has rejected the Darien Canal Treaty.

☞ Russia and China have entered into a commercial treaty.

☞ The U. S. are recruiting for their navy and hurriedly fitting up several vessels for service.

☞ No report from Red River Donald yet, notwithstanding John A's assurance that it would be forthcoming.

☞ Riel's delegates have been discharged from custody.

☞ The police of Rome are kept busy hunting and destroying pamphlets issued against the dogma of Infallibity.

☞ The Tyrol is agitating secession from the Church of Rome.

☞ A Philadelphia official is reported to be a defaulter to the tune of $60,000.

☞ A vote of the French people is to be taken, on the 5th May, on the liberalised constitution offered by the Emperor. The labor societies appeal to their members and others to refrain from voting and a grand reunion of working men has passed resolutions favoring a general strike.

☞ President Grant says the States would give their moral support to a Confederation of Cuba, San Domingo and the other West India Islands. Inmoral support would be the better phrase.

☞ The new silver mines at Arizona are claimed to be the richest in the world.—Miners are flocking thither from all directions.

☞ It is reported in official circles that 500 regulars are to accompany the Red River expedition; Lieut. Col. Boulton is appointed Adjutant General on Col. Wolsley's staff; and Capt. "Haw-haw" Cameron has engaged 15 French Canadians as police to watch that famous "blawsted fence."

☞ Dellenbaugh, a notorious quack "German doctor" has been fined $25 at Stratford, for practising medicine without a diploma.

☞ It is rumored, among the well informed, that our Government will pay Riel handsomely to make himself scarce before the arrival of the troops at Red River. Just like them if they did.

☞ The volunteers are getting orders to go home; as the Fenians are not putting in an appearance. Who is to pay the Bill?

☞ Sandfield, the other night in Parliament, said he had not that confidence in the Government some of its regular supporters had. We suppose John S. fights on the Government side as a sort of undisciplined guerilla, and his movements are therefore not to be tested by ordinary rules.

☞ Millions of oysters have been buried to a depth of 9 feet by the shifting of the beach at Far Rockaway.

☞ The octogenarian widow of Sir John Franklin has arrived at San Francisco to enquire into the authenticity of documents reported to exist on the Southern coast, giving a new clue to the fate of her husband.

☞ Since the conviction of Reiffenstein, all the Government officials are said to be minding their p's and q's.

☞ A farmer brought to Detroit, the other day, 100 bushels of wheat, which he sold for $1.13. Three years ago he was offered $3.60 for it and has been waiting ever since to get $4.00. Of course there is nobody like him in the County of Huron.

### THE RED RIVER.

INDIGNATION MEETING IN BLYTH.

On the 20th inst a large and influential meeting of the inhabitants of Morris, East Wawanosh and Hullett was held in the village of Blyth. The day was wet and uncomfortable, but notwithstanding, the people poured into the village from all parts of the surrounding country. The enthusiasm manifested would be cheering to the loyalists in the Red River, if they could but know it. Of the feeling that prevailed at this meeting is general in Canada, as I believe to be the case, especially as regards Ontario, no Canadian Government could stand a day that did not show a will and a determination to restore order in Red River, and bring the murderers there to speedy justice. P Kelley, Esq., occupied the chair. The speakers were the Rev. A McLean and Messrs Holmes Kelly and Shaw. The Rev Mr McLean made a very judicious and excellent speech, on the whole the speaking was patriotic and to the point. The following are the resolutions which will speak for themselves and were passed unanimously.

Moved by T Holmes sec. by L Nethery, Esq. That Ruperts Land naturally belongs to this country and it is the firm resolve of Canada that it must so continue irrespective of any loss of Treasure or blood. Dollars and cents must not be counted in this business; and we fondly indulge the hope that our Government shall now take such energetic and decisive action as may free them from the obloquy of their previous apparent inactivity.

Moved by Dr Sloan, sec. by T. White, Esq. That we deeply and sincerely deplore the murderous doings of the vile Brigand Riel and his assassin gang, but that no matter how caused or brought about patriotism loyalty and honor now point it out as our plain duty to unite and to aid the Government by every means which Providence has placed in our power to put down the disturbances and bring the guilty to justice.

Moved by the Rev A McLean, sec. by C Procter, Esq. That it makes us feel proud of the honor of being British subjects when we read that on the first intimation of the Red River outrages having reached England active preparations were at once set on foot to reach and punish the guilty which shows that the military fire and ardour of old England is not extinct, that the same high spirit which animated her Nelsons and Wellingtons still prevails, and that the same great power which revenged Calcutta and Cawnpore will severely avenge the equally cruel doings at Red River.

### DUNGANNON.

The members of L. O. L. No 1052 have decided upon building an Orange Hall in Dungannon. Messrs Whyard, Glenn and Pentland are the committee to procure materials &c.

Mr. Sproul, who is decidedly the best horticulturalist in Dungannon is importing large quantities of seed potatoes of all descriptions—viz. Early Rose, Goodrich, &c., It is quite a treat to visit this gentlemans gardens during summer.

Mr Kitson is making extensive preparations to manufacture large quantities of Brick during the coming season.

Five men of our Volunteer Company are called on for Red River. A meeting is being held this evening (Monday) to give the boys a chance of deciding who will go.

### East Wawanosh.

Council Room April 19th 1870.

The Council met this day pursuant to adjournment as a Court of Revision and Appeal. All the members present. The following appeals were heard, viz: Thos. M. Thomson on real property which was reduced to $600; Henry Deacon sr. real property—reduced to $400. A. Jackson, real property—reduced to $1300; Jas. Craig, real property—reduced to $650; Mrs. Bain, real property—reduced to $700; and Jas. Fowley junr. real property—reduced to $300.

After the appeals were heard the minutes of last meeting were read and approved. John McGee applied for leave to perform his statute labour on con. 10 & 11, which was granted. The acc't of *Star* office, $18.-50, for printing minutes &c. and advertising Court of Revision, was ordered to be paid.

Only two Tenders were received for the office of Collector—One from Joseph Dunbar $50, and one from Jas. Brown $55, when it was Moved by Mr. Taylor, sec. by Mr. James That Joseph Dunbar be appointed Collector for the current year—Carried. Moved by Mr. Graham, sec. by Mr. McKay. That Mr. Taylor and Mr. James. be authorized to let a job of cutting hills at lot 36. con 4 & 5, on Saturday the 30th inst—Carried. The following officers were appointed for the current year, viz—Pound—Keepers, Henry Lawlor, Adam Hoover, Jas. Yule, Jas. Agnew, Patrick Gibson, Geo. McKay and John Mason. Fence-Viewers, Wm. Deacon, Jas McCourt, Campbell Hannah. Wm. McDowell, Geo. Henry & Geo. Fothergill. Returns, were filled to Department of Agriculture and Public Works for Ontario. The Council then adjourned to meet again on meeting of the Tuesday following the June the County Council.

JAMES TISDALE,
Clerk.

### Jamestown.

This great commercial emporium so much renowned for its rapid increase and enterprising citizens, is admirably situated for internal trade. The scenery is highly pleasing, and the atmosphere pure and healthy; so that we need not be amazed at the wonderful edifices which it contains, when we take all its privileges into consideration. The principal men of business are taking an active part in the opening of the new and important railway line which is understood, by negotiation, to make Jamestown one of the principal stations. But this is not the only resource in view presently; another method has been adopted which is scarcely inferior in its nature, viz: the grand design of cutting a canal in a direct line which will unite this town with the waters of Lake Huron.—The mail-coach runs daily from the Travellers' Home Hotel, to Seaforth; and travellers would find it to their profit and advantage to visit this Hotel, where every accommodation can be obtained. We need scarcely mention, as it is becoming well known, that this place contains some of the most extensive Warehouses in the Dominion.—COM.

### Carrondbrook.

A NIGHT WITH FERGUSON.—On Tuesday evening last the inhabitants of this village were treated to a rare musical entertainment by Mr. Ferguson, the celebrated performer on the Irish pipes. He performed in his best style, and sang in his sweetest voice for over two hours, during which time the entire attention of a numerous and respectable audience was fixed upon the musician, save when he paused and they applauded. He sang many songs, and played various melodies and national airs—French, Scotch, Irish, and English, concluding the programme with 'God save the Queen.' Altogether it was one of those pleasant entertainments which are required to relieve the rigid, business monotony of every day life in a bustling village such as this. When we again hunger for mirth and music, let us hope, with a will, that Mr. F., or some other minstrel with musical talent and humour equal to those of our gifted friend, may come to stir up our drowsy heads and lazy heels.—*Beacon.*

How to fire and fall back—get a gun that kicks.

### The Red River.

MCDOUGALL VS. RICHOT.

To the Editor of the Ottawa Times.

SIR,—My attention has been called to certain statements respecting my conduct in the North-West, published by the Montreal *Daily News* and the Toronto *Leader* on the authority of one of the so-called delegates from Red River, the Rev Mr. Richot. On enquiry I find that these statements were made by Mr. Richot to the editor of a leading French newspaper, who reported them to the correspondents of the journals above-mentioned, and that he vouches for the correctness of the report as published. Under ordinary circumstances, I would allow Mr. Richot to tell as many stories as he pleases to excuse himself and his friends for leading the poor half-breeds of Red River into rebellion, without troubling myself to contradict him; but, as he appears here in the character of a delegate, and, with consummate effrontery, claims to represent the loyal people of the North-West as well as the assassin Riel, and as it is still uncertain whether the country is to be humiliated and disgraced by his reception in that character, I cannot trust him as a common retailer of falsehood. The respect felt for the Order to which he belongs may, I fear, induce some people to believe him.

He is reported to have said :—1st. That the troubles would have been easily allayed at first if Mr. McDougall's party had exercised tact and prudence, and paid any deference to the feelings of the people when Mr. Provencher went forward from Pembina to hold a consultation, &c. 2nd. That he (Mr. Provencher) was sent back to Mr. McDougall accompanied by ten or twelve residents of the Territory, who took with them a letter to Mr. McDougall containing a series of resolutions passed at a public meeting, setting forth their apprehensions respecting the doings of the Surveyors that had been sent out before, and respecting the intentions of Mr. McDougall and his party, and also setting forth what they considered their rights. 3rd. That when the letter was handed to Mr. McDougall he tore it to pieces without reading it. 4th. That those who brought it were indignant, and left without further parley. Father Richot thinks, the reporter adds, that if the matter contained in this letter had been attended to, the fears of the people might easily have been allayed, and further trouble prevented. Now, sir, I am obliged to tell you, and through you the public, that there is not one word of truth in this story from beginning to end. It is an invention pure and simple, and if the other statements of the Reverend Delegate do not come a little nearer the truth I am afraid the government will not be much edified by them. Mr. Provencher's report to me of what took place at his interview with the insurgents at the house of Father Richot directly contradicts the statement now made by the reverend gentleman. As to the possibility of the troubles being easily allayed by any tact or prudence on my part, they told him that the insurrectionary movement had taken such proportions as to prevent any peaceful settlement at present; 'that a new government was already organized, and that they had decided to prevent at once any possibility of establishing the Canadian government, by not allowing the newly-appointed Governor to come in.' Instead of a 'letter containing matter for friendly discussion,' as represented by Father Richot, his 'ten or twelve residents' converted themselves into twenty armed horsemen, and when they reached Pembina delivered a very curt, verbal message, that I and my party must quit the territory by nine o'clock the next morning or take our chance of being shot. They were commanded by Adjutant-General Lepine, the executioner of Scott, and by their violent demonstrations, as the hour for our expulsion drew near, seemed perfectly capable of executing their threat. I received only two letters during the fifty days I remained at Pembina from Father Richot's party; the first was a notice from President Bruce and Scretary Riel, forbidding me to enter the territory. It was put into my hands by a half-breed while I was passing my goods at the American custom-house, and is still in my possession. The other reached me through Mr. Provencher, and was written, as I am informed, by Father Richot himself. In it he states that if 'I had left on receiving the friendly visit of Lepine and his residents' the difficulties could have been settled quite easily; and after threatening that his half-breeds, if coerced, would take to the praries and prevent all approach by destroying the telegraph and railroads, he kindly informed me that 'if I enter the territory I will be shot immediately, and that my principal friends and supporters here are on the eve of being massacred.' I have no doubt that Father Richot now rejoices that these blood-thirsty decrees were not executed, for he has probably discovered that even one 'massacre' has not helped his cause.

I am, &c., WM. MCDOUGALL.
Ottawa, April 16th, 1870.

### Crime in Ireland.

A correspondent of the *Montreal Witness* gives the following statistics:—"The charges of the Judges of the Assizes, who have just gone the circuit, present a picture of the social condition of the country which must make every lover of it despair. Thus in Cav