LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1889.

MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS.

The nomination of candidates for municipal offices throughout the Province took place on Monday last. In Listowel, at the appointed hour, 10 o'clock, the electors assembled in considerable numbers in the town hall for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of Mayor, Reeve and Deputy-Reeve. For the Mayoralty, Thos. E. Hay was proposed by J. W. Scott and seconded by Wm. McKinnie; Jacob Loree was proposed by Robert Hemphill and seconded by C. F. Winters. For Reeve, D. D. Campbell was proposed by Wm. Dixon and seconded by E. B. Sutherland; Jno. A. Hacking was proposed by J. P. Newman and seconded by George Hess. For Deputy-Reeve, George Hess was proposed by D. D. Hay, M. P. P., and seconded by George Zilliax. There being no other nominations for the office of Deputy Reeve, Mr. George Hess was declared elected. At the conclusion of the nominations, J. W. Scott, Esq., the present Mayor, and the several candidates addressed the meeting. Mr. Scott expressed his thanks for the confidence the ratepayers of Listowel had reposed in him, having elected him by acclamation for three successive years to the chief office at their disposal. He had endeavored during his tenure of office to promote the best interests of the town, and he was satisfied that his course was approved of by the ratepayers. He alluded to the present condition of the town's finances, which he considered very satisfactory. At the present time there were nearly $3,000 in the Bank with about $2,000 of taxes yet to come in, which with the revenue from licenses, etc., would make about $6,000 to the credit of the town. This, he considered, would be sufficient to carry the town well through the coming year, and allow a reasonable expenditure for public improvements. He considered that the present rate of taxation was not heavy, and thought that it would compare favorably with that of other towns. Mr. Scott stated that his reasons for retiring from the position of Mayor were, firstly, that he felt it due to other gentlemen in the town to retire, as he did not believe in a monopoly of municipal honors; and secondly, he found the duties of the office, especially the magisterial duties, interfering with his private business. The aspirants for the Mayoralty and Reeveship were called upon, and addressed the meeting in turn, each presenting their claims in as favorable a light for themselves as they were able. The Deputy-Reeve elect was then called upon, and in response heartily thanked all present for the high honor they had done him, and promised to promote the interests of the town to the best of his knowledge and ability. The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the nomination of candidates for the office of Councillor was proceeded with in the several Wards, with the following result: *East Ward*—J. W. Scott, proposed by W. G. Hay and seconded by Robt. Reid; Alex. McDonald, proposed by A. D. Freeman and seconded by J. A. Tremain; A. S. Deavitt, proposed by Robt. Reid and seconded by Robt. Reid and seconded by Benj. Rothwell; Dr. Nichol, proposed by J. E. Terhune and seconded by Thos. E. Hay. *Centre Ward*—John Riggs, proposed by Wm. Bradley and seconded by Jacob Heppler; Jacob Heppler, proposed by A. D. Freeman and seconded by Wm. Bradley; A. D. Freeman, proposed by Wm. Climie and seconded by Jacob Heppler; Frank E. Gibbs, proposed by John Campbell and seconded by J. B. Loree; T. G. Fennell, proposed by Geo. Draper and seconded by J. B. Loree. *West Ward*—John Binning, proposed by John Page and seconded by Joseph Purcell; Robert Woods, proposed by James Shaw and seconded by John Lage; D. B. Dingman, proposed by Nathaniel Purcell and seconded by Wm. L. Kells; James Dillabough, proposed by A. M. Morrow and seconded by James Shaw; W. G. Hay, proposed by Charles Edmondson and seconded by Wm. Chapman.

WALLACE.

The nomination of candidates for the offices of Reeve, Deputy-Reeve and Councillors, for the township of Wallace, took place at Gowanstown on Monday, when the following nominations were made: For Reeve, John McDermott, nominated by James Pigott and Wm. McCabe; George Follis, nominated by Geo. V. Poole and John Hackett. For Deputy-Reeve, Alexander Kennedy, nominated by Isaac Miller and C. Fielsinger; John Willoughby, nominated by James Pigott and Henry Leppard. For Councillors, Wm. Ferguson, nominated by Seth Doan and Francis Hammill; Wm. King, nominated by Wm. Follis and Jno. Hackett; James Robinson, nominated by Joseph H. Craig and Wm. Follis; John Mills, nominated by Wm. McCabe and Wm. Mason; Thos. Speers, nominated by John Burns and Joseph Warren; John Burns, nominated by Joseph Fawcet and John Moore. Mr. Burns subsequently retired.

ELMA.

The following are the names of the candidates for the respective municipal offices in this township for the year 1881: For Reeve, Thos. J. Knox and Alfred W. Featherstone. For Deputy-Reeve, Wm. Lochhead and Wm. H. Nesbitt. For Councillors, Edward Broughton, Robt. Dunn, Wm. Gibson, Wm. Keith, John Mann, Chas. McKenzie, Samuel S. Rothwell, and James Smith. The contest for the office of Councillor promises to be extremely lively, there being eight candidates in the field for the three seats.

MORNINGTON.

In this township the contest for the Reeveship will be between Valentine Kertcher, the present Reeve, and Dr. Johnson of Millbank. The names of Henry Freeborn, Alex. McLellan and Jno. McKee were proposed for the Deputy-Reeveship; the two latter gentlemen, however, retired, and H. Freeborn was declared elected by acclamation. For Councillors, the following names appear on the ballots, Adam Fleming, Willis Hill, Wm. Johnston, James Kines and Thos. Sagwood; in addition to whom the following persons were nominated, but subsequently withdrew: Jas. Gibson, Wm. McCormick, Caleb Griffin, John McKee, Jos. R. Ropp, and Alex. Roe.

MILVERTON.

The first Council of the village of Milverton will be chosen Monday next, and the electors of that thriving village will doubtless have a good Council, as there is no lack of material to choose from. For Reeve J. D. Pierson and James Bunscho are the candidates. The aspirants for the office of Councillor are H. Hasenplug, Jacob Kain, David Pugh, Walter Pasmore, John Grosh and Samuel Roe.

LOGAN.

Robert Jones and Wm. Thompson are the aspirants for the Reeveship of this township.

ELLICE.

For Reeve, Jas. Bennoch and F. L. Hennig. Deputy, Henry Voght and Timothy Murray.

DOWNIE.

Reeve, Jacob Brunner, elected by acclamation. For Deputy, John Fairless, C. D. Swanson and C. Macpagnarra.

NORTH EASTHOPE.

Reeve, J. Trow, D. Stewart; Deputy Reeve, J. McMillan, Geo. Hyde; Councillors, W. Rennie, J. Fraser, P. Stuart, A. Falk, V. Krechtal.

MITCHELL.

The nominations took place to-day, with the following result:—Messrs. J. W. Cull, W. R. Davis and J. H. Flagg, for mayor; Messrs. Hugh Campbell and Thos. McKenzie, for Reeve; Messrs. Alden Burritt and J. Medcalf, for Deputy-Reeve. There are also from six to ten candidates in each ward for councillors. The principal question is the water works—whether to build new works or buy the old buildings where they have been kept since the works were built. The town is in good shape, financially, having a debt of $36,000, and raised $9,975 for taxes this year.

STRATFORD.

Mayor, Messrs. Robb and Roberts. Reeve, Scrimgeour and Sharman; 1st Deputy Reeve, Monteith, acclamation; 2nd Deputy Reeve, Brown and Horne; 3rd Deputy Reeve, Gordon, Cowan and Hamilton. Councillors: Romeo Ward—Stewart and Burritt, acclamation; Falstaff Ward—Fraser, McKay and Longfoot; Hamlet Ward—Jones, Zeandle and McGuegan; Avon Ward—Reid, Vanstone and Hamilton; Shakespeare Ward—Daly, Wilson, Lang and Murphy.

PALMERSTON.

Mayor, T. McDowell, H. McEwing; Reeve, M. Thompson, M. Donnelly; Councillors: North Ward, J. S. Davidson, J. McKinlay, S. Gourlay, J. Brooks, Dr. Stewart, M. Kennedy; West Ward, M. C. Potts, J. Wards, W. H. Finnemore, J. Wamble; East Ward, H. Hyndman, C. Robertson, L. Knott, H. Clement.

TORONTO.

Messrs. McMurrick, Close and Britton were nominated for the Mayoralty, and for the twenty-seven Aldermanic vacancies fifty-nine names were formally proposed.

HAMILTON.

Mayor, J. E. O'Reilly and H. Carscallen. For Aldermen there will be but little change.

LONDON.

Mayor Col. L. Lewis, and John Campbell. Water Commissioners, James Muirhead, Raynor, Vining, Powell, and J. M. Cousins.

GUELPH.

Geo. Sleeman elected Mayor by acclamation.

WOODSTOCK.

Mayor, T. B. Scofield, W. Totten; 1st Deputy Reeve, John M. Grant, C. Wilson, 2nd Deputy Reeve, Wm. Grey, by acclamation.

WALKERTON.

Mayor, H. P. O'Connor, M. McLean; Reeve, Storel McLean; Deputy Reeve, W. Richardson Tolton, Paul Ross.

BERLIN.

Mayor, John Motz, by acclamation; Reeve, W. Jaffray and J. M. Staebler; Deputy Reeve, John Alders, by acclamation.

BRUSSELS.

Reeve, John Leckie, and F. C. Rogers.

MINTO.

John Prain elected Reeve by acclamation.

WALLACE.

To the Editor of the STANDARD:—Allow me a space in your paper for the purpose of contradicting a statement which is being industriously circulated in the township of Wallace, to the effect that the Council did not levy a sufficient rate to meet the expenditure of the current year. In order that no one may be deceived by such fallacious reports, I wish to state that the rate of five mills in the dollar of our assessment covers our expenditure for township, county and railway purposes, being our total expenditure, except for schools, for the present year. I also wish to state that there will be no necessity to borrow any money to carry on the affairs of the township for the next year, unless something unforeseen turns up.

JOHN MCDERMOTT.

Editor STANDARD—*Sir*: As a ratepayer of the township of Wallace, I would like to say a word or two to my fellow ratepayers, who with myself attended the nomination at Gowanstown and heard the speeches made by the different candidates. There was one topic which caught my attention more than all the rest, and that was a statement made by Mr. Robinson, to the effect that there was an award of some $260 coming to the township, which never was received by the Treasurer. This statement was met by Mr. Roberts and the Reeve, who said that the money had been received and Mr. Roberts read a letter to show that a cheque had been received for some $260. This to a great many seemed *prima facia* evidence that Mr. Robinson was in error; but I thought—as every ratepayer should think—that there must be something wrong about the matter, and that I would look after the whereabouts of this $260 dollars; so with the aid of the auditors' statements and other documents, I have discovered that this $260 never entered our treasury, neither has it been accounted for in the Treasurer's books. Now, the idea has struck me that it may be that the Clerk may also be Treasurer, and that a part of our money can be accounted for by him and a part by Mr. Stewart. I think you will readily agree with me that all monies coming to the municipality should duly be placed in the Treasurer's hands, and by that officer accounted for. This state of affairs plainly shows that we, as ratepayers are greatly wronged. We are paying a very large amount to our township officers, and in return we have our affairs so cooked that the large sum of $260 cannot be accounted for in an honest, straightforward manner. I am inclined to think that this law business has been profitable to more than the lawyers, and that a much larger amount has been paid than the people are aware of for law costs. There is one more thing I would like to say, and that is this. There has been a statement given in by our Council, and from the minutes of last Council it appears that all our Council were willing to have it published but the Reeve, and all say it is true and correct but the Reeve; and he says it is not true. Well, if the Reeve had half the knowledge he boasts of, he could make it true, (if false,) and not be censuring our councillors for their honest intentions. One word more. Have we had a good set of councillors for the year 1880? I say yes. Or do you want such men as Mr. Speers, who is not a resident of Wallace, but carries on a butcher shop in the town of Palmerston? Or do you want Mr. Mills, who is pledged to pay the High School assessment? I say no.

WARD NO. 4.

TROWBRIDGE.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—One of the most successful examinations ever held in this section took place in the new school house here on Wednesday, 22nd inst. The school has been under the management of Mr. J. R. Rutherford during the past year, and has wonderfully improved during that time. The examination was largely attended; nearly all the young people of the section, together with a number of teachers from adjacent sections, were present on the occasion. There was also a sufficient number of the parents of the pupils present to show that the teacher has secured their interest and co-operation in the welfare of the school. The examination was conducted by Mr. Rutherford, principal, and Miss Delyea, assistant teacher aided by the other teachers present. The manner in which the pupils acquitted themselves in the various branches is seldom, if ever equalled in our common school. After the excises were gone through with addresses were delivered by the trustees, parents and visitors, all expressing themselves with being highly pleased with the examination. Considering the large number of pupils attending this school, it is surprising that it should be in such a prosperous condition, and the result can only be attributed to the happy choice the trustees have made in the selection of a teacher, and the section has been very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Rutherford for the coming year.

CHRISTMAS TREE.—The children of the Sunday school in connection with the C. M. Church of this place held their annual social and Christmas tree entertainment on Friday evening the 24th inst. The meeting was presided over by the superintendent of the school, Mr. Charles Cosens. After prayer and a short address by the Rev. J. Stinson, the secretary read the annual report, which showed the school to be in a flourishing condition. The singing was under the management of Mr. J. R. Coad, Mrs. Coad presiding at the organ. The programme of the evening consisted of recitations, dialogues, and singing by the children. Perhaps the most interesting part of the evening's programme was the Christmas tree, which was laden with presents of every description, and the distribution of which caused the greatest amusement among the the children. At the conclusion a vote of thanks was given to the choir.—COM.

GLENALLAN.

ANNUAL SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—The annual school examination of this village was held Thursday last, and we were more than pleased to observe the interest manifested by the trustees and parents by being present on the occasion, thereby encouraging the young. Mr. Hyslop is to be congratulated on the proficiency of the pupils, which show him to be a teacher of no ordinary ability. The scholars in their various exercises acquitted themselves in a manner that showed careful training on the part of the teachers. At recess the children and visitors were liberally supplied with refreshments provided for the occasion. The trustees and parents seemed well pleased with the programme as carried out by the scholars. Mr. Hyslop, the retiring teacher, was presented with an address, accompanied with a sum of money, as a slight token of the esteem in which he is held by the pupils under his charge. Mr. Hyslop made a suitable reply, thanking those present for the kindness shown him during the past three years, and hoping the same would be extended to his successor. Dr. McWilliams made some complimentary remarks, complimenting Mr. Hyslop on the proficiency of the scholars in the various branches of study, and wishing success in his future career.

We understand the trustees have engaged Mr. Smith as Mr. Hyslop's successor. Mr. Smith's efficiency as a teacher in this locality is well known, he having taught in this village four years. It is Mr. Hyslop's intention to study for the medical professional We wish him success.

MUNICIPAL HONORS.—A meeting is convened for this evening (8th inst.) at Northgrave's hall, for the purpose of hearing the rival candidates for the Reeveship explain their views on the affairs of this municipality. R. McKim Esq., M. P. P., will address the electors, he having received the nomination of Reeve for this township. Mr. Cross, the present Reeve, is also expected to be present and vindicate his actions in the Council during his late term of office.

AUGUSTURA.

STRATFORD.

Miss Hebden, the young lady who shot herself in Chicago on Christmas Day, was well known and much respected here. Her brother Mr. E. Hebden, is at present the Manager of the Merchants' Bank here, and has the sympathy of the entire community in his sad affliction.

DEATH OF A BRIDE.—Mrs. Lairg, wife of Mr. R. R. Laing, barrister of this town, died suddenly on Monday morning by the bursting of a blood vessel. She had only been married a short time. She was much respected and her sudden death has cast a gloom over the community.

MARYBOROUGH.

COUNCIL.—Pursuant to adjournment, Council met in the Queen's hotel, Moorefield, on December 20th, 1880; all the members present, except Mr. Paterson, minutes of last meeting having been read, were adopted and signed by the Reeve. W. Long moved, seconded by John Robinson, that the following accounts be paid, and that the Reeve grant his orders on the Treasurer for the same:—Henry Billings, for gravel to pathmasters, $2.50; John Taylor, do., $4.55; John Hellyar, do., $3; William Holmes, do., $2; Chas. Lewis, do., $28.40; Thomas Boothe, do., $7.50; John Bishop, do., $13.00; Joseph Cumberland, do., $1.60; Mrs. Hambly, per J. Woodissie, do., $2.50; George Bell, do., $5.50; C. J. Wheelock, P. L. S., surveying for the years 1879–80, $58; Jas. F. Kerr, balance due for repairing Fairley's bridge on centre side road, $3; Mrs. Guy, an indigent widow, railway fare for self and child to Michigan, $10; Margaret Dermont, charity, $5; Robert Anderson, repairing road scraper, 50c.; Thomas Bailey, repairing Petch's bridge, con. 4, $1.88; Fred Wetzel, for planks and repairing Medill's bridge, con. 8, $3.75; Thos. Woodissie, measuring lumber for contractors and repairs to Graham's bridge, $4; Wm. Greenwood, gravel to pathmasters, $38.75; Wm. Greenwood, making road to gravel pit, $6.75; Adam Delmage, for gravel, $5.50; John G. Mannell, for injury to horse caused by defective culvert, con. 6, $7; William Leslie, for expenses in connection with survey of side road between lots 3 and 4 in cons. 3 and 4, $9.50; Alexander Wray, repairing road scrapers $4.50; William Henderson, refund of amount paid for redeeming lot in Maryborough village, sold by the county Treasurer for arrears of taxes, $6; Chas. S. Forrest, for repairs to ploughs, done by order of pathmasters, $1; John G. Mannell, repairing culvert on centre side road, $11.77; Charles Mannell, repairing two culverts on centre side road, $6; Andrew Smith, balance due for building cedar culvert, 90c.; J. Riddolls, superintending work let by contract on centre side road, $3; John Miller, for culvert between lots 15 and 16, con. 1, $4.50; Robertson & Dewar, for stationery and printing not included in their tender for the township printing, amounting in all to $25—carried. Mrs. Robertson of Hollin was granted $10, as charity. John Robinson moved, seconded by John Corbett, that the following amounts be paid: Wm. Ackerman, half cost of graveling on town line between Maryborough and Wallace, $16; W. L. Fotheringham, half cost of ditching on townline between Maryborough and Wallace, $2; Fred Wetzel, for plank used repairing Graham's bridge in the year 1878, $4.50; Adam Flath, repairing culvert on 10th con., 75 cents—carried. John Corbett moved, seconded by John Robinson, that John G. Mannell give this Council a receipt in full of all future demands against this corporation, on account of an alleged accident to his horse, caused by a broken culvert on the 6th con., the said receipt to be given in consideration of an order drawn on the Treasurer in his favor, for the sum of $7—carried. John Robinson moved, seconded by W. Long, that an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Messrs. Schneider & Grosz, for the sum of $36.90, being the amount of municipal taxes charged against their property, said property being exempt from payment of municipal taxes for a period of five years by a resolution of this Council passed in the year 1876—carried. Orders were drawn on the treasurer as follows: in favor of Robertson & Dewar for $25, being the amount of their contract for printing; in favor of James Harington for $2, for statute labor charged against lots 110 and 111, in the village of Moorefield; also in favor of Thomas M. Harrington, for statute labor charged against lot 112 in said village. John Robinson moved, seconded by Wm. Long, that the Clerk be instructed to forward to the Council of the township of Peel, a copy of the account of Charles J. Wheelock, P. L. S., amounting to $12, for surveying done on the town line between the townships of Peel and Maryborough, with the request that they will remit one half of said amount to the treasurer of Maryborough—carried. John Robinson moved, seconded by Wm. Long, that an order be drawn in favor of Simon Armstrong for $20.99, for interest on notes discounted by John Beattie, of Fergus, stationery and travelling expenses, postage and amount paid to Francis Armstrong for opening gravel pit—carried. The Clerk read a copy of the notices served upon Joseph Graham, William Cowan, Joseph Medill and Wm. Medill, in regard to the final reading of the By-law to open up the original allowance for road between lot 13, con. 8, and lot 13, con. 9. Mr. Hugh Rae, on behalf of Joseph Graham, handed in a paper stating Mr. Graham's objections. The objections raised being considered irrelevant, it was moved by John Robinson, seconded by Wm. Long, that the By-law to open up, by removing obstructions from the original road allowance between lot 13 in con. 8, and lot 13 in con. 9, be now read a third time and passed, and numbered 228—carried. Wm. Long moved, seconded by John Corbett, that the order presented by Robt. Porteous, from Noah Cober, amounting to $15 be paid, and that the same amount be deducted from N. Cober's account for delivering plank at Graham's bridge—carried. John Robinson moved, seconded by Wm. Long, that whereas Archibald Park, of Hollin, during the early part of this season, sustained a heavy loss from a storm which visited Hollin on the 10th day of June last, blowing down his barn and injuring his farming implements and stock, this Council feel it to be their duty to remit his municipal taxes for this year, and that the Reeve grant an order on the Treasurer for the amount of said taxes, namely, $37.80—carried. J. Robinson moved, seconded by Wm. Long, that the Reeve grant his order on the Treasurer in favor of Thos. Boothe for the sum of $2, for administering oath to the selectors of jurors in the years 1879, 1880—carried. Wm. Long moved, seconded by John Corbett that the Reeve sign orders on the Treasurer in favor of the following township officers, for services in Council, mileage, commission and salaries; John Ogden, six days service in Council and mileage, $14.40, commission, $46; William Long, six days service in Council and mileage, $14.40, commission, $32.00; John Corbett, six days service in Council and mileage, $15, commission, $32; John Paterson, five days service in Council and mileage, $13.50, commission, $32; John Robinson, six days service in Council, $12, commission, $32; Edward Dynes, half years salary as Clerk, $100; Simon Armstrong, half year's salary as Treasurer, $55; J. Ogden, two journeys to Guelph and one to Elora on township business, $10; E. Dynes making out full report of the assessments of school sections numbers 4, 5, 9, 17, and 19, for the past ten years, $15; Edward Dynes, selecting jurors, $4; Parker Lowry, selecting jurors, $4. Council adjourned to meet in the Queen's Hotel, Moorefield, on Thursday 30th inst.

EDWARD DYNES, Clerk.

AFRAID OF OPPOSITION.

St. Marys's Grits Refuse Conservatives a Hearing.

St. Mary's, Dec. 28.—Messrs. Geo. W. Ross and James Trow, M. P., held a meeting here this evening to discuss the terms of the Canadian Pacific Railway Syndicate. The Reform Committee were requested by the Conservatives to be allowed to speak time about with their orators, but positively declined. Of course the anti-Railway resolutions submitted were carried at the meeting, although the Grits themselves acknowledge that the bargain made by the Government is the best that could be done.

A later dispatch says the syndicate meeting was a failure in point of numbers and enthusiasm. Mr. Hesson M. P., was refused a hearing, and many left in disgust.

SAD FATE OF A CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Four Persons Instantly Killed by a passing Train.

Lucan, Dec. 26.—James McGrath, his wife Rebecca, a child thirteen months old, Matthew McGrath and Annie, brother and sister of James, and Ellen Blake, a cousin, all living on the 7th concession of Biddulph, were returning from a visit to some friends in McGillivray, on Christmas night, and as they were crossing the London, Huron & Bruce Railway, one mile and a quarter north of Clandeboye, were struck by the evening down train, and James, his wife and brother Matthew, and the girl Ellen Blake were instantly killed. The child is yet alive this morning, and hopes are entertained of its recovery. The girl Annie is the only one left to tell the tale. She was sitting in the sleigh with her back to the horses, and when nearing the track she saw the head light approaching and jumped from the sleigh just in time to save herself, while all the others were hurried into eternity in a moment of time.

The girl Annie states that either the horses became unmanageable and rushed on in front of the train, or otherwise, the driver, James, being deceived by the headlight as to distance, endeavored to get across before the train came up, but her own opinion is that James lost control of the horses. Thus two of the most respectable families in the township are this morning bowed down with grief, which beggars description. Miss Blake was a sister to Mr. J. J. Blake, of the city of London, Barrister at law, and the others killed were the brothers and sister-in-law of the Rev. M. McGrath, Catholic clergyman at Bothwell.

It is additionally sad when one learns that Mr. McGrath, sr., has lost all of his sons within the last six months. Dr. McGrath died at Bothwell a short time ago, and now the remaining sons James and Matthew, have been called away. The old man's grief was heartrending.

Mr. James McGrath was one of the chief witnesses in the defence of John Purtell, one of the prisoners now awaiting trial for the Biddulph murders. In this respect his death is also deeply regretted. Miss Blake was also a competent witness to establish Purtell's *alibi*, although she had never been called.

LATE NEWS FROM IRELAND.

Commencement of the Trial of the Indicted Land Leaguers.

THE POPE'S DOCUMENT RESPECTING IRELAND.

London, Dec. 25.—A correspondent at Rome says: I am justified in asserting that the Land League in Ireland is distinctly within the category of associations regarded by the Vatican as revolutionary, and when the Pope as in the document published in the *Osservatore Romano*, deploring the serious character of the agitation in Ireland, etc., for the official nature of which I can fully vouch, speaks of anarchical means, he points distinctly to "Boycotting" and other unworthy systems. After this utterance there can no longer remain any justification for the assertion made by a portion of the Irish press that the Pope countenances the proceedings they advocate.

THE SITUATION BECOMING WORSE.

The situation in Ireland is steadily growing worse as the tyrannical conspiracy of the Land League tightens its grip on the community. Reports are daily received from magistrates and officials, announcing the impossibility of executing ordinary processes of law. Mr. Fitzgerald, among the most learned and respected of the Irish judges, expresses from the bench a doubt of the possibility of continuing to administer justice under the present system. "Boycotting" has reached the jury box, the majority of the jurors securing a verdict of acquittal by threatening the minority.

The *Times* declares the absence of outrage among the worst features of the system, in truth being an intimation of the terror now general. The agents of the Land League are no longer obliged to resort to violence to insure obedience of the League decrees.

SETTLING THEIR PROGRAMME.

The Home Rule members of Parliament assembled in Dublin Monday, at Parnell's invitation, to settle the programme of the coming session. It is intimated that Parnell and other indicted members will announce their intention to defy the Court and appear at Westminster.

NO COERCION.

Chamberlain's friends again assert that no measures of coercion have ever been adopted at the Cabinet meeting. They loudly proclaim that such measures never shall be while Chamberlain is minister, all of which affords vast comfort to the law breakers of every degree, as they wish each other a "Merry Christmas" and plot starvation and ruin to their law abiding countrymen.

THE CENTRE OF THE AGITATION.

The little town of Portadown, in the Ulster province, is fast becoming notorious as the centre of agitation.

MORE BOYCOTTING.

A shoat time ago tenant farmers named Berry and White received letters threatening them with prompt punishment if they continued to pay rents to obnoxious landlords, but they refused to be frightened, and continued their regular payments, whereupon their houses were burned to the ground and their produce entirely destroyed. The constabulary determined that the perpetrators should not escape, and used every means to discover their whereabouts, and a man named Wortley was employed by the police as spy to make inquiries, but his mission was soon discovered and he was stabbed. The perpetrator of this second outrage also escaped, being well hidden by the townsmen, who refuse to give any information to the authorities.

The trial of Parnell and the other indicted Land Leaguers opened at Dublin on Tuesday, and is now in progress.

BRITISH REVERSES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Late Defeat in the Transvaal.

London, Dec. 25.—A Durban dispatch says:—Sir George Pomeroy Colley has received a despatch from Pretoria dated the 16th inst., communicating a decree of the Transvaal Republic, declaring that there was no desire to spill blood, nor did the Republic wish for war. It rested with the British whether the Republic would be forced to appeal to arms in self defence, which would be done with all reverence for the Queen and with the full knowledge that it was a struggle for the sancity of treaties which had been broken by British officers. It was hoped an amicable arrangement would be arrived at with Major Lanyon, for the Republic was anxious to co operate with England in everything leading to progress. This could only be done when its independence was acknowleged. An answer was expected within twenty-four hours.

It was in answer to this decree that Major Lanyon issued his proclamation offering a pardon to all who would immediately withdraw from the malcontent camp.

The news from the Transvaal of the defeat of the British forces has caused a profound sensation, not alone in army circles and in the Cabinet, but in the Royal family itself. The Queen feels the disaster acutely, as also does the Duke of Cambridge, on account of the loss of prestige to the troops. Mr. Childers, Secretary of War, is very anxious, as he fears that the Christmas eve despatch may be supplemented by news of fresh disasters, which he is prepared to receive any moment.

A correspondent at Durban reports that a waggon, which the detachment of the 94th Regiment was in charge of, got into a swamp and all hands laid aside their arms to extricate them. The Boers suddenly appeared and demanded their surrender. The soldiers rushed for their arms, but before they were able to defend themselves they were shot down. While a Boer was attempting to hoist the Republican flag at Potchefstroom, he was shot by a British officer, whom the Boers immediately shot dead. The four persons reported to have been murdered at Potchefstroem were the commandant of the Cape Mounted Police and three civilians. They were brutally murtered in the midst of an assembly of three thousand Boers. The carrier of the post cart was murdered and the mail carried off. Another report says the Boers were shelled at Potchefstroom, and 100 killed and many wounded. Arrangements are being made at Woolwich for sending supplies to the Cape.

The authorities at Capetown have communicated further with the home authorities with regard to reinforcements, and it is probable that two regiments of cavalry, two of infantry, and two batteries of artillery will be sent to the Transvaal.

The Montreal *Journal of Commerce* says:—"The truth is that, notwithstanding all that is said about monopoly, it is almost certain that the Government could not have obtained better terms. Had the Government built the road itself the lands would have been free from taxation, which is one of the objections made to the contract. The people are in this respect no worse off, but will, in all probability, be much better off, as the general opinion is that the company will be more vigorous in promoting settlement than any Government could be. Then, as to the free importation of certain articles required in the construction of the road, the same remark may be made, they would have been admitted free if the Government had built the road: moreover, but for the condition in question, the company would literally have been at the mercy of Parliament. We are quite clear that any attempt to impose taxes would have been fatal to the scheme, unless a very large cash subsidy had been granted. It would hardly be contended that the negotiations should have been broken off on either of the points to which we have referred."

George Eliot, the novelist, is dead.

A GLORIOUS AMBITION.

Said the Scythian ambassadors to Alexander, "If your persons were as vast as your ambition the world would not contain you." We have now a conquerer whose ambition is as boundless as Alexander's. The old world was too narrow a sphere for his genius. We refer to Professor Holloway, whose desire to benefit mankind unsated by the countless cures his medicine have accomplished, is now actively engaged in revolutionizing the treatment of disease. Conquest and subjugation are its objects—the conquest and subjugation of the various maladies that humanity is the trophies of his skill are to be found in every region of the earth. It has heretofore been the universal complaint against even the most popular medicines that they were mere palliatives, relieving pain temporarily, perhaps, but never reaching the "*in derire morbi*," or element of disease in the blood. Holloway's Pills on the contrary, act specifically upon the primary cause of the malady in the fluids of the body, and from which they spring. In external disease the Ointment is used as an auxiliary to the Pills, and its sanitive effects are scarcely less wonderful.

We make these assertions—bold as they may seem—on solid grounds. We have warrant for them in the statements of standard medical periodicals, in the published acknowledgements of thousands of grateful convalescents, and last, but not less, so far as our private convictions are concerned, is our own personal experience and observation.

To the man whose profound research and practical skill in medical science have resulted in the production of such unequaled curatives, and whose business energy and enterprise have diffused them through every inhabited region between the Equator and the Poles, the homage of the world is due.—*New York Sunday Dispatch*

FARMERS' HELPS.—The Montreal "Weekly Witness" is a paper that devotes especial attention to the Farmers' needs. The Agricultural Department is edited by W. F. Clarke, Lindenbank, Guelph, who is widely known as at one time the editor of the *Canada Farmer* and more recently the "Witness" lecturer on agriculture. His editorial articles and "Agricultural Letter Box" are especially attractive. The "Witness" markets are especially attractive. The "Witness" markets are all perfectly reliable and very full. Hardly less valuable is the veterinary column conducted by D. McEachran, F. R. C. V. S., Principal of the Montreal Veterinary College, and the Dominion Inspector of live stock. His name stands in the front rank of veterinary surgeons on this continent, and the prompt replies given to correspondents are valuable. A "Poultry Column" has just been added, and promises to be of great assistance to poultry farmers, who are growing in number. In the cities and towns especially the raising of fowls is increasingly popularity. While these departments are of especial value to the farmers, the cultivators of the soil in a smaller way, and the gentlemen and ladies who are fond of gardening, are not neglected. The Legal Department, in which all legal questions are answered by one competent to perform this work, is a valuable assistance to all men of business, and then the paper is full of information of especial interest to the family, even the little children having a column to themselves. An especial feature about this paper is that every department is *edited*, not thrown together hap-hazard, so that those relying on any information given are not likely to be misled. Every subscriber of the Mogtreal "Weekly Witness" can tell of special offers whereby old and new subscribers are benefited.

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Such was the Condition of Moses A. Walker, of Derry N. H., with congestion of the Lungs and Chronic Catarrh. Two bottles of the Constitutional Catarrh Remedy entirely restored him to health, and, to use his own words "built up my whole system." The Remedy is for sale by all druggists.

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The BEST SALVE in the world for cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all kinds of skin Eruptions. This Save is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction in every case or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. H. Michener.

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If you are suffering with a severe Cough, Cold, Asthma, Bronchitis, Consumption, loss of voice, tickling in the throat, or any affection of the throat and lungs, *we know* that DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY will give you immediate relief. We know of hundreds of cases it has completely cured, and that where all others failed. No other remedy can show one half at many *permanent cures*. Now to give you satisfactory proof that DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY *will cure* you of Asthma, Bronchitis, Hay Fever, Consumption, severe Coughs and Colds, Hoarseness or any Throat or Lung Disease, if you will call at J. H. Michener's Drug store you can get a trial bottle *free of cost*, or a regular size bottle for $1.00.

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I remain, yours,
JONATHAN TULLER.

How To Get Rich.

The secret of obtaining riches, is first to practice economy, and as good old "Deacon Snyder" says, "It used to worry the life out me to pay enormous doctor's bills, but now I have 'struck it rich.' Health and happiness reign supreme in our little household, and all simply because we use no other medicine but Electric Bitters and only costs fifty cents a bottle." Sold by J. H. Michener.

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Twenty-five years of endurance with Catarrh is a long period of annoyance and misery. Mrs E. J. Flanders, of Manchester, N. H after going through with it all, writes: "The Constitutional Catarrh Remedy has rescued me from intense suffering, and almost the grave." This medicine is for sale by all druggists.

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