RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

GOING WEST.

Chicago Express*	4.54 a.m
Louis Express*	11.05 a.m
Accommodation	11.45 a.m
Pacific Express*	6.15 p.m
Mail	7.55 p.m

GOING EAST.

Mail	6.40 a.m
Atlantic Express*	12.01 p.m
Day Express	3.5 p.m
St. Louis Express*	5.05 p.m
Mixed	8.10 p.m

*Run daily—Sundays included—between Niagara Fall and Windsor.

S. HOWSER, Agent.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

GOING EAST.

Toronto, Montreal & Pacific Express	5.00 a.m.
Toronto and Local Express	8.07 a.m.
Toronto, Montreal and Pacific Express	5.17 p.m.
Local Mixed	8.30 p.m.

GOING WEST.

Detroit Express	11.35 a.m.
Detroit, Chicago Express	*2.41 p.m.
Local	7.01 p.m.
Local Mixed	9.30 a.m.

*Run daily Sundays' included.

Mixed trains only run between St. Thomas and Galt and vice versa.

JAS. ENRIGHT, Agent.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Statement—Mutual Life Ins Co
Auction Sale—Wm Tripp
Auction Sale—Alex Ingram
Auction Sale—Mrs J Leigh
Auction Sale—Thos Seldon
Wanted—Geo Fle
Paine's Compound—D Secord
House for Sale—Mrs B Bowers
Special—Cleveland Baking Powder Co
Fluid Beef—Johnston Co
Special—Baptist Church

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THURSDAY, MARCH 1 1888.

LOCAL MATTERS.

CALLED.—Rev. J. H. Hastings, of Tilsonburg, has received a call from the Baptist churches of Scotland and Burford, which he has accepted.

BIBLE SOCIETY.—The Bible Society held a meeting in St. Andrew church on Tuesday evening. Rev. Dr. Beattie, of Brantford, and local minister addressed the meeting.

THE morning services in Charles Street Church are withdrawn, and in the evening the Rev. W. G. Brown, M. A. will preach. Subject: "Endurance and Salvation."

BAZAAR.—The report of the Catholic Bazaar held in Woodstock recently, shows that the receipts were $2,200, and the expenditure $700, making a clear profit of $1,500.

FALSE ALARM.—The fire alarm was sounded Saturday morning about eight o'clock for a blazing chimney at the residence of Mr. F. Richardson. No damage done.

THE BONUS BILL.—At a recent meeting of the Tilsonburg Town Council, a resolution was unanimously adopted requesting Dr. McKay M. P. P. for Oxford, not to vote, or in any way assist in the passage of Mr. Balfour's bonus bill.

AUCTION SALE.—Mr. C. Ellery, of Lots 24 and 25, Con. 4, Dereham, will sell by public auction his entire stock of implements, etc., on Monday, March 9th. Sale to commence at one o'clock. See advertisement in another column.

NEW HARDWARE STORE.—Mr. E. Chrysler, of Ridgetown, has fitted up the handsome plate glass front store next to Woolson and Murdoch's as a hardware store. The interior of the shop has been remodelled and painted. Mr. Chrysler will have his stock in shape early next week.

NEW POSTAL RATES.—Commencing to-day open parcels can be sent to the United States at a rate of one cent per ounce. Registered letters can also be sent to the U. S. for two cents instead of five as formerly. Four pound parcels instead of three can be sent to the United Kingdom.

ACCIDENT.—Thursday afternoon a so ffolding at Tilson's sawmill, Tilsonburg, gave way and threw Robt. Kent, Geo. Robinson and John Reid, who were fixing a bulkhead, to the bottom of the flume. Robinson and Kent escaped with slight bruises, but Reid was badly hurt, the base of his skull being fractured.

VOTE OF THANKS.—At a meeting of the Ingersoll Steamer Fire Company, held Tuesday evening, it was moved by James Sherlock, seconded by James Levins, and unanimously carried that a vote of thanks be tendered Mr. Thomas Seldon for the munificent gift of the sum of ten dollars, which he presented them with for their services at the late fire.

OMISSION.—In our report last week of the Tea Meeting held in the hall in aid of Knox Church, the names of some who took part in the programme were inadvertently ommitted. We refer to Messrs. Dunnett and Reeves. Both of these gentlemen gave solos and received hearty encores to which they kindly responded. The playing of Messrs. Reid, Cuthbert and Johnston were also greatly admired.

SOCIAL.—A social will be given by the ladies of the Ingersoll Baptist Church, at residence of Mr. Geo. Smith, Oxford-st., on Thursday evening, March 8th. A grand programme has been provided, consisting of readings, music by the Scofield family and others. Admission to tea and entertainment 25c; Oysters 15c extra. Tea served from 6 to 8. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

SHORTHAND CLASS.—Miss Hardie is now fully prepared to receive shorthand pupils. Classes during the day, from half-past nine to twelve, and from half-past one to four. Evening classes, every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30. Terms liberal. Parties wishing typewriting done will please leave their orders where will be promptly executed by Miss A. Hardie. Rooms over, and entrance first door south of the G. N. W. telegraph office.

DEATH OF JOHN HASKET.—Mr. John Hasket died on February 14th at the residence of Mr. C. N. Davidson, Calgary. Mr. Hasket was 56 years of age. He came from Brandon about two months ago, where, we understand, he had been engaged in the grain business. He had been in poor health before he left Brandon. His daughter, Mrs. Davidson, is now at the coast, Mrs. Hasket survives her husband and has been with him during his two months illness in Calgary.

CAKE WALK.—The cake walk held in the town hall on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the B. M. E. Church was very successful in point of finance. The audience was highly amused and kept pretty fair order. The cake winners were: 1st, Miss Evans and Mr. Case; 2nd, Mrs Thomas and Rev. S. P. Hale. Judges, M. T. Buchanan, Chas. Kennedy and D. Noxon. On behalf of the society, Rev. Mr. Slater desires us to thank the audience for their attendance and good order. $50 was realized above expenses.

A WELL MERITED WORD.—The value of baking powder consists in the fact that the proportion of alkali and acid is exact, and there is no danger of having yellow biscuits from an excess of soda, or heavy ones from an excess of acid. It is probable that many of the powders are adulterated, some with injurious substances, and others with harmless additions to increase the bulk and consequently the profits. In our own family we have excellent results from the use of the Royal Baking Powder. We have no reason to think that it contains any harmful ingredient. Those who object to the use of baking powder because of adulteration must needs be very sure of the purity of the soda and cream of tartar they use in place of the powder.—*N. Y. Christian Union.*

RAISED NOTES.—A dangerous fraud in the shape of a raised $5 Imperial Bank bill is in circulation. Raised notes are more deceptive, office men say than counterfeits, because the paper feels all right. The work on a bill of this kind recently passed was cleverly executed, but the fraud could be at once detected by a person who was forewarned. Imperial Bank fives have the picture of a man ploughing, while the tens have the Queen on her throne, with the British lion beside her. The two fives in the corners were cut out and 10's pasted in so neatly that one had to look close to detect it even when it was pointed out to him The small fives around the edge were scraped off and the large V's were also erased. The public can detect impostures by seeing that the Imperial 10's have the British lion instead of the man ploughing.

AN OLD INGERSOLL BOY.—The following from the Chicago *News*, in reference to Mr. Frank Buchanan formerly of this town, shows that he is doing well in his new home:—"Among the merchants and manufacturers of Ogden avenue, F. Buchanan, of No. 306, holds a deservedly high position. This gentleman is widely known as a dealer in hardware and as the manufacturer of the Buchanan Improved Universal Furnace. In the premises occupied, unsurpassed facilities are afforded for conducting the business in a thoroughly systematic and successful manner. The stock is very extensive, embracing a builders hardware mechanics tools and everything appertaining to the hardware business in such great variety and of so useful a character as to command universal attention and generous patronage. Numerous hands are employed in the business, and the trade is large and influential throughout the city and vicinity. The Buchanan Improved Universal Furnace, manufactured by this house, surpasses any furnace on the market."

THE KING STREET CHURCH.

Extensive Changes Made in the Interior of the Church.

The King Street Methodist Church for the past four months has been in the hands of the carpenter, painter and decorator, and the changes made in the interior of the church, under their combined efforts, are elaborate and extensive, and too much can not be said in praise of their work.

The first to take hold of it was Mr. W. C. Bell, who shingled the entire roof, pulled down the old gallery, tore down partitions and made a general change. A large recess for the organ and choir was built immediately behind the pulpit. This recess will hold, besides the organ, about 50 choir members. An entirely new gallery was built after the shape of a horse shoe and running down about one third the length of the church. The old pulpit was taken down and a circular platform put in its place.

The decorator and seat manufacturer were then called in to assist Mr. Bell. The walls and ceiling of the church were first given three and four coats of oil respectively and then painted a light salmon color, the ceilings panelled and decorated with very handsome bright borders, the whole being very pleasing to the eye. The seats are arranged in three rows, are circular in shape with iron ends, made of black ash and look very handsome and reflect great credit on the manufacturers, Messrs. Pennington, Baker & Co., of Hamilton. They are to be cushioned throughout, the Hault Manufacturing Co. having the contract. They are arranged so that occupants may go in at either end, being about three feet from the walls, making four aisles. The seven rear seats are gradually raised, making it more comfortable for those occupying them to both see and hear the preacher. The choir recess is most beautifully painted and decorated and speaks volumes for Messrs. Ross Bros., of Hamilton, who had the painting and decorating contract, and the skill and taste of their workmen. Around the arch formed by the recess are the words "My kingdom is not of this world," beautifully lettered in gold. The rail in front of the recess is also brightly illuminated. Messrs. Pennington & Baker have presented the church with an elegant walnut pulpit, beautifully carved and after the lecturn style.

The gallery is fitted up with the same style of seats as are used in the body of the church, in four rows on a gradual rise, the outside rows getting gradually smaller and the center ones larger as they run back. The front of it is handsomely fitted up with wicker work and brightly illuminated. Its seating capacity is estimated at 250 and some of the best seats in the church are to be found here. The vestibule has been blocked and tinted three colours and fitted up with two long seats for the use of those who may come in while the long prayers are in progress. Two lungren gas burners of 200 candle power have been purchased to take the place of the old chandeliers, adding greatly to the brilliancy of the light in the church. The old windows have, with the exception of the end ones, been all removed and replaced with cathedral glass of varied tints, selected by the committee. The church is to be carpeted throughout with a handsome carpet purchased and presented to the church by Mr. Thos. Seldon, while he was in England this winter. The body of the church will seat 500, and with the 250 in the gallery will make a total of 750. The total cost of the improvements will amount to about $6000, nearly all of which, we understand, has been subscribed.

The managers and pastor of the church are to be congratulated on their enterprise in making such extensive and elaborate changes and in getting it nearly paid for. The church as it now stands is a credit to the town, and finer one being hard to find in our large cities.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Council Chamber on Monday evening.

There were present, Mr. Norsworthy in the chair, and Messrs. Podmore, Slawson, Brady, Gibson, Sudworth, Jackson and Williams. Mr. J. Vance acted as Secretary in the absence of Mr. Hegler.

The following accounts were read and ordered to be paid: McInnes & Co., Coal, $107 65; and J. Ackert, repairing pump, $2 00. The report of the Public School showed as follows:—Aggregate Attendance, 638; Average Attendance, 508 1-17; Absences, 20 per cent.; Non-residents, 14; Fees, $3.50. The Collegiate Institute report showed as follows:—No. of Pupils on Roll, 132; Aggregate Attendance, 1860; Average Attendance, 169.

A communication was read from A. Martin saying that a government grant of $608.38, for High School purposes, had been passed.

On motion of Mr. Slawson, seconded by Mr. Brady, the Secretary was instructed to ask the council for $1,000.00 to meet current expenses for February.

Dr. Williams stated he had been notified by the janitor that he wanted more coal for the public school. He said that he had already purchased 52 tons of coal this year and couldn't understand where it had all gone to.

Several of the members gave their experiences with furnaces, and the general impression seemed to prevail that the janitor didn't thoroughly understand the school furnaces or he would get along with much less.

After instructing Dr. Williams to procure more coal the Board adjourned.

PERSONAL.

Miss Millie Freeman is visiting friends in Toronto.

Mrs. Lynn, of London, is the guest of Mr. G. A. Thompson.

Mr. R. Butler and family, Dereham Centre have removed to Ingersoll.

Mr. R. Paxton has been appointed postmaster of Otterville.

Rev. P. R. Ross occupied the pulpit of Knox Church, St. Thomas, on Sunday last.

Messrs. Brown, West, and McCollum, of Woodstock, were visiting friends in town last week.

Mr. P. G. Bromley will in a few days resume his old position of agent of the M. C. R. in Tilsonburg.

Arch. Parks, now of Manitoba, so well known in the county, is doing Oxford and will take a carload of horses, etc., back with him. He is looking hale and hearty as usual.

Mr. J. J. Sandick, of North Oxford, left on Monday last, via. C.P.R., for Rat Portage, where he has obtained employment. His many friends in this vicinity regret his departure from among them and wish him every success in his new home.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Thomas Wood of Tilsonburg, formerly of this town, is slowly recovering from his late serious illness. Although no longer a resident, Mr Wood takes a keen interest in the affairs of this town where he has considerable property.

FARM SALE.—Mr. A. Crawford, of North Oxford, has purchased the farm adjoining his own, containing 100 acres. Price, $6,300.

CONCERT.—The leap year concert held in the Charles' St. Methodist Church last night was a grand success—it being one of the best entertainments ever held in town.

LECTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT. — On Friday evening next an entertainment will be given in St. Andrews Church consisting of music, recitations, &c. Mr. J. C. Hopkins will deliver a lecture upon "The Land of the Southern Cross." All are invited. Admission only 10c.

KING ST. METHODIST CHURCH.—Re-opening services will be held in the church next Sunday, March 4th. Rev. Dr. John A. Williams, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, will conduct the services morning and evening at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. On Monday evening, Rev. T. W. Jeffrey will deliver his popular lecture, "How to Rise in the World," in the above church at 8 o'clock. The public are cordially invited to attend.

UNRULY CONDUCT.—About a dozen young men, who work in the piano factory, make themselves prominent every Saturday night at the post office by annoying the clerk at the wicket. There plan is the school boy trick of one of their number sending half a dozen different parties to enquire for the same person, and if the clerk don't look every time, abuse him. As the office is not kept open for the love of the work but as a convenience to the public, the clerks should at least be treated with common courtesy.

DEATH OF MRS. MCEWEN.—It is with deep regret that we have to chronicle, in this week's issue, the death of the wife of Rev. John McEwen, late pastor of Erskin, now St. Andrew's Church, in this town, which event took place at their home, at Lakefield, Peterborough Co., on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. Deceased was a lady of cultured mind, and of much refinement of manner, as well as of deep religious convictions, that formed the moving power of all her actions. Her name was Clara Georgina Playter, the descendent of a Huguenot family, who made their home in England during the persecution of that people, in the 17th century. She was born in Exeter in 1825. The knowledge of her death will bring sorrow to a widely spread circle of friends. She leaves to mourn the loss, her husband, daughter and adopted daughter.

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MAYORALTY PROTEST.

THE CHRONICLE WILL NEITHER WITHDRAW OR APOLOGIZE.

There was considerable excitement on the streets on Saturday, over the "agreement" which had been entered into by the principals and their lawyers in the Mayoralty election protest. Extras were issued containing the "agreement" which, as allusions were there made to THE CHRONICLE, made it necessary to issue the following, which made matters clear as to our position and the unwarranted interference in our affairs:

CHRONICLE EXTRA.

WATTERWORTH VS. BUCHANAN.

THE CHRONICLE WILL NOT WITHDRAW ANY ALLEGATIONS BECAUSE IT HAS MADE NONE.

NOR WILL IT APOLOGIZE FOR CHARGES WHICH IT NEVER MADE.

THE CHRONICLE DRAWN INTO THE ALLEGED "AGREEMENT" WITHOUT ITS KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT.

Messrs. Buchanan and Watterworth have entered into an agreement by which all proceedings brought by either party are to be stopped.

In this agreement, however, there is a clause inserted without the consent or knowledge of the proprietor of THE CHRONICLE, in which he is to withdraw certain allegations.

As the proprietor of THE CHRONICLE has made no allegations and therefore has none to withdraw, the agreement will have to be altered by omitting all reference to THE CHRONICLE or "the settlement will be off."

The reference to THE CHRONICLE in the so called agreement was an assumption of authority in the affairs of another, taken without the consent or knowledge of the proprietor of THE CHRONICLE and is resented by him as such.

The position of THE CHRONICLE is clear. We deny having anything that would call for apologies for. If any party thinks differently he has his recourse.

THE CHRONICLE is ready.

ARSON AND ROBBERY.

Arrest of the Suspects—The Preliminary Hearing of the Case—Short Confesses.

On Sunday evening two most cowardly and dastardly acts were committed in our town—first in the robbing of two ladies, who who were visiting their brother, Mr. J. Short, and had only arrived in town on Saturday evening, and then to cover the crime, or throw suspicion off the track, the barn of Mr. Thos. Seldon, adjoining Mr. Short's house, was set on fire.

The fire was first seen about seven thirty o'clock by Mr. R. W. Smith, who lives near. He, with the aid of two or three neighbors, endeavored to get out two valuable horses, which were in the barn, but the fire even then had gained so much headway that it was impossible to reach them. The barn was a substantial frame one, 20x28, and had been built about five years ago and was totally destroyed, with all the contents, not a thing being saved. Mr. Seldon had two valuable horses in the stable at the time, one almost black, five years old, and valued at $175; the other, a dark brown, eight years old, and worth $125. The other contents of the barn were a cutter, phaeton, valued at $175, three buffalo robes, three sets harness, about two tons of hay, a load of oats, which had only been bought the week before and a quantity of bran. Mr. Seldon's loss will amount to $1100. The barn was insured for $150 and one horse and the contents for $250. Mr. Seldon had brought one of the horses in from the country on Friday last, is having been out there all winter. He had been out driving during Sunday afternoon and in half past six put the horse in the stable, when everything was all right and no signs of fire, after which the family all went to church.

For some reason, hard to get at, the steamer, instead of going to the fire, went in a directly opposite direction, down to the Thames Street bridge. Mr. Sherlock, the driver, states that Hingston, one of the parties arrested, and who rang the bell, said the fire was near Buchanan's and a party standing on the sidewalk hollered "over the river," from which he supposed it was Mr. J. Buchanan's residence in ward No. 1. This mistake kept the steamer behind about fifteen minutes. The chemical, although coming out of the hall immediately after the steamer, went the correct direction and consequently was on the ground first, but could not be got to work properly at first. The Chief states this was due to the soda becoming clogged in the cell and not working freely. When it did start, whenever the stream was thrown it immediately blackened the fire but, if it is to be made of much use it will have to be better looked after, as it certainly did not show up to great advantage on this occasion.

With the high wind blowing and the intense heat it is a wonder that any of the surrounding buildings were saved, especially Mr. C. E. Chadwick's, Mr. Short's and Mr. McBains, and had it not been for the prompt action of the spectators in throwing water on the scorching buildings they would no doubt have burnt. In this connection the coolness and promptness of Mr. C. Simpson is noteworthy. He procured several pails of water and placed them on the roof of Mr. Chadwick's house and then sat down and coolly smoked his pipe, watching for stray sparks. He burnt one of his hands badly by its coming in contact with a cinder.

The firemen worked at the fire until eleven o'clock before thoroughly putting out the burning hay etc., and then afterwards had to fill the tank at the corner of Church and Charles streets. It was four o'clock before they got thro', the bitterly cold night making their work much harder.

During the progress of the fire the rumor ran like wildfire through the crowd that Mr. Short's house had been entered and $120 stolen. Upon investigation the rumor proved true. Two of Mr. Short's sisters, Mrs. H. Shepherd and Miss Short, had arrived at his place on Saturday night for a short visit. They placed their money together in a small valise and left it in the room they occupied and upon coming home from church had discovered it was gone. The fact was made known and young Short told Chief Henderson that he had seen a man of suspicious character around the place during the day. The Chief went down to the station to see if he could find out anything about him, but could not. Returning, he found young Short and Hingston in his office both very anxious to hear the result of his search. The boys stayed for a while, and from their manner the Chief thought they knew more about the affair than appeared on the surface. He watched them for a short time and their actions convinced him further. He then arrested Short and, upon searching him, found $90 of the money in his stocking and the balance in his shoe. Hingston was also arrested and lodged in the Daly House for the purpose of keeping them apart.

THE TRIAL.

The preliminary hearing of the charges against the boys was held on Tuesday before Mr. C. E. Chadwick. The larceny charge being tried first. Hingston, or Williams, as his correct name is, being an adopted son of Mr. Hingston's, pled not guilty, and Short guilty.

Mr. McDonald appeared for Hingston and Mr. Jackson for the prosecutor.

Harriet Shepherd, sworn, said she was a sister of Mr. Short's, went to his place Saturday night, lost $28 since, money was in a satchel in my room along with $90 of my sisters, missed it on returning from church, saw Short jr. shortly after returning to the house, think the prisoner Hingston was with him, but would not be positive, the money produced is of the denominations of bills I lost.

Miss C. Short's evidence substantiated that of her sister. She had lost $90 and the money was all in $5 Molson Bank bills, which were produced. She saw some person looking like Hingston on the stairway in the house, but would not swear positively as to him.

Mr. Jackson asked for an adjournment until 2 o'clock Wednesday, for the purpose of getting more evidence, which was granted.

The arson case was then entered upon, to which charge both Short and Hingston pled not guilty; Mr. R. W. Smith appearing for Short.

Thos. Henderson detailed the manner of arresting, and what lead him to suspect the prisoners. He had given the usual warning to them. Short admitted having set fire to the stable. He made this confession Tuesday afternoon about one o'clock. The following is the confession:—

"Came out of church before the bell rang, went up King St., turned up past Mr. Chadwick's house and into the lane to the stable, and fired the centre of the lower floor. Hay was strewn all around the floor and and blazed up quickly. I relented and tried to put it out, but could not. Came out of the alley, turned the corner west and came down to King St., to about Kennedys, the dentists, when the bell rang the fire alarm, then went down Oxford St., and went to McMurray's corner, then turned up to the fire and went into the house, my home."

After some cross examination, as to the manner of getting this confession, Mr. Chadwick adjourned the case until Wednesday at two o'clock.

On Wednesday Short's evidence was taken. He contradicted part of his confession. Mr. Chadwick remanded him for eight days to allow the prosecution to procure other evidence. Hingston was liberated on bail.

OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

Gossip Items from the Dominion Parliament.

[From the Special Correspondent of THE CHRONICLE.]

OTTAWA, February 28th.—Parliament was opened on Thursday, the ceremony accompanying the event being that described in my last letter. Your readers can read his speech from the throne for themselves so I will not dwell on it. There could scarcely be less in it, but the government are not bound to mention all their intended measures, and as a matter of fact the most important bills are usually unnoticed in the speech. But I understand the government desire to get through as easily and as early as possible. There have been sixteen elections since last session, 5 in Ontario, 6 in Nova Scotia, 3 in Quebec, 1 in New Brunswick and 1 in British Columbia. Of these nine are new members. The vacant seats are Kent, Prince Edward, West Middlesex, Russell and Glengarry. There is one vacancy in the Senate caused by the elevation of Senator Wilson to the Lieut. Governorship of British Columbia. Two, McMaster and Seneca, deceased, are replaced by Senators Macdonald (Toronto) and Rolland (Montreal.) The new Northwest Senators have yet to be appointed. Hon. Wilfred Laurier is in his place as leader of the Opposition, and will be presented with an address by the Liberal clubs of Ottawa, when he will have an opportunity of addressing a few words to the party throughout the country.

DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

On Friday the public galleries were crowded in expectation of the debate on the address. The House contained nearly all the members. The Premier looked well in black coat and vest and light tweed trousers. Beside him Postmaster-General McLean and Mr. Cowell. On the left sat Sir Hector Langevin as neat as ever with the Minister of Militia beside him.. The adjoining desks were occupied by Messrs. Carling and Costigan. Behind Sir John was Mr. Pope with the Minister of Justice at his right. Tom White sat still further back as keenly attentive as any other newspaper man. To the speaker's left Mr. Blake's chair was empty. The next was filled by Mr. Laurier who appeared to be in excellent form. Mr. Mackenzie's chair was empty and adjoining sat Sir Richard Cartwright, west of him Hon. Peter Mitchell had his stiff hat pulled low over his eyes. Behind Mr. Patterson sat Mr. Landerkin, tweed *chapeau* and locked real nice. Mr. Scriver perused a file of his local paper and Mr. McMullen in a front seat looked as keenly aggressive as ever.

The House patiently waited for the mover and seconder to fulfil their formal task in order to hear the leaders. Dr. Montague made a complimentary reference to the Governor-General which was joined in by subsequent speakers.

THE OPPOSITION LEADER.

Mr. Laurier on rising was warmly supported by his followers. He first referred to the loss from the House of Mr. Blake to whom he paid a glowing tribute. Then he buttoned his frock coat and sailed into the Government. They were a ministry of broken promises; their path was paved with good intentions. They declared last session the necessity for a Minister of Trade and Commerce, yet he looked on the Treasury benches in vain for such a face, neither had they the Solicitor-General promised—what was the matter? Passing to the speech he trusted the Franchise Act would be amended by being repealed. At this Sir John smiled. Mr. Laurier expressed no opinion, nor did any one else on the Fishery Treaty, but he expressed some doubts as to it being in the words of the speech "both honorable and satisfactory." The mover and seconder had said that the country was in a prosperous state so the Liberal leader marvelled at the statement. In his view the country was in a very depressed condition. One proof was found in the great number who went to the States. Was not the cause of this, he asked, to be found in "our vicious economical system." The orator then grew eloquent in denouncing ringe and combinations formed under the protection of the law by greedy men. "As and should be put to this and also to emigration and an effort made to keep our native population at home. Treating of the financial situation he judged that we had had to pay for the C. P. R. instead of the lands in the North-West paying. He denounced disallowance which prevented the grain being exported from the country. In his admirable epigramatic style Mr. Laurier put it that the blessing of God was taken away by the hand of man.

THE PREMIER'S SPEECH.

Sir John Macdonald's reply was characterized by that light, jaunty anecdotal manner in which he has no equal in Parliament. He was seriously grave at first, though when he spoke of the loss sustained by the House in the absence of Mr. Blake, whom he described as a well informed, able and earnest statesman. The occasion of these expressions of appreciation does not often arise, and it was pleasing to see the sincerity with which the Premier spoke of his absent political foe. He disposed of the Ministry of Trade complaint by saying that Mr. Bowell discharged the duties so efficiently that there was as yet no necessity for a new Minister. The Solicitor General might safely be left to the Minister of Justice. Honorable gentlemen, opposite were crying of the ruin, but it was strange that the deluded victims kept on returning the Government to power. They seemingly prefer ruin at our hands that prosperity at theirs. The Government were in power for the same reason that the man was in the lunatic asylum—because the people willed it. This was a free country and the people had a right to ruin themselves if they wished. All this was said with a jocular air and in the same vein the leader of the House went on to say that if Manitoba was served by the water stretches proposed once by the Liberals it would take 66 2-3 years to take out one crop of large 400,000 tons of grain. In no other way did the Premier allude to the alleged wheat blockade or to the disallowance question. He closed by terming Mr. Laurier a Bourbon—one who remembered nothing and forgot nothing. Strange for such a well read man, Sir John misquoted, Tallegrand's famous epigram, descripting the Bourbons. They learn nothing and forget nothing. This allusion was intended to twit Mr. Laurier with calling up old scores and introducing no new question.

THE ADDRESS ADOPTED.

Sir Richard Cartwright, by way of rejoinder, rallied Sir John on his alien majority in Kingston and the Premier placed his hand on his breast and bowed his acknowledgement. Sir Richard alluded to the ladies' attendance at revival services by saying he had heard Sir John was a changed man and he hoped he would give proof of his repentance by repealing some of his bad statutes. In proof that Canada was not prosperious he ventured to say that three of our immigrants out of every four crossed into the States. He denounced the disallowance policy as "a most infamous piece of tyranny," and declared no other country in the world would stand it. The galleries now became attentive in expectation of a series of oratorical thunderbolts, but it was almost six o'clock and Sir Richard concluded by stating his opinion that the Fishery Treaty was hopelessly unfavorable to Canada. Hon. Peter Mitchell quietly made two or three remarks and then the address was adopted without a division.

VICE REGAL DRAWING-ROOM.

Saturday evening the Governor-General and Lady Lansdowne held a Drawing Room in the red carpeted chamber of the Senate, which was ablaze with lights and people with the best society of the Dominion, for all quarters were represented. Ordinary mortals were their too, but who looks at pansies when roses are in bloom. The The Governor-General, the Cabinet Ministers, Lieut.-Governor Dewdney and the staff officers all wore their rich and gorgeous uniforms, while the brilliant toilettes of the ladies mingled with the broadcloth suits of their escorts, formed a picture to be seen nowhere else in Cannada. The press gallery was well represented and its two lady members, Miss Brodlique and Miss Duncan, looked as pretty as any.

NOTES OF THE SESSION.

The Senate has adopted the address after a more protracted discussion than in the Commons. Senator Scott attacked the Fishery Treaty, which he described as a case of peace at any price. Senator Sanford viewed the treaty as a good settlement of a vexed question.

Hon. Mr. Abbott told me on Saturday that he had not actually drafted a bill for the suppression of bucket shops, but he was going to see if one could be framed. The evil should be remedied.

The press gallery is fuller than ever, representatives from Halifax to Winnipeg being present. There are forty members.

Col. Amyot will introduce a bill defining the six months limit clause in the Elections' Act.

The Reform Parliamentary caucus is being held to-day.

Notice has been given in the Senate of the adoption of new rules of procedure in divorce cases. Their nature is not explained.

Polling in West Middlesex and Prince Edward county takes place on the 10th.

The writ for Russell is expected this week.

Hon. Mr. Blake is at a watering place near Rome.

Mr. Davies, of Prince Edward Island, has arrived.

Messrs. Purcell, Garibaldi and Caron, whose seats are in appeal, have all taken their seats.

Sir Charles Tupper's cold kept him out of the House last week.

The committees for the season will to-day be reported to the House.

"Bob" Watson says the feeling in Manitoba is that now Mr. Greenaway has the big end of the stick, he will build the road to the boundary whether the Dominion likes it or not, and the policy of disallowance, therefore, is not of so much consequence.

Senator Ballerose is going to raise a row over certain statements contained in the blue book, referring to the recent troubles in St. Vincent de Paul penetentiary. The Senator is accused of certain things, which accusations are, he claims, a breach of the privileges of Parliament.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL.

Mayor Buchanan Resigns But is Again Called Back—An Almost Unanimous Vote—Mr. Mitchell the Only One Dissenting—The Town's Finances in a Better State Than Supposed.

A special meeting of our town council was held in the council chamber on Tuesday evening.

There were present His Worship Mayor Buchanan and Messrs. Richardson, Smith, Mitchell, Holmes, Stewart, McGill, Morrison, Thompson, King, Mills and Williams.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Accounts from F. Wilson, floor in market, $6; J. L. Grant & Co., pails, $6.70; Wm. Ewart, auditing police books, $20; C. H. Slawson, auditing police books, $20; Smith & Runciman, carpet, $2.80.

A petition from the Brantford council asking his council to help them to get the no bonus bill through the house was read.

The Mayor here tendered his resignation and read a long letter explaining why he was forced to take this step, all of which is well known, and there is no need of repeating again.

The chair was then taken by Dr. Williams he being the next in order.

Mr. Richardson moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, the council into committee on the resignation of the Mayor, Mr. Thompson in the chair.

Mr. Morrison moved that no action on the Mayor's resignation be taken to-night, but that it be laid on the table to be dealt with at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Patterson seconded the amendment that the resignation be not accepted.

Mr. King moved in amendment to the amendment that the council do not accept the resignation of the Mayor as we do not believe in the principle of having outsiders dictate to us who our Mayor shall or shall not be, and we do not believe it would be serving the interests of the town to accept it.

Mr. Richardson withdrew his amendment.

Dr. Williams didn't feel that we had any right to be put in any such position as we had been. The election has been held and the result established and we should not be made to bear the expense of a new election just to carry out an agreement entered into between our Mayor and outsiders.

Mr. King may have been against any such agreement being forced on the town and thought we should not allow ourselves to be made a party to it. He thought the whole thing was a farce and we should keep our present Mayor in his place.

Mr. Mills thought the same as Mr. King, and that no serious charge had been proven against Mr. Buchanan. If Mr. Watterworth had had hopes of disqualifying the Mayor he would have gone on with the case.

Mr. Richardson was in accord with the amendment. Mr. Buchanan had filled his position to his satisfaction and he looked upon the matter as a scheme to get the town to bear the expense of a new election as the price of peace. We had enough resignation in the past year or two to last us for the next ten and didn't want any more. It would be better to spend the money in fixing up our town than to spend it for a new election.

Mr. Stewart thought it would be a disgrace to accept the resignation and not protecting the town's interests.

Mr. Morrison thought some of the members were very anxious about spending $42. He could remember when $120 had been paid to two men with hardly a word said.

Mr. Richardson said they had saved $500 in voting that $120 and thought it was a good move.

Mr. Mills asked if the evidence already taken would be sent down to Toronto along with the agreement to get the Judge's opinion on it down there.

Mr. Buchanan was asked his opinion on the matter. He didn't know what Judge Finkle's duty was in the matter. His duty was to resign and he had done so and it was the council's duty to accept or reject it.

Dr. Williams thought the matter should be dealt with at once and let the Mayor know the result. If the Judge has to send the evidence down we should not wait until we hear from Toronto, but take any steps we are going to at once.

Mr. Smith said we were in the position of Judges in this case. The matter ought to have been fought out in Woodstock. The parties who drew up the agreement exceeded their powers in trying to make the council and two of our town papers parties to it. Don't think that is in accordance with the agreement Buchanan should hold his seat. If we could throw the whole matter out it would be the best plan. He thought when coming up here to-night he would have to vote against the resolution, but after hearing the arguments would support it.

Mr. Morrison here withdrew his motion, Mr. King's amendment thus becoming the original motion and was immediately put and carried.

The committee rose and recommended that the council decline to accept the resignation of the Mayor.

Mr. Mills moved, seconded by Mr. King, that the council concur in the finding of the committee in not accepting the resignation of the Mayor.

Mr. Stewart asked for the yeas and nays. All the members with the exception of Mr. Mitchell voted yea.

Mr. Stewart moved, seconded by Mr. McGill, that Dr. Williams vacate the chair and that M. T. Buchanan take the same as Mayor of Ingersoll.

Mr. Buchanan again took his seat amid cheers and said he didn't know when he had been in such a peculiar position before. We all have our weak spots and he had often found his, none more so than at the present. He did not deny having had an idea before entering the council chamber tonight that his resignation would not be accepted. He was the party that wanted the town papers put in the agreement as he thought they should be cleared, it being partly through him they were being threatened, Mr. Tennant was also threatened with a penalty of $2,000 if he didn't give different evidence. He didn't know how far Mr. Watterworth was going to carry the case nor cared very much at the present time. He felt safe in taking his seat and thanked the council for such an expression of confidence, such a one had never before been expressed.

On motion Dr. Williams was granted leave to introduce a by-law repealing section 96 of by-law 200.

The by-law was read a first, second and third time and finally passed. It referred to the sliding scale in use with regard to vacant tenements.

On motion the clerk was instructed to write the word repealed before section 96 in all copies of the town by-laws.

On motion the Reeves and Mr. Smith were appointed a committee to draft a petition to the Legislative Assembly in reference to the no bonus bill in accordance with the resolution passed at the last meeting.

On motion $25 was placed to the credits of the board of works and $50 to the credit of the market committee.

Dr. Williams stated that the auditors' report would be read at the next meeting and that it showed that the town was $2,500 better off than at the first of the year instead of going behind to the tune of $15,000.

Council adjourned at 10:15.

LITERARY NOTES.

What lady is there who does not want *Godey's Lady's Book?* If there be any such it must be among those who have not seen this popular magazine. The coming of the March number, which is full of valuable and readable articles, reminds us to say that *Godey's* is eminently a family magazine. Its fashion articles are standard authority among ladies who love to dress well. Its studies in home art-work, decoration, management and culinary affairs are worthy the attention of all who prize happy and attractive homes.

In short stories, continued stories, poetry and illustrations, the March number presents attractions far greater than the price would seem to indicate. The price is only two dollars a year with pleasant inducements in premiums and prizes. Write to the Crealy Publishing Company, 1224 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

NEW FRUIT—Just arrived at Beck's fruit store—the finest lot of lemons we have had this season. They are from the Island of St. Michael, off the Coast of Spain, and are very smooth, skinned and juicy; they are good to keep for two months, only 25 cents a dozen. Now is the time to lay in a stock. —Beck's fruit store. 97c

THE INGERSOLL LIAR.

He Gives a Few Pointers About Things in His Native Town to Wondering Hamiltonians.

The following remarkable interview we take from the Hamilton *Spectator* of Saturday last;—Yesterday as a reporter was standing in the King William street fire station a tall, slab-sided man stepped in and roostered up alongside.

"That's a fizzer," said he