Huron Signal,

GODERICH, DEC. 16, 1874.

Date of Issue.

On and after Thursday, 7th Jan., 1875, the SIGNAL will be issued on Thursday morning. We make this change for various reasons, which need not be explained, and we hope our many readers will be satisfied with the arrangement.

LOCAL NEWS.

PARKHILL is progressing. The Gazette [illegible]

SNOW FALL.—Three inches of snow fell on Sunday night.

We are indebted to Mr. A. Hoskin, M. P. P., for copies of Legislative proceedings.

MR. SAMUEL STEWART was elected Treasurer instead of Tyler of Goderich Lodge A. F. & A. M., as mentioned last week.

Moore & Gordon have just received a large stock of Coke and shoes, and all the ladies intend to make one comfortable this cold weather.

LOOK out for Saunders' advt. next week. He will have on hand a large quantity of articles suitable for Christmas presents.

NEW DOMINION MONTHLY.—This popular magazine is to hand full of interesting reading matter and fully up to the standard.

RECOVERING.—Mr. Jas. Martin who has been in bed with a severe attack of inflammation of the lungs we are glad to hear is getting better.

FOR THE ASYLUM.—The insane man, John Merrow, who has been confined in the jail here for some time past was taken on to London Asylum yesterday.

OYSTERS.—Mr. D. Ferguson is daily receiving fresh oysters from the famous Baltimore beds. He has a large stock on hand each day, and is selling them at a low figure.

OUR Correspondent who styled himself "Flour" will rejoice, and many others with him at the reduction in the price of bread. A four pound loaf now sells for 10 cents.

MISTAKE.—In making up the supplement form last week, a figure 1 dropped unnoticed from the balance sum in the School board figures, between the 4 and 2, making the sum $142.11 instead of $1412.11.

CHRISTMAS EVE BALL.—A ball and supper will be given at Prof. Ingram's dancing academy on Victoria Street, on Christmas Eve. A good time may be expected. Tickets admitting lady and gentleman, $1.50. Mr. Ingram has a large class under tuition.

NEW WAGGON MAKING SHOP.—Mr. A. Dart, lately with Mr. Louis Elliott, has a shop on Kingston Street, in Mr. Peter Nolan's old establishment. Mr. Dart is a good workman, and people can rely on getting good work from him. All kinds of repairing done.

SOCIAL.—The Methodist Episcopal Social on Tuesday evening of last week was a very successful affair, a large number being present. Interesting addresses were delivered by local ministers, and the singing was excellent, reflecting credit on the choir led by Mr. Jas Martin.

VAGRANTS.—These characters have called upon the Mayor of the town to the number of three in the past week, one from Whitby and two from Brantford. They were provided with lodging at the jail, and seemed to know the necessary form of procedure to secure incarceration.

A COW IN A WELL.—Mr. Jas Lathnaite of the Maitland concession, some time since lost four head of cattle. After spending considerable time searching for them, he recovered two of them and the third he found in a well by the side of the Huron Road. It had evidently been there for about a week, and was dead.

UPSET.—On Friday last, as two of Mr. Jas. Thomson's sons were driving down the hill in rear of the house to the stable, the horse started suddenly throwing the two boys out, but without hurting them. The horse ran away, rushing around the field at a furious rate until captured. The cutter was badly smashed.

AN OLD RESIDENT GONE.—We regret to announce the death of Mr. Peter Barry, at the early age of 36. Mr. Barry was one of the old residents of the town, and in connection with his brother carried on the furniture business for many years. He was much respected, and although not a prominent man, will be missed from a large circle of acquaintances. He was a victim of the dread disease, consumption.

BUSILY EMPLOYED.—Work at the Goderich Foundry is very brisk. For the past few weeks the establishment has been running night and day, in order to keep up with the demands of an increasing business. A planing machine and engine have been set up at the new mill, and twelve men are busily employed preparing the woodwork necessary for flooring and finishing the structure. We are glad to notice such success in the business of this establishment.

FIRE.—About 2 o'clock on the morning of Thursday last, a family in the employ of Mr. Sidney H. Mountcastle of the 3rd con., Goderich Tp., occupying a small cottage were awakened from their slumbers by the sound of crackling timber and the suffocating effects of smoke. The inmates had barely time to escape with their lives, the husband having his hair and whiskers singed. All their goods were lost, and the family, having reached this country from the lockout district of England about two months ago, are in distitute circumstances. We understand a subscription is being set on foot to relieve their present necessities, and we feel sure the people will respond liberally. The case is truly pitiable.

DATE CHANGED.—Owing to the occurrence of the school entertainment on Monday evening next, the St. Andrews Church tea meeting has been changed to the following evening, Tuesday, 22nd. A very interesting programme has been prepared, the speakers to be present being, Rev. J. C. Smith, Hamilton, Rev. W. Smyth, Toronto, Rev. T. Goldsmith, Rev R. Ure, Rev. J. Graham, and Rev. T. E. Nugent. Tickets 35 cents. Special services will be held in the church on the Sabbath previous, Rev J. C. Smith occupying the pulpit at 11 a. m., and Rev. W. Smyth at 6 p. m., the collections to be taken up being in aid of the Manse Fund. The tea meeting at the Smith's Hill church will also be changed to Monday, the 21st inst.

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.—Very little is being said with regard to the coming municipal elections. The present *personnel* of the Town Council seems not likely to be much altered in the coming year. The people seem to be thoroughly satisfied with the ability and conduct of the old council, and beyond supplying the seat lately occupied by Mr. Gordon and a probable contest for the mayoralty, very little is mentioned amongst the knowing few. Mr. Horton has declared his willingness to act if the people should call upon him unanimously, but if a contest is to be made he will not be willing to accept a nomination. After three years' service, Mr. Horton has given general satisfaction, and should he now retire it will be with a gratifying record. In connection with the mayoralty C. Crabbe, Esq., is mentioned. Mr. Crabbe is well known as a conscientious and faithful officer, and would certainly prove a good mayor; but being a contractor with the corporation, in receiving rent for the Council Chamber, he is thus disqualified from running, we believe. Mr. John Davison is also mentioned, and should Mr. Horton retire, Mr. Davison will we believe be brought forward. Being a popular and thoroughly capable gentleman he would have no difficulty in securing the position, and he would prove a valuable official. In St. George's Ward, Mr. Jas. Buchanan is mentioned as likely to run, and if he should, will meet with a hearty support. Mr. A. P. McLean is mentioned in connection with the vacant seat in St. David's Ward. No other likely candidate for municipal honors has yet been mentioned.

CROWDED OUT.—Reports of Teachers' Meeting and Colborne Township Council are crowded out of this issue.

RETURNED.—Mr. A. M. Polley returned to town last Saturday looking much better for his lengthy trip through the South.

Mr F. Jordan is well known in his line of business, and comment upon his merits is unnecessary. We simply refer our readers to his advt. and their knowledge of his reputation.

JEWELLERY.—W. T. Welsh has prepared for the holidays by laying in a choice stock of Christmas and New Years gifts at reasonable prices and suitable for all.

MILLINERY.—We would direct attention to the advertisement of Miss J. Stewart. A full line of everything under the head of millinery and dress making can be had at the store on West street.

The business on the market during the past week has been quite brisk. No material change is noticeable in the prices paid, except a fall of two cents in the price of fall wheat. A great deal of pork has been brought in, and the prices rates high. Commodities for the festivities of the holiday season are in great demand.

CURLING MATCH.—A curling match took place at the rink on Monday afternoon between two rinks chosen by Mr. M. Hutchinson and Mr. Henry Horton, resulting in a victory for the former, after a close and exciting contest. Four points. Mr. Hutchinson's rink consisted of Messrs. Finley, Hood and Adamson, and Mr. Horton's of Messrs. Cooke, Ross and Austin. The defeated rink furnished the oysters at Bingham's. A return match is to be played to-morrow at 2 o'clock, Messrs. Finlay and Cooke acting as skips of the respective rinks.

STABBING AFFRAY.—On Friday night last the boarders in Mr. G. Lewis, boarding house, on West Street, were having a social dance. About 12 o'clock the notorious Neil McKeever, who we believe has a grudge against one of the boarders, entered the house and got into a dispute with one Elsom, a quiet respectable young man, who attempted to reject him. On getting outside they scuffled for a little time, when a number of men ran from one of the opposite corners, and Elsom was thrown to the ground. While down he was kicked several times, once in the ear causing it to bleed profusely. One of the men put his finger in Elsom's mouth in order to hold him down, wrenching him severely. He was stabbed in the abdomen once, but by whom he does not know. The wound inflicted was not dangerous, as the knife struck in the fold of the pantaloons. He was struck twice in the left shoulder but the knife did not enter the flesh, merely cutting the coat. Elsom was taken into the house, and Dr. McMicking attended him and dressed the wounds. The injured man was able to walk around on Saturday afternoon. McKeever has not yet been arrested.

PORTER'S HILL AND VICINITY.

From our own Correspondent.

In reading the Huron SIGNAL, and other newspapers of the day a person can not but be impressed with the idea that villages will soon be towns, and towns cities. Improvements are going ahead so rapidly; and since such is the case, let me give the outside world an account of a small village which is destained ere long to take its stand with other villages and towns in Ontario. I allude to Porter's Hill. Although mills and manufactories do not meet the traveller's gaze, the amount of business done justifies us in believing that we are correct. To begin with, we have a very commodious brick School House. Mr. Thomas Miller is teacher, and if it was nothing else than the orderly manner in which the children conduct themselves, and which one so seldom sees in travelling through the country, is a credit to him. Then, on the opposite corner, we have a post office and general store carried on and conducted by James Hendry & Co., the firm doing a very extensive business in butter, eggs, apples and other produce. Next there is a very extensive blacksmith's shop and harrow factory. Both these departments are carried on by C. H. Cryderman, where he is busy manufacturing the celebrated Scotch diamond harrow, he having disposed of no less than fifty sett during the past year. Their superiority over every other harrow being acknowledged by a vast majority of the farmers of Ontario, and though he does not advertise or write poetry, orders are coming in every week. Mr. Cryderman cordially invites other builders to come out to the shows and compete against him, and let the harrows be tested. Mr. Cryderman is also agent for the Newcastle Works, having sold a great many ploughs, plough points, reapers and other implements. He also sells Paxton & Tait's splendid gang ploughs.

A shoe maker would do well here, and is badly needed, and a carpenter shop in connection with the blacksmith shop is very much wanted. Measuring out village lots is a sign that improvements will go ahead next summer.

James A. McDonald, not John A., shot a large snowy owl the other week with a Snider rifle, at a distance of a hundred and ninety seven yards, the ball striking him near the jugular vein. Beat that who can.

BAYFIELD AND VICINITY.

Mr Charles Wiese, of Bayfield, is our authorized agent, and will receive subscriptions, orders for printing and collect accounts due us this office.

SUDDEN DEATH.—An occurance of a most painful nature, has spread quite a gloom over this village during the last week. On Sunday afternoon last, whilst Mrs. Gibson (wife of the Rev. H. Gibson) was in the act of praying in the school which she personally superintended, she was observed to throw her hands up, exclaiming Oh! my head. A cutter was immediately sent for and Dr. Stanbury soon in attendance, but so severe was the attack that she had to be laid on a robe on the snow, from whence she was carried on a sofa into Mr. Keys house, where she breathed her last on Tuesday evening, never having been conscious since the Sunday. Great sympathy is felt for the Rev. Gentleman and family, for their irreparable loss. The deceased lady took an active part in all matters connected with the church, and was a most zealous Christian; her loss will long be felt by young and old and the memory of her many kind acts, particularly to the poor, will have a resting place in their grateful and sorrowing hearts. The funeral took place on Friday and was followed to the Clinton cemetery, by a very large number of friends and acquaintances.

A new addition to the school house is just completed, and the extra room 20x28 will be a great boon to the scholars, as it was much wanted. Mr. James Williamson of the Commercial Hotel had the contract for the brick work and plastering, and has given decided satisfaction with the work.

During the last week about 12 teams daily were drawing bricks from Messrs. Keys & Elliotts yard for Messrs. Ogilvie's Mill in Goderich.

Boat building will be pretty lively here this winter, there being four new ones on the stocks to be ready for the spring fishing.

We do not hear of many announcements for the coming festive season, Mr. J. Williamson of the Commercial Hotel, however, has issued invitations for a ball on Xmas night, and from the well known genial character of that gentleman, it will no doubt be well patronized.

INCREASE OF BUSINESS.—Messrs. R. Bates & Bro. have been compelled to rent extra premises to make room for their Xmas stock. This looks well for the business of the new firm.

SEAFORTH AND VICINITY.

From the *Expositor*.—Arrangements are in course of progress for the formation of a joint stock company, with a capital of $20,000, for the purpose of establishing a first-class hotel, to be conducted on purely temperance principles.

Mr. Wm. Newman, of this town, killed his two tame bears, a few days ago, for the purpose of obtaining the oil. He has now prepared this oil for use on the hair, and [illegible] taking appearance [illegible] his hair [illegible]

Mr. Pepler, [illegible] a fine mealy old [illegible] colt was sired by [illegible] Mr. John Avery, [illegible] a colt from the same [illegible] can buyer, for $200. [illegible] months old. This speaks [illegible] McKeever's house.

(Further on Correspondent)

INDUCTION SERMONS.—The Rev. R. Scott was inducted into the pastoral charge of the Presbyterian Congregation, [illegible] A large number were present, the Rev. Mr. Ure, of Goderich and others officiated. Mr. Scott is a very able speaker and suited on his charge under happy auspices, being very popular with his people. No doubt the Rev. gentleman's abilities will draw a large congregation in addition to those who are already in connection with the church. The Rev. gentleman preached his first sermon as pastor of the church at five o'clock last Sabbath, to a very large audience, the sermon being one of the best ever delivered in this part of the Country. He is a first class preacher, clear and distinct in his delivery, the matter being fresh and original. He held the audience in rapt attention throughout.

SOIREE.—A soiree and tea meeting will be held in the Egmondville C. P. Church on Friday evening the 8th inst. The Rev. Mr. Scott the newly inducted pastor is expected to occupy the chair and the following gentlemen the platform, the Rev. Mr. Burt of Harpurhey, Rev. Mr. Henderson of Paris, Dr. Campbell of Seaforth, Rev. Mr. Thompson of McKillop, the Rev. Mr. Goldsmith of Seaforth, and others. Mr. Jas. Cline of Seaforth will lead the choir upon the occasion. No doubt there will be a crowded house on the occasion.

BRUSSELS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL.—The scholars of St. John's Sunday School, are to be entertained on Christmas Eve at a Fruit Festival. A Christmas Tree will also be provided. Prizes according to merit will be distributed.

AN OPERATION.—On Thursday last, a large tumor, about the size of a teacup, was excised from the body of a lad named Turnbull. Dr. Graham, of Brussels, assisted by Dr. Gracey, of Ethel, performed the operation.

HORSES SOLD.—Mr. Alex. Innis, of Stanley, has sold his three entire colts—one imported and two Canadian bred—to Mr John Avery, of the London road Stanley. One of these colts has taken 11 first prizes; one has taken 9 first prizes and one second, and the other was imported last fall, and has never been shown in this country. They are said to be three as fine colts as can be found in Ontario.

Mr. Robert Grovenlock has sold his farm to a gentleman recently out from the old country. This farm is situated about a mile and a half from Seaforth, on the Northern Gravel Road. It contains 174 acres, and has on it one of the finest brick residences in the township. It was sold for $13,000.—*Expositor*.

LUCKNOW.

From the *Times*.—Market figures—wheat 75 to 80, oats 40, barley 75, peas 60, pork 8½, eggs 12½, butter 24, potatoes 60.

The Annual Grand Bonspiel, East Ontario vs. West, will come off at Hamilton in January next. Lucknow Curling Club has had a very pressing invitation to take part in the contest, and a meeting will be held in Neil Smith's store, on Saturday first, the 12th inst., at, 7.30 p. m., to consider the matter. The G. W. R. have made arrangements, so that parties attending the Bonspiel will be able to travel the double journey for a single fare.

DARING ROBBERY.—On Sunday or Monday morning last, the store of Mr. Geor Kerr, was entered by thieves and the cash box containing $131 was taken out. The robbery was not discovered until about seven o'clock on Monday morning, since which time active steps have been taken for the apprehension of the party or parties implicated, but up to the present writing no one has been arrested.

The Council at its sittings on Tuesday evening last empowered the village clerk to proceed to London to purchase the Phœnix fire engine for the use of this corporation.

A grand entertainment in aid of the poor of the village was given in the Town Hall here, on Thursday evening last. The attendance was good, about $50 being realized.

CLINTON ITEMS.

Clinton is now a town, with a population of 2,500.

On Friday evening a farewell supper was given Mr. Dennison, late of the Royal Canadian Bank, at the Rattenbury House, by a few of his friends, previous to his departure for Chatham, where he has received an appointment in the bank. He carries with him the good wishes of all who knew him here.

Rev. Mr. Crane, of Tuckersmith, occupied the Methodist pulpit here on Sunday morning last, and Rev. Mr. Ure, of Goderich, the Presbyterian, in the evening of the same day.

A Hullett farmer came to town one day last week, got drunk, then drove his horse to Goderich as fast as it could travel, gave it an unusually large feed of oats while there, drove back to this town in the same manner, and stabled his horse at one of the hotels here. Some person going to the stable shortly after, found the animal dying, it having been injured by the hard driving and large quantity of oats which it had eaten.

It would seem as if some person was determined on securing a supply of bed clothing for nothing, as a few weeks since some one helped themselves to Mr. T. Potts' clothes line and what was thereon, and on Friday evening last some person, likely the same party, again took from the same place, two or three good sheets. The articles were stolen at about six o'clock in the evening, while the people in the hotel were at tea.

Entertainment at Smith's Hill.

Last Friday evening was a red letter season in the history of the elevated clachan of Smith's Hill. Everybody and his wife, or his hoped to be wife—for it was difficult to decide whether the people were all courting or all married since so frequent allusion was made to "sweet-hearts"—and the less sentimental wife—was present, we might say; but should the statement be considered strained we quote, as more comprehensive and reliable,

"Every lad had his lass,
And every Jock his Jean."

Fully 200 people were present, and the confusion of feminine and masculine merry-makers distributed promiscuously through the rooms of the hotel from kitchen to garrett, the mysterious noises from the "hall of secrecy," the wailings of the belated unfortunates who had horses to take care of, in search of stable accommodation, and the good-natured restlessness of everyone made the ancient place gay and attractive. The sleighing was fair and the number that visited from Goderich was large. The Maitland and Goderich Lodges were well represented, and the members of the latter, overflowing with fatherly affection turned out to bless and wish "God speed" to this their first offspring.

It was late when the visiting brethren reached the hall, and the dedication of the hall and installation occupied the time until after the hour announced for the opening of the concert. The Deputy District Grand Master, Bro. Benson, of Seaforth, assisted by G. S. W., John R. Miller, G. J. W., Geo. Swanson, G. Chaplain A. C. Simmons, G. Secretary E. Hosker, G. S. D., H. H. Smith, and G. J. D., Robt. Herderson, conducted the installation and dedication, the following being the names of the officers:—Worshipful Bro. Jas. Varcoe, W. M.; Bro. J. H. Nott, S. W.; Bro. W. J. Harris, J. W.; Bro. Downs, S. D.; Bro. Robertson, J. D.; Bro. Glen, I. G.; Bro. Rev. Jas. Broolie, Chaplain; Bros. Grummet and Bailey, Directors of Ceremonies; Bros. Tiffin and Brown, Stewards; Bros. Welch and Harris, Auditors; Bros. Cook, Bowman, and H. J. [illegible] Committee; Bros. R. B. [illegible] Secy. and Treas., Bro. John Patterson, Tyler.

[illegible] had been led away and [illegible] from the eyes of [illegible] musical entertainment [illegible] acting as chairman. [illegible] were first called [illegible] duett "Mother, can [illegible]" in a manner that [illegible] applause. After a few [illegible] Benson, Mr. Wm. [illegible] following address was [illegible] presentation of a handsome [illegible] and compass, with [illegible] ription, Mr. J. R. Miller [illegible]

To the W. M. Wardens and Brethren of Goderich Lodge No. 309 of A. F. & A. M.

BRETHREN,—At a regular meeting of Goderich Lodge No. 33 G. R. C., held on the evening of Wednesday, the 2d inst., we were appointed a deputation from them to convey to you their fraternal greetings on the happy occasion of the opening and installing of the officers of Morning Star Lodge No. 309 G. R. of C. As an earnest of their good wishes towards you we are instructed by them to present to you the three great lights of Masonry, the bible, square and compass. It has been said of our beloved Queen, when asked by a foreign Prince the source of England's greatness, that she took a handsome bound volume of the Holy Bible and presented it to the Prince with these ever memorable words, "herein is the source of all England's greatness." Just so in Masonry, the volume of the sacred law, in the words of the charge to the newly initiated brother let us charge you to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate your actions by the divine precepts, which it contains; by so doing you will then compass your actions so that truth and virtue will ever appear in the front, thereby enabling you to act upon the square not only with the craft but with your fellow man. Brethren, ever bear in mind that man is judged by his actions, either as an individual or as a collective body; and may T. G. A. O. T. U. give you strength as a body of Masons so to work and act as to call forth the approbation of your fellow craftsmen and the uninitiated by whom you are surrounded.

Signed for and in behalf of Goderich Lodge No. 33 G. R. C.

WM. HOOD,
O. G. ANDERSON,
WILLIAM DICKSON.

Dated at Goderich, the 12th day of Dec., A. L. 5874.

Mr. Varcoe in appropriate terms, made a reply, and Mr. R. B. Scott read the following formal reply:—

To the W. M. Wardens and Brethren of Goderich Lodge No. 33 A. F. & A. M.

BRETHREN,—We have been deeply impressed with the importance and seriousness of the work we have undertaken in endeavouring to form here a new centre for the demonstration of the principles of Free Masonry; but our anxiety and labor have been greatly lightened by the counsel and assistance we have received from our brethren, but especially from the officers and members of Goderich lodge, who have been untiring in their efforts to equip us for the task we have set for ourselves. In accepting from them, as we do, the three great lights of Masonry, which they have just presented, we desire again to express our gratitude to Goderich Lodge for this manifestation of their interest in our Masonic progress. The best evidence we can give of our appreciation of their gift will be a close adherence to the principles represented by them. We are conscious that the success of our endeavours will, under Divine guidance depend mainly upon our own conscientious efforts, but we must still look to our brethren for much encouragement and assistance, and we trust that by our united endeavours we shall render our Masonic progress evident to our brethren, and shall show to those without by the consistency of our lives the influences of Masonic principles and discipline. Brethren, in again thanking you for your gift, we desire to reciprocate every fraternal wish which you have expressed and to supplicate the blessing of T. G. A. O. T. U. upon all our endeavours consistent with the great principles we profess.

ROBT. B. SCOTT, Sec'y.
JOHN VARCOE, W. M.

A very pretty glee, "Hail Smiling Morn," was next given by Miss Barnes, and Messrs. Melvin, Young and James Thomson. Mr. J. R. Miller followed with a very humorous reading. Mr. M. Young being called upon sang "Auld Scotland, I love thee," in good style. At this juncture it was announced to the hungry audience that supper would be ready in fifteen minutes, and thus fortified, the speeches of the Warden, Mr. D. Fisher and Mr. Wm. Dickson were listened to with interest. The Misses Trainer again favored the audience by singing adiette, "Tell me where do Fairies dwell," with much feeling and taste. They possess voices of rare beauty and sweetness, and are worthy of high commendation for their willingness to assist the success of such entertainments, as well as Miss Barnes, whose singing is peculiarly pleasing, and the gentlemen singers. Supper was announced, and the audience was very quickly transferred to the Agricultural Hall, where four tables were spread with the most tempting delicacies, which were still more palatable, eaten as they were, with the sauce of a keen appetite. The inner man and woman being thoroughly satisfied, and every one looking more satisfied than ever, the tables were cleared and the chairman called for full bumpers to "The Queen and Craft," which was drunk with patriotic zest, which was replied to by Messrs Miller, Beck and the Warden in appropriate speeches, Mr. W. M. Young singing "God save the Queen." Other toasts followed:—"The Press," "Our Visiting Brethren and guests," "Morning Star Lodge," "The Municipal Council," &c., each of which was appropriately responded to. The time was pretty far advanced to the "wee sma' hours ayont the twal," when the festivities concluded, and then came the "sprachin' and kempin a song the road to the toon."

The drive home was the climax, and the way in which each jehu endeavored to take the shine out of his neighbor was exciting. The event will be long remembered by those who were present, and the recurrence of such an occasion in the future will be hailed with pleasure by all. The organ used on the occasion was kindly furnished by Mr. L. S. Willson, of Goderich.

SERIOUS FIRE.

FOUR FAMILIES BURNED OUT.

About fifteen minutes past five last night, a fire broke out in the property on the Huron Road, owned by Mr. S. Furse, late of Goderich, but now of Walkerton. The building was a frame one, occupied by three families, Mr. Bailey, Mr. John Hopper, and a Mr. Smith who works at the foundry. Mr. Hopper's family were all out, and the fire originated there, from what cause is not known. All his furniture was lost; but Mr. Bailey succeeded in saving the greater part of his, as did Mr. Smith. A number of fowls belonging to Mr. Bailey were burned.

The fire engine was quickly on the spot, but no water was to be had until after considerable search, and this was used to prevent the flames from spreading. A large crowd turned out and lent assistance in saving the adjoining buildings.

We were unable to learn the amount of insurance on the buildings, if any. The houses were old and not very valuable, and the principal loss will be to the occupants, who will feel their loss very much. None of them had insurance on their property, we believe.

The house on the North-east [illegible] could not be saved, and the occupier took out the furniture and saved [illegible] goods.

Mr. Stuart (Reform) and Mr. [illegible] Wallace (Liberal-Conservative) were the [illegible] nominated for the vacant seat in the House of Commons, for Norfolk.

Mr. J. H. Weir, has entered the field in the interest of the Reform party of the constituency of North Leeds and Grenville.

Mr. Frederick Mackenzie, has been re-elected for Montreal West, by a majority of seven. This close vote is owing to the defection of many of his French Canadian supporters because of his having voted for the expulsion of Riel from the House of Commons.

A mass meeting was held in London on the 10th inst, to consider the proposal of the G. W. Railway Company to build the London, Huron and Bruce Railway, as far as Blythe. Ald. Moffat in a very effective speech, advocated the immediate acceptance of the Right Hon. Mr. Childers' proposition, after which he moved a resolution to the effect that the city consents to the agreement of the Rt. Hon. Mr. Childers, President of the Great Western Railway to build the line within one year, as far north as Blythe, and that $45,000 of London bonds be cancelled in the event of the line not being completed from Blythe to Wingham within two years. The resolution was adopted unanimously. The building of the road is now assured. Within two weeks work will be commenced, and the line will be in running order in eighteen months.

County Court.

The December sittings of the County Court and General Sessions opened on Tuesday, His Honor, Judge Toms presiding. The amount of business before the court was not large, there being no criminal cases. The following gentlemen composed the Grand Jury: W. W. Conner, foreman, Thos. Ballantyne, J. Cumming, Donald Currie, Geo. Chesney W. Wine, Wm. Hill, R. McMurdie, D. McCartney, Thos. Park, T. Row, J. Ross, J. Salkeld, R. Shorting, P. Thompson and Thos. H. Taylor.

The first case tried was *Bannstock vs Gordon, et al*—An action on account. Verdict by consent for the plaintiff $1 26 Mr Cameron for plaintiff.

Keay vs Gordon, et al—An action on account. Verdict by consent for the plaintiff $121. Cameron for plff.

Watson vs Alexander, et al—An action on a promissory note. Verdict by consent for plaintiff $205. Garrow and Walker for plff.

Russel vs Gordon, et al—Action on a promisory note. Verdict for plaintiff $124. 62. Garrow and Walker for plff., Squire for deft.

Royal Canadian Bank vs Wilson,—An action to recover the value of certain American coupons which defendant sold to the Bank. They were lost or mislaid and the Bank sought to make defendent responsible for them. Verdict for defendant, Benson & Meyer for plaintiff; Garrow and Walker for defendant.

Foster vs Whitelord—An action on a common counts. Verdict for plaintiff, $ 249 50, Mr. Cameron for plaintiff, Mr. Seager for defendant.

Watson vs Willing, et al—Undefended action on a note. Verdict for plaintiff $2 030 66. Garrow & Walker for plff.

The following is the presentment of the Grand Jury:—

Woodcock vs. Grand Trunk Railway. This was an action brought by Mr. E. Woodcock, of Goderich, to recover damages for the smashing of a light wagon and injury to horse by a collision at the railway crossing on the Huron Road. The plaintiff contended that the obstructions along the track at the Maniskillen salt well prevented him from seeing the approaching train. Lengthy evidence was taken on both sides. Mr. Garrow appeared for plff. Mr. Sinclair for defts. judgment reserved until today.

County of Huron } The Jurors of
To Wit: } our sovereign Lady the Queen beg leave to present that they have examined the Jail and find only three persons confined therein, one only as prisoner, and learn with satisfaction that one of them (a lunatic) will shortly be removed therefrom to a place where his physical ailment will have proper care and attention, and also recommend that as soon as possible some provision should be made for the poorother than jail associations.

We also find that the jail is well and cleanly kept, reflecting credit on the Warden's care and kindness.

We also notice with satisfaction that Messrs. Robertson and Jamieson of this town, members of the Y. M. C. A., are unremitting in their attention as visitors to the inmates.

We also desire to congratulate His Honor on the evidence of the decrease of crime on the fact that we have no bill to present this session.

W. W. CONNOR,
Foreman.

Grand Jury Room, Dec. 9, 1874.

LEARNED Professors have occasionally been outwitted by the sayings of the simple. Dr. Hill, an Edinburgh professor of the last century, met in the suburbs of the city an inoffensive creature who was generally regarded as an imbecile. Somewhat irritated by the creature's intrusion on the privacy of his walk, the professor said to him, "How long, Tom, may one live without brains?" "I dinna ken, said Tom; "how lang hae ye lived yersel?"

TREACLE ROLLY POLY.—Make a light paste and roll it out, sprinkle over it a layer of bread crumbs, grate over this the rind of a lemon, and squeeze over it the juice; then spread over this the best golden syrup, and roll up as a jam dumpling. It may be boiled or baked.

SUNDAY DIRECTORY.

Guide to Church Services.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
(Church of Scotland.)
REV. J. SIEVERIGHT.
Morning service 11 A. M. Evening service 6:30 P. M. Sunday School 10 A. M.

KNOX CHURCH,
(Canada Presbyterian.)
REV. R. URE.
Morning service 11 A. M. Evening service 6:30 P. M. Sunday School 2 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH
(Church of England.)
REV. CANON ELWOOD.
Morning service 11 A. M. Evening service 7 P. M. Sunday School 3 P. M.

GAELIC PRESBYTERIAN,
(Temperance Hall.)
MR. MCGILLIVRY.
Afternoon service 2 P. M. Evening service 6:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH
REV. JAS. GRAHAM.
Morning service 11 A. M. Evening service 6:30 P. M. Sunday School 2:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday and Friday evening at 7:30.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
REV. MR. ROSE.
Morning service 11 A. M. Evening service 6 P. M. Sunday School 2:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7.

METHODIST NEW CONNEXION CHURCH,
REV. F. N. NUGENT.
Morning service 11 A. M. Evening service 6:30 P. M. Sunday School 2:30 P. M.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH (Huron Road).
REV. CHAS. MATHEWS.
Morning service 11 A. M. Sunday School, 9:30 A. M.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH,
REV. P. J. O'SHEA.
Mass at 8 and 10:30 A. M. Catechism 3 P. M. Vespers 4 P. M.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.
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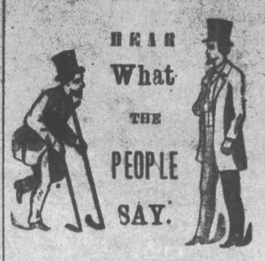

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FURTHER PROOF.

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