DOMINION NEWS.

A Record of the Week's Events in Canada.

ONTARIO.

Belleville post-office will probably be removed to the new Government building next week.

Hastings County Council on Saturday resolved to memorialize the Ontario Legislature in favour of woman suffrage.

Welland County Council has resolved to memorialize the Ontario Legislature to adopt a measure granting the suffrage to women.

School teachers have been appointed in Kingston for 1884. The salaries amount to $16,525. In 1883 the amount was $16,375.

John McAdam, of London township, lost a valuable horse a few days ago from scarlet fever, a disease that has recently appeared.

Steps are being taken towards the submission of the Scott Act to the electors of the united counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

Mr. G. W. Ross, Mr. Mowat's new Minister of Education, has been nominated to oppose Mr. Alex. Johnston for the local election in West Middlesex.

A meeting of Mr. David Plews' creditors was held at Brantford on Saturday, when it was decided to accept the offer of forty cents on the dollar, payable in one and two years.

John Murphy, station agent on the Grand Trunk railway at Bowmanville, died there on Sunday from bleeding at the lungs. He was quite well just before the attack, and did not rally.

Hon. Mr. Bowell and family left Belleville on Monday evening for Los Angeles, California, where Mrs. Bowell will remain during the winter for the benefit of her health.

The funeral of ex-Ald. Lindley at Brantford on Friday last was very large. The deceased was a member of the Masonic and Foresters societies, and was buried with the honours of those orders.

The Bailey branch of the Salvation Army were rotten-egged at Dorchester on Saturday night by a gang of roughs. Mrs. Bayley got an ancient bee in her bonnet, and others received marks which will not easily wash off.

Farmers back of Kingston are greatly incensed at the wanton slaughter of deer by a party of American hunters who recently visited the district, and intend to take steps to secure legislative action for its prevention.

The joint committee on the Hastings Industrial farm met in Belleville the other night, and resolved to postpone acting until after the opinion of the people has been ascertained in the forthcoming municipal election canvass.

Hon. Mr. McLelan is Acting Minister of Customs in the absence of Hon. Mr. Bowell, who will be away a fortnight or more in consequence of the state of Mrs. Bowell's health requiring her removal for the winter to a milder climate.

Intercessory services for the Bishop of Huron were held in St. Paul's church, Clinton, on St. Andrew's day, and there were services in other parishes also, an evidence that a welcome will be given to Bishop Baldwin on all sides.

The celebrated cedar swamp of Biddulph, so much heard of in connection with the Donnelly tragedy, will soon be a thing of the past. The proprietor, John Dignan, of London, has sold the timber as it stands for two thousand dollars, and the purchaser is to completely clear the ground.

A young girl aged about 16, an adopted daughter of Joseph Wren, of West Nissouri, while churning on Thursday evening complained of a severe pain in the head. Dr. Murray, of Thorndale, was sent for, but she was dead before he arrived. Cause, rupture of blood vessel on the brain.

John Hunter, a young Englishman just out, met Bridget McNamara at a wedding recently in Hamilton, was smitten, proposed, and a wedding was arranged for, but Bridget did not show up, and John now accuses the girl, who has been arrested, of stealing $30 from him, which she denies.

Wentworth County Council met Monday. Among the communications presented was one from the president of the Women's Suffrage Association, requesting the Council to petition the Ontario Legislature to grant the political and municipal franchise to women on the same terms as men. No action has yet been taken upon it.

The Liberal-Conservative Association of the township of Tay, East Simcoe, held its annual meeting in the village of Victoria Harbour on Monday, the 19th ult. There was a good attendance considering the bad state of the roads. The following officers were elected:—James Elliot, president; Walter Lawson, vice-president; John McDermott, treasurer; F. G. M. Fraser, secretary.

Two engines and a large staff of men are pushing the Ontario and Quebec west of Peterboro'. Tracklaying is proceeding rapidly, and if the present open weather continues for a few weeks longer, trains will be able to run from Toronto to that place before Christmas, and by the time the iron is laid on the bridge at Peterboro' the track will be ballasted from Toronto to Perth, and trains can run from Toronto to Ottawa.

The commandants of the new military schools about to be opened in the Dominion, who were in Ottawa for some time past making arrangements for their internal working, have prepared a report and laid it before Hon. A. P. Caron, Minister of Militia, for his approval. It is anticipated that about 100 recruits will be taken into each of the three infantry schools, and about 50 in the cavalry school. Recruiting will be proceeded with at once.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the friends of Dr. Wylie, in North Sunnidale, was held at the residence of Mr. H. Jones, when the North Sunnidale Liberal-Conservative Association was formed, with Mr. Francis Willmott for president; Geo. Moir, Esq., 1st vice-president; Wm. Forgie, Esq., 2nd vice-president; Thomas Matthews, Esq., secretary-treasurer. A large and active working committee was formed, and from the enthusiasm displayed throughout the whole meeting the popular doctor may be sure that North Sunnidale will do its duty.

The Methodist Educational Commission the other evening instructed the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, secretary, to convey to Mr. Wm. Gooderham their high appreciation of his very generous offer of a beautiful site of 11 acres of land and a donation of $20,000 for buildings and endowment, for the use of Victoria University. While at this juncture the commission could not pronounce definitely in regard to the proposed change of location of the University, they sincerely hoped that the generous offer would remain open for a time until the matter could be definitely considered and decided.

It is claimed that the admission of Mr. G. W. Ross into the Ontario Cabinet is an improvement because he is not a lawyer. Those who make this claim are evidently unaware that Mr. Ross was made a semi-lawyer by an Act of the Legislature last session. That is what qualifies him for his office. It is a cardinal principle of Mr. Mowat to have but one layman in the Cabinet of six. The lawyers in the Cabinet are Messrs. Mowat, Fraser, Hardy, and Pardee. Mr. G. W. Ross is becoming a lawyer by a short cut. Mr. A. M. Ross is the only layman in the Ministry.

At a meeting of the directors of the West York and Vaughan Agricultural Societies, held at Woodbridge Monday, it was moved by N. C. Wallace, M.P., and seconded by John P. Bull, "That this meeting has heard with the deepest regret of the decease of Mr. Jacob Burkholder, who for more than twenty years, as vice-president and director, has taken a deep interest and active part in promoting the prosperity of this association. That we desire to convey to Mrs. Burkholder and her family our sympathy in their loss of a kind husband and affectionate father, and this association deplores the loss of a firm friend, whose services have always been cheerfully given for the promotion of all its objects." The motion was carried and the secretary instructed to have it engrossed and presented to Mrs. Burkholder.

Recovery of Darling's Jewellery.

HAMILTON, Dec. 4.—News was received here to-day that the jewellery stolen from Darling, of Simcoe, had been returned to him with the exception of $400. Mr. Jackson, counsel for Almond and Lawlor, was the man who gave up the jewellery. He denies that Lawlor smuggled, or that Almond had anything to do with the burglary.

Petition to the Governor-General for Commutation of Hardinge's Sentence.

WINDSOR, Nov. 29.—Mr. Sol. White, M.P.P., last night sent a numerously signed petition to the Governor-General for a commutation of the sentence of Harry Hardinge, the condemned murderer. Hardinge has been kept locked in a cell since his accomplice Greenwood escaped, and not allowed to communicate with the other prisoners.

Rewards for Saving Life.

The Department of Marine has forwarded to the Mayor of Toronto a handsome binocular glass with suitable inscription to be presented to Mr. Frank Tinning, in recognition of his humane and successful effort to save two men from drowning last October at Waubashene, described in THE MAIL of the 29th of October last.

The department has also forwarded to Speaker Kirkpatrick a silver watch, with inscription, for presentation to Michael Troy, of Wolfe Island, for saving several lives, as detailed in THE MAIL.

Provincial Appointments.

His honour the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments, viz.:—

Thomas Parks, Esq., barrister-at-law, and Charles Henderson, Esq., solicitor of the Supreme Court of Ontario, both of the city of Toronto, in the county of York, to be notaries public in and for the Province of Ontario.

Edwin Hanson, of the city of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, Esq., to be a commissioner for taking affidavits in and for that part of the Dominion of Canada called Quebec, for use in the courts of Ontario.

Napoleon Fink, Esq., to be Inspector of Licenses in and for the license district of Nipissing, in the room and stead of Bernard John Mulligan, Esq., resigned.

Mary Bell Tried and Released.

The following was received from Guelph on Monday:—Miss Mary Bell, the young lady who dressed in men's clothes, hired a horse and buggy, and endeavoured to dispose of the same, appeared before Judge Drew today, when the last scene in her unfortunate case was enacted. She was very becomingly attired, and the witnesses had doubts as to her being the same person they had sworn to before. She was found guilty on one count, that of trying to sell the horse. His Honour refrained from passing sentence, saying he would merely bind the prisoner in her own recognizances to appear whenever required, adding that the Crown would never call on her for sentence if her conduct in the future would be the same as it was up to the time when she committed the act.

Rival Religious Organizations.

At present there are lively times at Harrowsmith, where the Saved Army are operating. A red ribbon army, the same as the skeleton army in England, has been organized, and they steal the benches out of the hall and kick up a general row during meetings. To increase the excitement the Saved Army officers and the Methodist Episcopal clergymen are at loggerheads, and great rivalry exists. Rev. Mr. McQuade, in writing about the matter, says:—"Who are the Saved Army? Where are their vouchers? At what ecclesiastical court were they originated? Who says to a person of disreputable character, 'To-day stand on the platform in the garb of a preacher?' It strikes us like an excellent system of gospel tramps. While we arraign no personal nor private character, the above is in the main what we know to be the principles of the Saved Army."

The George Brown Statue.

The pedestal of the statue which is to be erected to the memory of the Hon. George Brown was recently placed on the site selected for it in the Queen's park, Toronto. It is of unpolished International grey granite, from the quarries on Lake Memphremagog, six miles south of Newport, Vt. A firm foundation has been obtained on a rising mound about fifty yards east of the volunteers' monument. The base of the pedestal is octagonal, and rises in two steps. The shaft is perfectly circular, and facing the south appears in raised letters the name of the deceased statesman. The total height of the pedestal is eleven and a half feet. The whole of the workmanship has been done by Mr. R. Forsythe, of the International Granite Works, Montreal, who has personally superintended the erection, and it is very creditable to him. The statue itself, which is to be ten feet high, will not be completed until next year.

A Deputy Reeve Accused of Perjury.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The preliminary examination into the charge of perjury brought against James Legg, deputy reeve of London East, commenced this morning before P. M. Parke. The charge was of a serious character, it being alleged that Benjamin D. Legg, son of defendant, was the defendant in a breach of promise suit for $6,000 brought against him by Anna Sherlock, whom he is alleged to have seduced. Through the medium of James Legg a settlement was effected, and it was claimed that the young woman was concealed in his house for days before the time of the trial. A subpœna was served upon James and Benjamin Legg, calling upon them to produce the young woman, when they made affidavit that they did not know where she was. The evidence adduced was very contradictory, and at its conclusion an enlargement for a week was granted to produce more witnesses. Anna Sherlock repeated her testimony in the case against Benjamin Legg, and an enlargement was also had in it for a similar time.

A Sad Sequel.

Two weeks ago a report was published of a serious accident to a man named James Brady, who, in jumping from a Credit Valley railway train at the foot of Tecumseth street, fell and had one leg nearly severed from his body. Following this report came an account of a mistake which, if it were not for the sad circumstances surrounding the incident, would have been laughable. It was stated how an elderly couple had been informed that their son Michael had been run over by a train and fatally injured, and further related that the father and mother had hurried to the hospital, where the sufferer had been conveyed, and there remained for hours carefully tending him, and enlisting the good offices of the regular attendants in sympathy with their overflowing grief. Leaving the hospital they were startled to meet their son, who, being informed of the mistake which his parents had been led into, was hastening to assure them that he was safe and sound. The elderly couple were Mr. and Mrs. Owen Cosgrove. But although Mr. Cosgrove then learned that the injured man was no kin to him he did not forget the poor sufferer. Having once supposed him to be his son he continued to act as a father to him until the last scene, which was witnessed on Monday afternoon. He visited the hospital daily to enquire after Brady, but the latter, in addition to the shock sustained by the amputation of a leg, had received internal injuries, and he remained unconscious until a short time before his death, which occurred on Friday. When Mr. Cosgrove was informed of this event he made an effort to find Brady's relatives, and as the search was in vain he notified the hospital authorities that he would provide for and see after the funeral of the deceased. He kept his word to the letter, and on Monday afternoon the remains of James Brady were interred in St. Michael's cemetery.

Attempted Abduction of a Clergyman's Daughter.

KINGSTON, Nov. 30.—Great excitement was caused in the village of Odessa by the attempted abduction of a respectable young lady, the daughter of Rev. T. H. Macdonald, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, by a young man of the village named Samuel Hill. The young lady was at church, but was sent out by the chorister to obtain a book from the parsonage, which is immediately adjoining, which was required in the service. As she was turning the corner she was stopped by Hill, and under threats of violence accompanied him a short distance up the road, where she was told to remain until he got a horse to

DRIVE HER OFF.

As soon as she was left alone she ran home and gave the alarm. Service in the church was abruptly broken off, and the young man was arrested by the indignant father, assisted by a few of his parishioners, while in the act of getting out of his rig. A previous intimacy had existed between the parties, but was broken off as soon as it came to the ears of the young lady's parents, and it was thought he had abandoned his intentions. Even at that time, however, he had made threats of vengeance. It has transpired that Hill went on to Yarker on Friday last and obtained a marriage license from Mr. J. A. Shibley, and that his act was in accordance with carefully laid plans. Hill has had rather

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in the past, having spent a month in gaol two years ago for theft, but having joined the Saved Army it was thought he had reformed. The intimacy first began between the parties while Mr. Macdonald was away from home on a visit about two months ago; the young lady, who is a teacher of music, had Hill as one of her pupils. It is a most unfortunate affair, as the girl is only sixteen years of age, and much sympathy is expressed for the parents. Hill has been committed to stand his trial on a charge of perjury for making a false declaration to get a license, and also on the charge of abduction. He was taken to Napanee on Tuesday night.

Notices and Appointments from the Canada Gazette.

Hon. J. O'Connor's appointment as Commissioner for the Consolidation of the Statutes, *vice* J. Cockburn, deceased, is gazetted.

His Honour Charles R. Horne, Judge of the County Court of Essex, is appointed a Surrogate Judge of the Maritime Court.

John Cape, of Winnipeg, is gazetted Measuring Surveyor of Shipping, under the provisions of the Imperial Colonial Shipping Act, 1868, and the Canadian Act, of 1873.

Jas. McCready, of Clifton, Nova Scotia, to be outpost Collector of Customs.

John A. Grose, Montreal, is gazetted special preventive officer in the Customs.

Richard Tobin, of the Mouth of St. Francis, N.B., is appointed preventive officer.

J. Irvine, W. Burney, of Moncton, N.B., is gazetted Collector of Customs.

Peter Le Gros, Gaspé Basin, is appointed landing water and searching clerk.

A proclamation is published putting in force the Act to incorporate the Grange Trust, limited, from and after the 1st of January, 1884.

An order-in-Council is published declaring Cascumpec, N.B., and Cockburn Island, Ont., to be outports of Customs.

The Loyal Orange Association give notice of intention to apply to Parliament next session for an Act of Incorporation.

Parties in Winnipeg give notice of intention to apply for an Act of Incorpation for the San Francisco, Winnipeg, and Hudson Bay Railway Company.

Applications for charters are published from the Halifax Mutual Marine Insurance, the Atlantic Marine Insurance, and the Nova Scotia Marine Companies.

The Canadian Pacific railway intend to apply for power to purchase, construct, or guarantee the securities of branch lines.

The Atlantic and North-Western railway will apply for Parliamentary sanction of the arrangement with the Canada Pacific and Ontario and Quebec railways.

Mr. Stairs and others, of Halifax, give notice of intention to apply for the incorporation of the Halifax Ocean Steam Navigation Company.

The Manitoba and South-Western railway will apply for an extension of the period for construction, and authority to sell or lease the same.

QUEBEC.

The municipality of Sorel has given a bonus of $5,000 to a company for manufacturing Canadian tobacco in that town.

Mr. Philip Drolart, a farmer of Lorette, died suddenly while on his way to town the other morning. Feeling ill he called at a neighbour's house, and immediately expired.

Rev. Dean Baldwin, of Montreal, was on Thursday presented with addresses from the Bishop and clergy of the diocese and the members of his congregation, the former being accompanied with a magnificent tea and coffee service. The dean, in acknowledging the addresses, was almost overcome by his emotion.

Mr. E. Lemieux, of St. Magliore, De Bellechasse, expired the other morning under very suspicious circumstances. It appears that on Monday night he met one Carrier of the same place, when a dispute occurred between them arising out of a political quarrel of some years standing. What followed immediately after has not transpired, but report says that Carrier admits having struck the deceased on the head with the handle of his whip. An inquest is being held.

Hon. Mr. Starnes, Minister of Railways, arrived in Montreal recently, and on being interrogated denied emphatically that the Premier intended abandoning his frail bark until he got through the next session, which would be opened in the middle of February. The Cabinet, he remarked, was a unit in support of Mr. Mousseau as leader, and they would meet the Legislature with a scheme of economy that the thirty-five of a Conservative majority would undoubtedly give a cordial support to.

Mysterious Disappearance of a Merchant—Financial Embarrassment the Alleged Cause.

MONTREAL, Dec. 4.—A sensation has been created here by the mysterious disappearance of Mr. H. Prevost, the head of the firm of H. Prevost & Co., of Wellington street, lamp and chandelier manufacturers. It is stated that the crossing the line into Massachusetts has arisen from some unwise financing he has done here without his partner's knowledge by giving a chattel mortgage to F. X. Beaudry, a noted bill discounter. It is said to be coming due immediately, and hence the hasty departure of the gentleman. The manufactory is going on, and his partner, who is not long in the firm, will likely continue the business, as he is wealthy and enterprising.

Meeting of Shareholders of the Exchange Bank.

MONTREAL, Dec. 4.—The attention of the citizens was absorbed to the exclusion of everything else here to-day by the meeting of the shareholders of the Exchange Bank, who were called by order of the court to nominate liquidators for winding up the wrecked and bankrupt institution. Intense interest has been manifested not only by capitalists but by all classes to learn the developments that have been so long and anxiously waited for. The excitement and anxiety were intensified by a well-founded report that became current that the prime factor in bringing the bank to grief had absconded across the line, where all robbers are in the habit of going for an asylum from this side. After a heated discussion the directors appointed themselves liquidators of the bankrupt institution.

Important Decision Respecting Foreign Insurance Companies in Canada.

MONTREAL, Nov. 30.—A case of importance to life insurers in foreign companies doing business in the Dominion has just been decided in the Court of Queen's Bench (appeal side (here. The question in dispute was whether the Canadian policy-holders in the Globe Mutual of New York, now in liquidation, were entitled to be paid in full valuation of their policies out of the deposit of $100,000 in the hands of the Dominion Government before the policy-holders in the United States can rank on the deposit. The Superior Court first gave judgment in favour of Wells, the plaintiff, on the ground that the company was not acting on the mutual principle. This judgment has now been unanimously ratified by the Chief Justice and the full Court of Appeal.

The company commenced business here in 1873, making its deposit with the Government in the terms of the Insurance Act at the same time. In May, 1879, the company was declared insolvent in the court of New York, and assignees were appointed there, and for Canada also under the authority of a Canadian Act. The respondent made a dividend sheet collocating the Canadian policyholders for the full net or reserve value of their policies on the deposit in Ottawa. Thereupon the appellant intervened, and contended that the policy-holders in Canada had no special rights over the Canada deposit except to the payment out of that fund of the share to which they were legally entitled under the law of New York; that by such law they were partners or shareholders in a mutual company, and that therefore they had reciprocal obligations to all the other mutual policy holders, whether domiciled in Canada or elsewhere, if there was a deficit, and that the Canada deposit was an asset for them all rank on.

The judgment was confirmed, but the case will likely go to the Privy Council in London, as there are a great many interested in upholding the judgments here.

THE NORTH-WEST.

Gribbon, who was arrested at Brandon, is not the murderer of Bell, as had been supposed.

Fifty-nine per cent. of the land taken up in Manitoba is ploughed and backset. Only twenty-nine per cent. was in that shape this time last year.

Jacob Gribbon, who escaped from the Winnipeg penitentiary while serving a life term for the murder of Daniel Bell there in 1878, after two years' imprisonment, has been captured at Brandon.

The case of contempt on the part of the Grit officials in Rat Portage in ignoring the writ of *habeas corpus* issued by the Manitoba court was recently enlarged for a fortnight pending the conference between Mr. Miller and Mr. Mowat in Toronto.

A general reduction in the wages of the hands employed by the Canada Pacific railway has been made at Winnipeg. The boiler makers have struck against the reduction, and there are rumours of a general strike, but it is considered improbable.

Superintendent Egan, of the Canada Pacific railway, in reply to a delegation of southern Manitoba farmers, assured them that Messrs. Ogilvie had no monopoly of elevators on the road, and that they had a right to erect a flat warehouse at Manitou for the purpose of shipping from there frozen wheat or coarse grain. That to assist those who had their grain injured by frost the railway company had reduced the tariff twenty per cent. to those shipping to distant points, and had asked the line south also to make a reduction. That the line south had modified its previous order so that in future there would be no reason to complain of want of foreign cars for the shipment of wheat to Ontario.

The Galt Coal Mines.

A *Gazette* representative recently paid a visit to the coal banks, thirty miles below McLeod, and through the courtesy of Mr. Stafford, the foreman, who conducted him through the mine, was enabled to witness the progress of the work. There are two main tunnels, each 400 feet long, let into the side of the bank, with several branches. These branches are at regular intervals of 60 feet, and form an acute angle to the main tunnel on the one side, and an obtuse angle on the other. After the branches have penetrated a certain distance, another tunnel is made, parallel to the main one, connecting the branches; from this more branches are made, 30 feet apart, and so on. There is therefore a perfect network of tunnels under the ground. Combining all of them, there are now about 1,500 feet of tunnelling. The seam of coal is five feet thick, and runs horizontally, extending in a solid bed in every direction. Tracks are laid in each tunnel, and cars convey the coal to the mouth of the mine. The roof is being considerably heightened, and trestle work put in, so that horse power may be utilized. Enough coal is being taken out for the home consumption, but later on preparations will begin to be made for exporting by the railroad, which it is expected will be at the mines by next September. At the present time thirty men are employed, twelve of whom are practical miners. Good accommodation is provided for them, there being a large dining hall and kitchen, with a sleeping room overhead. Mr. Stafford is the foreman, and our representative begs to thank him and all connected with the mine for kind attention while there. He has a storey and a half frame house, and is very comfortably settled. Captain Bryant, the manager, has a neat story and a half frame house nearly completed. A stable and a large storehouse are in course of erection, the former 15x100. A tower site is to be laid out this winter on the high bench overlooking the river, and will be called Lethbridge.—*Fort McLeod Gazette.*

MARITIME PROVINCES.

A St. John, N.B., clergyman, who preached in the New Brunswick Provincial Lunatic Asylum a few Sundays ago, earnestly appealed to his hearers to avoid the folly, and possibly the sin, of running around from church to church instead of attending their own particular place of worship. The rev. gentleman had evidently got hold of the wrong manuscript for the congregation, or the wrong congregation for the manuscript. At all events the affair was a clerical error.

Death of a Young Woman Under Sad Circumstances.

From the Halifax Star.

A young woman, aged about 23 years, second daughter of Mr. Thos. Steen, of Campbellford, died very suddenly on Friday evening last under very distressing circumstances. It appears the young woman had been keeping company with a heartless villain by the name of Truesdale, who through promise of marriage succeeded in effecting her ruin. A child was born about five weeks ago. Truesdale was still in the habit of visiting the house of her parents and renewing his promises that as soon as she was strong enough, etc., they would be married; these promises were kept up till the day before her death, when on that day he was married to another in the city of Belleville. On the following day Miss Steen became acquainted with the news, and after partaking of her supper in her usual health retired for the night, but in approaching her bedroom in company with her sister, staggered and fell, when the vital spark fled in a few seconds without even a struggle. Her remains were interred at the west burying ground on Sunday last, and were followed by a large number of relatives and friends. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents in this their sad affliction.

CRIMES.

Mrs. John Kleier, of Berlin, Ont., aged about seventy, who has not been of very sound mind for some time past, hung herself on Saturday. She placed a picket of the fence across the staircase, attached a rope to it, and jumped into eternity. An inquest was not deemed necessary.

Bridget McNamara was courted by John Hunt, of Hamilton. They were sitting lovingly together when Bridget asked, "Have you any money?" John showed her three ten dollar bills and put them back in his pocket. Soon after Bridget left him, and so did the money. The girl was committed for trial on Saturday.

A man entered Henry Lashley's store at Elgin one night recently, and presenting a revolver at the proprietor demanded his money. Mr. Lashley's son grabbed the revolver and closed with the man, who finally escaped, and afterwards stole a horse from a neighbouring farm and rode to Singleton's Corners, where the animal was found. No further traces of the scoundrel have been found, and the residents are greatly excited.

During the past few months a number of robberies have been committed in the neighbourhood of Douglas and Eganville. Some weeks ago a young man named Wm. George was robbed of $75 and an India rubber coat, and suspicion rested on a man named Martin Mulvahill, residing near Douglas. He was arrested on the charge of stealing the coat, and acknowledged that he also stole the money. He is now in gaol awaiting trial.

Burglary of a Store and Post Office.

ZEPHYR, Dec. 3.—The store and post-office belonging to E. & D. Hagerman, Zephyr, township of Scott, was broken into by burglars on Saturday night, and a quantity of goods taken out, also $6 or $7 in cash, it being silver and coppers which were left in the tills. They also entered the post-office and took a quantity of stamps. It seems evident that they were in search of money, as they did not take away a great quantity of goods.

Highwaymen near Toronto.

A most daring highway robbery was perpetrated Monday evening on the lake shore road, not far from Toronto. The victim, Thomas Marvin, is a farmer residing near Port Credit. He had been in the city with a load of produce, and was on his way home. Just as he had crossed the railway track a man sprang from behind a tree and seized his horses, while another pointed a revolver at him, and with a companion climbed into the waggon and grappled with Mr. Marvin. A scuffle ensued in which the unfortunate man was badly beaten, and after being dragged out of the waggon his pockets were rifled of $35 in cash, a marked cheque on the Imperial Bank for $19, and a silver watch and gold chain. Mr. Marvin's cries attracted the attention of Mr. John Duck, of the Humber hotel, who was driving home at the time. He hastened up to see what was wrong, and was just in time to see one of the highwaymen jump over the railway fence. The other two also made good their escape by taking refuge in High park. The cheque, together with the watch and chain, were found where the thieves had dropped them. Both Mr. Duck and Mr. Marvin say they can recognize the ruffians should they ever meet.

CASUALTIES.

Andrew Moffatt, aged 83, who resided near Wanbuno, North Dorchester, received a kick from a horse on Wednesday, and has since died.

While Mr. J. H. Rumohr was engaged a few days ago in cutting wood near Edgar station, Essex county, a limb fell upon him, crushing his skull and causing instant death.

William H. Freer was found cut up by an engine in the Grand Trunk yards, St. Thomas, recently. He had been working at the Queenston quarries, and has a wife and family at Lapeer county, Michigan.

Joseph Whitcomb, working at Arnold's saw mill, Mount Brydges, recently met with a serious accident. While shoving a truck laden with lumber along an elevated tramway (14 feet high) the timbers gave way, and he and the load were precipitated below. He escaped with a broken leg.

George Scott, of Eramosa township, who was thrown from his waggon on Thursday by the horses running away through the falling of the tongue from the neck-yoke, died from his injuries on Friday. Deceased was eighty years of age, and emigrated from Roxburghshire, Scotland, forty years ago.

Mr. Downley, of Dorchester, while driving home from Nilestown the other day had a narrow escape from drowning. He undertook to ford the river, but the current being strong forced the horses and waggon down stream, and it was after great difficulty that he and the team were landed safely on shore again. A quantity of grain was spoiled.

Mason Egliston, of Dixville, Que., took the mixed train from Coaticooke for home one afternoon last week. While passing from one car to another he slipped and fell between the cars, which passed over him, severing one leg from his body and otherwise cutting and bruising him, causing his death shortly afterwards. He was said to be under the influence of liquor.

While Mr. George Scott, an old resident of Eramosa, was driving into Guelph, accompanied by his step-daughter Miss Black, the waggon tongue fell from the neck yoke, causing the horses to run away, and both were thrown out. Miss Black escaped with slight injuries, but Mr. Scott was so seriously hurt about the head and body that he now lies in a critical condition, with little hope of recovery.

On Saturday Frank Angus, a farmer from Scarboro, brought a load of hay to Toronto and sold it to the landlord of the Commercial hotel. In the evening he started from the city on his way home. On Sunday morning his body was found near his waggon on the road near Scarboro'. Life had evidently been extinct for some hours and it is supposed that the horses became frightened, ran away, upset the vehicle, and threw out the driver, thus causing his death.

On Saturday evening a man named Dempsey, a moulder, of Fort Wayne, Ind., met with a terrible death on the rail at St. Thomas. He had evidently been walking from London to that place along the London and Port Stanley railway, and on reaching the V switch leading to the air line a freight train approached, when he stepped off upon the eastern Y, thinking that the train would continue along the main line, but it passed upon the Y, and before he detected his danger he was struck by the engine, thrown down, and several cars passed over his legs, mangling them so fearfully as to render amputation of both limbs necessary. The unfortunate man claimed to hail from Galt, but refused to give any account of himself, and expired in a few hours.

Killed Himself Accidentally.

PICTON, Dec. 4.—This morning Mr. Wakeman Losee, a retired farmer living in Picton, accidentally ran a sharp shoe-knife in his thigh, severing an artery, from the effects of which he bled to death. Mr. Losee was about 65 years old and highly respected. He retired from his farm about three years ago and came to Picton to reside.

Broke His Neck.

WATFORD, Dec. 3.—Mr. Alexander Spaulding, of the sixth line of Brooke, while going home on Saturday night in company with some others, drove over the end of a culvert, when he and Robert Johnston were thrown out. Spaulding fell upon his head, breaking his neck, and died instantly. He leaves a wife and ten children to mourn his untimely end.

Fatal Tooth-Pulling.

BERLIN, Nov. 29.—This afternoon Mrs. Rossenberger, of new Dundee, came to Berlin to have some teeth extracted. She was placed under the influence of chloroform, and in a few minutes it was seen that she was in imminent danger. Every means of resuscitation was resorted to without avail, and she died at one o'clock. Deceased was about twenty-five years of age, and leaves a husband and two small children.

Barking Dog—Kicking Horse—Injured Boy

LONDON, Dec. 3.—Last Thursday afternoon Cecil, the four-year-old son of John Sifton, of Westminster, while playing around the yard chasing a dog, met with a terrible accident. The barking of the dog frightened a horse that was near by, and it kicked out, striking the little fellow on the head, crushing the skull both at the front and back. Up to this afternoon the child was still living, but unconscious, and there is hardly a hope of his recovery.

Drowned in Toronto Bay.

Another name has been added to the long list of deaths from drowning in the bay at Toronto. This time the victim is an old man named James Parks, aged 63, a tailor, residing at 163 Terauley street, who left home on Sunday afternoon. About half-past seven Watchman Henderson heard a splash in the water at the foot of Brock street, and hastened out to the wharf to investigate. He noticed something floating in the water, and with the assistance of another watchman named Thomas Coston, went out to see what it was. It turned out to be a coat, and lying beneath in only two feet of water was the body of Parks. The body was taken ashore, and every effort at resuscitation was made but without success. The police were notified, and Constables Archibald and McKee were despatched to remove the remains. On searching the body they found $35 in money in the pockets, together with a card bearing the name "James Parks," and another from L. O. L. 212. Instead of taking the body to the morgue it was sent to the late residence of the deceased on Terauley street. His wife died about a year ago, and he leaves a family of three or four young children.

FIRES.

The barns and sheds of Hugh McDonald, township of Murray, were burned the other morning, together with the implements and a quantity of grain.

A fire broke out in Cobourg the other morning about half-past eleven in a two-storey brick building owned by Mr. Doody, north of the Grand Trunk station, on Division street. The wind was blowing a gale, and it was impossible to save the building, which was destroyed with part of its contents. Loss about $4,000; insured in the Royal for $2,500.

A fire was discovered the other day at the chemical works, Deseronto. The flames had gained so much headway that the engines were of little use. Some explosions occurred which shook the east end of the town, supposed to have been caused by barrels of naphtha. The building was totally destroyed, but the machinery is not damaged much. The cause of the fire is not known, although three men were working in the building all night. Loss about $12,000; insurance, $6,000.

Printing Office Destroyed.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Nov. 30.—The office of the Algoma *Pioneer* was totally destroyed by fire between five and six this morning. Nothing was saved. Winter stock sufficient to serve until June or July, presses, type, &c., are all gone, together with the papers of the Division Court from 1858 to date. Loss on stock, $2,000; building, $800; no insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. No fire or lights were left burning in the building, and the stove fire was carefully extinguished before the workmen left the composing room. McDougall's store, adjoining, was saved, but the stock is badly wrecked through recklessness in removing it. The building in which the fire occurred was surrounded with buildings, and the town has narrowly escaped what might have been a disastrous conflagration.

Narrow Escape of Two Families.

MONTREAL, Dec. 1.—A fire that illumined the whole western end of the city broke out at 12 o'clock this morning in a three-storey house on Napoleon road, occupied by two families named Lafortune and Annissée. The families had retired for the night, and when an explosion on the lower flat awakened them the house was filled with smoke. In one of the families there were four small children, and in the other was the sick wife of the owner. To get these all out with the blaze creeping up was a dangerous business. There was no time to dress anyone, and all had to rush out in a partial state of nudity, and take refuge in a house some distance off. The dwelling was of wood, partly cased with brick. In a short time the whole house was a mass of ruins, and not a single article of any kind was saved. The aggregate loss is estimated at $2,500; insured by Lafortune for $600 and by Annissée for $500. It was a fortunate escape for the inmates, as in a few moments longer they would have been swallowed up in a vortex of fire.

MOWAT DOES GO.

He Orders the Evacuation of Rat Portage—Pattullo Sneaks Out of the Town—The Special Constables Duped and Ignominiously Dismissed.

RAT PORTAGE, Nov. 30.—The law-abiding citizens of this town have had a genuine surprise. No, the Mowat officials have not committed any further depredations; they have not threatened any further acts of violence. These would not be subjects for astonishment. The surprise is caused by the sudden cessation of hostilities, the sneaking away of the pompous and offensive Brigadier Pattullo, and the dismissal of all but two of the specials. Mr. Pattullo, who came here declaring that he was monarch of all he surveyed, and lord of the fowl and the—special constable, skipped out very suddenly. Up to the hour of his departure he was full of threats for every one who did not approve of the injurious and in fact cut-throat policy he had adopted by order of his superiors with reference to this place. His threats, his assumed air of superiority, his distribution of intoxicating liquors, his blasphemous assertion regarding the Rainy river ballot-boxes, his open bribery, and his attempts, by encouraging violence, to bring Rat Portage into disrepute, have earned for him, and for the men who employed him, the hearty detestation of all who are sincerely anxious to have the disputed boundary question, in which we are unfortunately mixed up, settled. He leaves Rat Portage for the good of the place, and he carries with him

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of all who are peacefully inclined. The reasons for his sudden departure are not generally known; but it is whispered around that Mr. Mowat has called him away as a preliminary to a complete evacuation of the town, and with a view to utilizing him in the meantime in the elections now pending in Ontario. Pattullo's departure was our first surprise; the dismissal of the special constables was our next. There have been at times one hundred and fifty of these officials employed by the Ontario Government. Why they were engaged is more than any mortal man can explain, for the citizens are, as a rule, law-abiding, and breaches of the peace, except when encouraged or perpetrated by the agents of the Mowat Government, are as rare as in any other well-conducted community in the Dominion. The only excuse for the employment of the specials is that their votes were wanted for the Reform candidate at the last election. This may satisfy Reformers, but the general public will not accept it as a valid reason for the expenditure of public money. As to the expense of the constables, I may say that their wages have ranged from $2.50 to $3 per day, and I learn from one of the specials who signed the pay roll that the expenditure for police purposes by the Ontario Government here for one month—that of October, when the elections were over and the strength of the force had in consequence been materially reduced—was no less than $3,600.

OBITUARY NOTES.

Ex-Alderman Lindley, of Brantford, Grand Secretary of the High Court of the Canadian Order of Foresters, who has been ill for some time with liver complaint, died at Brantford last week.

Mr. Geo. O. Secord died at the family residence in Barton recently in the 86th year of his age. He was born near Niagara, and has lived in Barton for 66 years. He lived a retired life, but won for himself numerous friends. George R. Secord, railroad contractor of Hamilton, is one of the sons of the deceased.

RAILWAY NEWS.

The Canadian Pacific railway officers say that the distance from New York to Port Moody over their road when completed will be 3,164 miles; whereas the distance between New York and San Francisco, by the shortest line, is 3,331 miles. Its mountain elevation is also the lowest.

The Canadian Pacific railway authorities have made a reduction of 33⅓ per cent. from their regular transportation rates in favour of frozen wheat in order to help out the farmers in certain parts where the damage has been heavy. Owing to the refusal of the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba to send grain-cars over the boundary, shippers have been unable to purchase grain.

The new iron bridge in course of construction across Kettle creek, on the Canada Southern railway at St. Thomas, is being pushed forward with great rapidity, and it is expected it will be completed within a few weeks, as more than half the bents are already in place. It is being erected a little to the south of the present wooden bridge, which will be torn down, and will have capacity for a double track. It is six feet higher than the old bridge, and it is intended to lay a double track throughout the whole length of the line to accommodate the business. An elevated road-bed is being laid through St. Thomas, and after the rails have been put down the present track will be torn up, the cutting filled with earth, and a new track laid, thus making a double track from the bridge to the depot.