RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

GOING WEST.

Chicago Express*	4.34 a.m.
St. Louis Express*	11.16 a.m.
Air Mondaine	11.45 a.m.
Pacific Express*	6.15 p.m.
Mail	7.15 p.m.

GOING EAST.

Mail	6.40 a.m.
Atlantic Express*	12.05 p.m.
Day Express	2.45 p.m.
St. Louis Express*	5.03 p.m.
Mixed	8.10 p.m.

*Run daily—Sundays included—between Niagara Falls 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	9.10 p.m.

GOING WEST.

Detroit Express	11.38 a.m.
Detroit, Chicago Express	*2.41 p.m.
Local	7.17 p.m.
Local Mixed	9.30 a.m.

*Run daily Sundays' included.

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

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BY FAMOUS AUTHORS.

THIS WEEK.

No. 6—"The Man of Almonacid."

New CONTINUED STORY.

Countess Narona.

BY WILKIE COLLINS.

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NEXT -:- WEEK.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Special Offer—D W Judd.
Specials—A. Sutherland.
Entertainment—T Bengough.
Specials—G. Beck.
Notice of Removal—H E Robinson.
Baking Powders—Royal Baking Powders.
Special Sale—Smith & Runciman.
Auction Sale—A McCaul.
Fluid Beef—Johnston Co.
Auction Sale—R Proune.
Mortgage Sale—W W Holcroft.
Wanted—Mrs. A M Smith.
Cheesemaker Wanted—A J Stearns.
Wanted—Chronicle Office.
Man Wanted—R Vance.
Girl Wanted—Mrs G A Thompson.
Celery Compound—Wells, Richardson & Co.
Special—Kinr St Church.

The Chronicle

AND CANADIAN DAIRYMAN.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1888.

LOCAL MATTERS.

KNOX church tea meeting and concert in the town hall to-night.

ORANGE.—Mr. Manning has purchased from W. C. Holland his stationery stock and will carry on the business in future.

AUCTION SALE.—E. M. Scott, of West Oxford, will sell by public auction, on Mar. 5th, his farm stock and implements. Advertisement next week.

AUCTION SALE.—Mr. B. Miller, of the south-east quarter of lot 8, con 3, North Oxford, will sell by public auction, on Tuesday, Feb. 28th, his complete stock of farm stock and implements. Sale to commence sharp at one o'clock

COMPARATIVE WORTH OF BAKING POWDERS.—On one fourth page to-day will be found a striking and instructive illustration of the comparative worth of the various kinds of baking powders now in the market.

REG EX REL MACDONALD VS. BUCHANAN.—This case was argued before MacMahon J, at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on Tuesday. An order was made referring it to Judge Finkle, Woodstock, to take the evidence on the charges. W. Nesbitt and A. M. Taylor for the relator; G. F. Blackstock for the respondent.

IT'S NOT.—It is not this playing at billiards that tires a man most to death; but it's bringing up coal from the cellar that takes away his breath. And its' not the curling's hard sweeping that will knock him off all of a heap; but it's sawing a few sticks of green wood that will give him a grave long and deep. And it's not through the midnight carousal that so many give up the strife; but it's walking the floor with the baby deprives a poor fellow of life.

DEBT.—Mr. T. H. Kyle, druggist, of Ridgetown, who formerly lived here and was a nephew of Mr. Wm. Kyle, died the other morning from an overdose of chloral administered by himself the evening before to procure sleep. Mr. Kyle had been ailing nearly all fall from some time. His nerves had been much unstrung, and on the evening in question his friends were watching with him, the most unpleasant symptom he had being an indisposition to sleep. To overcome this he took some chloral with the result stated. He was aged 28.

THE registration of births and deaths in municipalities is much neglected, notwithstanding that those interested are open to punishment. The Registrar-General has issued instructions to assessors for this year to make enquiry regarding births or deaths in the family of the party being assessed and if any have not been registered, to record such on his roll. The division registrar has also been instructed to carefully examine the rolls upon their return, to see if there are any births or deaths marked as not having been registered. Should the clerk find any he is immediately to notify the parties who are required to make the registrations to do so without delay, and in case of their neglect or refusal, to proceed against them, in accordance with Sec. 28 of the Registration Act.

MARRIAGE.—The following report of the marriage of a former citizen, is taken from the Cicero, Ill., *Vindicator*:—A grand reception was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Vance, Park avenue, last Thursday evening, in honor of their niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. Monroe, who were lately married at Elgin. There were about seventy-five couples present, many of Mr. Monroe's friends from the city and Pullman being among the number. Mrs. Monroe was the happy recipient of many elegant presents, consisting of silverware and furniture. Music, dancing and tables groaning with loads of luxuries, of which all partook heartily, constituted the order of the evening's programme. All enjoyed themselves very much, and upon departing wished the happy bride and groom much pleasure in the future and a world of prosperity. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe will start housekeeking in a few weeks in our town. Mr. Monroe being engaged in the painting department of the Car Shops.

PLEASANT GATHERING.—A goodly number of our citizens, together with a large number from Brownsville, Culloden and surrounding country, met together on Friday evening last to do honor to Mr. R. Ryan, sr., at his residence, Dereham, the occasion being the anniversary of his 79th birthday. Among those present were Mr. J. Fulton, Mr. E. Brown and son, Brownsville; Messrs. J. M. Wilson, J. Frezell, C. Ryan, J. Long, J. P. Soles, Ingersoll; Mr. C. Saunders, London; Mr. and Mrs. Weisinger, Tilsonburg; Mr. Brooks, St. Thomas; besides a host of neighbors. After friendly greetings and congratulations, and a short speech by Mr. Wilson, in which he alluded to the successful pioneer raid made by Mr. Ryan when that section was a wilderness of pine trees, an excellent repast was partaken of. As soon as all had been duly served and the tables cleared, dancing was commenced and all, both old and young, enjoyed several hours of pleasant recreation.

A FINE HORSE.—Mr. R. Geodrich has purchased the fine Clydesdale stallion "Rosebury," from Mr. Joseph Franks, near Belmont. He is a beautiful bay; 16 hands high; weighs 1,700 lbs. He is a low set heavy block-made horse. Rosebury was foaled Nov. 19, 1882. He was bred by J. Miller, of Cardill, Scotland, and was imported into Canada by John McMillan, Esq., of the County of Huron. Rosebury took first prize at Glawra show in Scotland, in a ring of 75 colts, and also took first prize at the Belmont Spring Show in 1887. Rosebury was sired by Prince of Wales (373, Vol. 1), the property of D. Riddel, of Kilbourie, Scotland; grandsire, General (322); great grandsire, Sir Walter Scott (797); great-great grandsire, Old Clyde (574); great-great-great grandsire, Old Scotchman (754). Rosebury's dam was Nell, by Larg's Jock (444) bred by J. Wilson, Flatt, Larg's Jock; he by Greenlock (603); great-grandsire, Clyde (594); grand dam, Jean, of Mulkern. Rosebury's number will appear in the next volume of the Clydesdale Stock Book.

Go to J. W. Upper's for your horse blankets. He is selling at cost for the present.

You can get a horse brush for 10 and 15 cents each at J. W. Upper's.

J. COOKER ROBINSON, Missionary to Japan, will preach in the St. James Church next Sunday morning and evening.

THE next Entrance Examination to High Schools and Collegiate Institutes will be held on July 4th, 5th and 6th, 1888.

CERTIFICATE GRANTED.—Prof. Tagg, as the representative of the Tonic-Sol-Fa College, has just granted a certificate of matriculation to Geo. B. Kirk, Principal of the Chatham Model School. We believe this is the first instance of a Canadian student earning this distinction.

CAKE WALK.—The members of the British Methodist Church will hold an old folks concert and cake walk in the town hall, on Tuesday evening, 28th inst. Vocal and instrumental music will be rendered by the old folk. The Misses Pryer, of London, will be present and accompany them on the dulcemer and violin.

A social will be given at Mr. Thos. Choate's, on the River road, next Monday evening by the Ladies Aid of King St. Church. Teams will be on hand at the corner of King and Thames Sts. from 5 to 7 o'clock, to convey passengers. Admission for social and ride 25 cts.

PRESENTATION.—Mr. Thomas Lynch was presented with a handsome clock and cruet on the eve of his marriage, by his fellow workmen. Mr. Lynch has been on the G. T. R. section staff for the past fourteen years. The presents were purchased from Mr. H. Richardson, and which is sure guarantee as to their worth.

HORSE THIEVES.—Jas. McLeod and Joseph Marr, of Norwich, were tried before Judge Finkle at Woodstock yesterday for stealing a horse, cutter, robe and harness. They were acquitted on the charge of stealing the horse and cutter and sentenced to six months each in the Central Prison for stealing the harness and robe.

ARBITRATORS APPOINTED.—Judge McKenzie, of Sarnia, and Mr. George Moore, of Waterloo, the arbitrators selected by the C. P. R. and North Riding of Oxford Agricultural Society, respectively, met at the O'Neill House, Woodstock, on Monday, and selected Judge Finkle as the third arbitrator. The arbitration will, it is expected, open on the 28th of February and will probably continue for several days.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The following officers were elected at the meeting of the N. & W. Oxford Agricultural Society held in the Council Chamber on Saturday:—Pres., Thos. Brown; Vice-pres., Wm. Collyer; Directors, Ingersoll, J. W. Holmes, M. L. Stevens, E. Caswell; N. Oxford, W. S. Lindley, J. Fishleigh, L. Ruddich; W. Oxford, J. Prouse, G. H. Cook, P. Meek; Auditors, Wm. Ewart, W. A. Woolson.

BUSINESS CHANGE.—Mr. H. E. Robinson has purchased from M. L. Stevens, his grocery stock and business. Mr. Robinson is a young energetic business man, who, although he has been in the grocery business for hardly a year, has found it necessary, owing to an increase in trade, to move into more commodious premises than those formerly occupied by him. He will be found at M. L. Stevens' old stand, where he has removed his stock.

CONCERT.—The concert held at Dunn's School House, on Friday evening last, was a successful affair, some $15 being realized above expenses. The programme, on the whole, although being a little lengthy, was very well rendered. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. P. Archibald, of Beachville, who filled the position well. After the concert the members of St. Andrews Church choir and a few personal friends were invited to the residence of Mr. A. Dunn, where an elegant supper was prepared, and to which ample justice was done.

A LITTLE ROW.—Chief Henderson had an altercation with Mrs. R. Frezell on Saturday night, as to whether or not a person named Paddy Burke would be allowed to have a room in the hotel. Burke had slipped and hurt his thigh on the sidewalk and was carried to Frezell's. Mrs. Frezell refused to let them take him to a room on the grounds that he was more drunk than hurt. During the war of words which followed, Mrs. F. caught the chief by his whiskers and they had a little scrimmage, both falling to the floor. Some of the spectators then took a hand in and succeeded in parting them. Its hard to say what the outcome will be.

NEW BURNER.—Charles Black & Co., of Hamilton, put in, as experiments, two Semmens Lungren gas lamps in the King St. Church, on Tuesday. They are a decided success and are better than the electric lights for stores or large public buildings. The light being very brilliant and not at all dazzling to the eye, it being able to read the finest print any place in the church, except immediately under the gallery. There are several sizes of the burners, those put in the church being the largest and it is claimed the amount of gas saved by their use will soon pay the extra cost. It is probable the managers of the church will fit it up with them.

COASTING ACCIDENT.—A serious coasting accident occurred on Wonham street north, on Saturday night. A coasting sleigh carrying some half dozen ladies and gentlemen became unmanagable and ran into the bridge, opposite Mr. Crotty's yard, the occupants being participated down the embankment or thrown against the bridge. Mr. A. C. Patterson, Miss Oliver, Mr. Rycott and the Mr. Soellans were injured the most. The sled was going at a high rate of speed and it is fortunate they escaped as well as the did. This hill has been made very dangerous of late by some of the coasters pouring water on it to give them a better run. The parties injured are all doing well and will, we hope, soon be in a condition to "hooper up" again.

SHORTHAND ENTERTAINMENT.—On Tuesday evening next Mr. Thomas Bengough, President of the Shorthand Institute, of Toronto, will give a chalk-talk entertainment, in the town hall, at which he purposes to explain the mysteries of shorthand in such a way as to enable boys and girls, who never heard of shorthand before, to read sentences, written in the mystic characters, after less than half an hour's instruction. In order that he may have a chance to experiment in this line, a number of boys and girls from the public school, to be selected by the head master, will occupy seats at the front. As an additional feature of interest, Miss Ella A. Wright, teacher of elocution in the Canadian Business University, has been engaged and will give several readings during the evening. At the close of the entertainment Mr. Bengough will answer questions relating to shorthand, and will organize a class to be conducted by Miss Annie Hardie. Admission, adults, 15c.; children under twelve, 10c.

CARRIAGES! CARRIAGES! CARRIAGES.—A. Sutherland has purchased his partners share in the carriage manufacturing business, lately carried on by them, and begs to announce that he will be still found at his old stand on Oxford street, next to Frezell's hotel, ready and willing to manufacture, repair or sell carriages, buggies, wagons, cutters and sleighs of all descriptions. He has on hand at the present time in his show room some very nice two-seated phaetons, Detroit phaetons, and Buffalo road wagons. The foremen of the paint and blacksmith departments have been with Mr. Sutherland for the past eleven years and are skilled and reliable workmen. The trimming department is under the supervision of a skilled workman from Guelph. Mr. Sutherland has increased his staff of men and all work turned out by him will be found first-class. Those wishing to purchase any of the above lines would do well to call on Mr. Sutherland, as he is prepared to sell on easy terms at close rates.

PERSONAL.

Major R. Y. Ellis, of Toronto, was in town this week.

Miss M. Walker is visiting friends in Woodstock.

Miss Jennie McKay, of East Nissouri, is visiting friends in St. Thomas.

Mr. R. W. Smith, who has been with Mr. Walsh for the past two years, enters the office of Mr. J. Vance this week.

Mr. Lindsay has been appointed by the R. T. of T. as a delegate to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge in Toronto this week.

Rev. P. Wright, of Stratford, a former resident, occupied the pulpit of St. Andrew's church last Sunday. He and Mrs. Wright spent a few days visiting old acquaintances in town.

I was troubled with catarrh for seven years previous to commencing the use of Ely's Cream Balm, some five months ago. It has done for me what other so-called cures failed to do—cured me. The effect of the Balm seemed magical.—Clarence L. Huff, Biddeford, Me.

NEW FRUIT.—Just arrived at Beck's fruit store—the finest lot of lemon 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

For Detroit Phaetons call on A. Sutherland.

"Maud S" Condition Powders will cure roughness of hair in your horses and produce a fine glossy coat.

FREEMAN'S WORM POWDERS are safe in all cases. They destroy or remove worms in children or adults.

For Pony Phaetons call on A. Sutherland.

NATIONAL PILLS are unsurpassed as a safe, mild, yet thorough, purgative, acting positive liver regulator. 8

TOWN COUNCIL.

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

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

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS

were read from A. Matheson asking for the use of the council chamber for a lecture by Mr. Bengough on shorthand; from J. H. Hegler asking that $1000 be placed to the credit of the board of education; from Dr. McKay asking that the council express an opinion on the bill now before the house to do away with bonusing.

ACCOUNTS

were read from Samuel Turner, shoveling snow, $7.50; Wm. McLellan, shoveling snow, $3; G. W. Salter, shoveling snow, $1.50; John Wallace, shoveling snow, 75c.; Joseph Anderson, scrubbing out lock-up and police office, $1.25; Robt. Frezell, meals to tramps, $12.20; Chas. Crawford, hay for team, $11.70; D. H. Henderson, repairs on heater, $7.75.

Mr. Stevens asked for information regarding the rumor that Chief Henderson had injured one of our citizens. The Mayor said that there was a proper place to try those things, and until a trial had taken place and the offence proven we could not take intelligent action in the matter.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Mr. Stewart moved, seconded by Mr. Magill, that the account of Robt Frezell be paid.

On motion of Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. King, the application of Mr. Matheson for the council chamber was granted, when not previously engaged, at a fee of $2 per night.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Smith, the mover was granted leave to introduce a by-law for the purpose of appointing a local board of health.

By-law was read a first and second time, read in committee, blanks filled in with the following names: M. T. Buchanan, D. S. Burdick, J. Brady, J. Graves, H. Goble, T. Seldon, F. Stewart, J. Morrow, T. Brown, Dr. Walker medical health officer at a salary of $25, read a third time and finally passed.

On motion Dr. Williams, Mr. Smith and Mr. Holmes were appointed a committee to draft a by-law in pursuance of the public health act of 1884.

On motion of Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Morrison, the council went into committee of the whole on the communication of Dr. McKay, M. P. P., Mr. Thompson in the chair.

Mr. Buchanan said he had given this matter some consideration and thought it was a hard matter to decide. If this bill becomes law it will do away with bonusing all together, and it might be a good thing in one way if it did. If it passes, the towns will not have the same chance as cities to get firms to locate in their midst, and you will find all the city members will support the measure. We have been doing considerable bonusing and might say we had enough and are therefore in favor of the bill, but some day we might get the chance of getting some more good firms to locate here, and if the bill passes would be shut out, as the cities could offer free water, which we could not.

Mr. Holmes thought the question did not need any more legislating, as the safeguards that bonus by-laws now had were sufficient. It required a two-fifths vote of the ratepayers of a municipality to carry a by-law of this kind and people were intelligent enough, if the matter was thoroughly sifted, to judge for themselves.

Mr. Smith was opposed to the bill and all other bills of a similar nature, as it was a curtailment of our rights as citizens. Municipalities were as well, if not better than our legislature, able to judge for themselves as to the advisability of granting bonuses. We ought to have the privilege of spending our own money as we thought best, and if we made a poor investment it was nobody's business but our own. He would therefore be in favor of our expressing a decided objection to this bill.

Mr. Buchanan also thought we were capable of handling our own affairs and thought the town of Ingersoll had handled their's well for a number of years past. He thought there were few towns in Canada that were as wealthy, comparatively, as we, and this was the result of keeping down expenses and not going in for too many luxuries.

Mr. Mills was not in favor of bonuses as a rule, but when surrounding towns done so it behooved us to do so also, or we would be left behind altogether, and was in favor of the law being left as it was.

Mr. Stevens thought if a public meeting was called we would be in a better position to get the views of our townspeople on the subject. If other towns granted bonuses we would have to do the same, but should not let ourselves be carried too far and load the town with a heavy debt.

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Richardson, that the council are of the opinion that the interests of municipalities would be better served by leaving subsection 10 of section 479 of the municipal act in full force and power, and that a recommendation to this effect be forwarded to our local member with the seal of the corporation attached.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. Smith, the sum of $1000 was placed to the credit of the board of education.

On motion the council concurred in the finding of the committee of the whole on the communication from Dr. McKay.

Mr. Stevens moved, seconded by Mr. Morrison, that the police committee advertise in the Toronto *Globe* and *Empire* for applications for the position of Chief of Police.

The Mayor ruled the motion out of order on the grounds that there was no police committee and held that unless a committee was appointed by by-law and their duties defined, so soon as they once reported to the council they ceased to be a committee.

Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Holmes, that Messrs. Mills, Thompson and the mover be appointed a committee to advertise for applications for a Chief of Police in the Toronto *Globe* and *Empire*.

Mr. Mills moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. King, that Messrs. Stevens, Holmes, Richardson, King and the mover, be a committee to receive applications for the position of Chief of Police.

The amendment upon being put was carried.

Council adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

SPORTING NEWS.

TURF NOTES.

C. J. Hamlin, of the Village farm, Buffalo, issues the following challenge:—

"I will trot this coming season heats, best two in three, under the rules of the National Trotting association, over any good mile track, as convenient to reach by both parties as possible, four of the get of Mambrino King (an undeveloped stallion), foaled in 1885, bred, raised, developed and owned at Village farm, against any four of the same age, bred, raised, developed and owned by the owner of any stallion having a record of 2.22 or better, the said four to have been sired after the stallion had obtained his fastest record. I will make each of the four races for from $1 to $1000 a side, and I would prefer that the challenge should be accepted by the owner of Phalls, 2.13¾, or the owner of Jerome Eddy, 2.16¾. Both of the stallions named are fast, but up to the present time I have been unable to discover that either has sired a trotter

CURLING.

The Provincial Curlers defeated the Toronto City clubs on Tuesday, by 28 points.

SPRINTING.

The Boyd-Kittleman and Quirk-Anderson foot races, which were to have taken place at Woodstock last Saturday, turned out to be fizzles.

MEETING OF THE OFFICERS OF THE 22ND BATT.

The annual meeting of the officers of the 22nd Battalion was held on Monday afternoon at the O'Neill House, Woodstock, Col. Munro, presided. The others present were Major McClenaghan, Major Ellis, Capt. and Quarter Master Sutherland, Capt. and Adjutant Davis, Capt. McQueen, Capt. Ross, Capt. Hegler, Capt. Ball, Capt. Day, Lieut. Thrall, Lieut. McKay and Lieut. Andison.

The following committees were appointed:—

Band Committee.—Capt. Ross, Capt. Sutherland and Lieut. Andison.

Regimental Com.—Major Loveys, Major McCleneghan, and Capt. Day.

Mess Com.—Major McCleneghan, Surgeon Major Swan and Capt. Hegler

Major Ellis presented the company with a complete outfit of pioneers' tools, for which he was warmly thanked.

It was decided not to hold a dinner at this season, but to hold it at camp instead.

ORANGES, ORANGES.—We have just received a lot of fine St. Michael oranges. This fruit is grown on the Island of St. Michael, off the Coast of Spain, and is very high colored and fine flavored, and makes nice table fruit. Try some at Beck's fruit store. 97c

R. S. MURRAY & CO. are prepared to fit up Private Residences, Churches and Public Buildings, with Brussels Carpets, Wool Carpets, three ply Carpets, Union Carpets, Sinoleums and English Oil Cloths from one yd. to eight yds. wide. Fifty different patterns of New Carpets, Damask Curtains, Feather Beds and Pillows, and every other article of House Furnishings suitable for all classes of people. When in the city call and inspect our stock, price and quality of goods. R. S. Murray & Co., 124 Dundas Street & 125 Carling Street, London. 1763

THE GENIUS OF BURNS.

Celebrating the Scottish Bard's Natal Day in Seaforth—Eloquent Address by Dr. Campbell, Author of "The Land o' Burns."

Dr. Campbell of Seaforth presided at the celebration of Burns' Anniversary in that town, on the 25th ult., and in opening the proceedings delivered the following warm and touching eulogy on the immortal bard's works. It is published in the CHRONICLE at the request of some of those who were delighted listeners. Dr. Campbell said:

Ladies and Gentlemen—We have met to celebrate the 129th anniversary of Robert Burns, the greatest poet that ever sprang from the masses and lived and died in humble life, and one of the greatest poets the world has ever produced. In my boyish days the works of Robert Burns had a peculiar charm for me, my love for them increasing with my years and strengthening with my strength, so that many a day the magnetic attraction of the great Scottish Bard has been so potent with my sympathetic nature, that I have said in the language of our own McLachlan:

Untutored child of nature wild,
Whose instincts always true;
O when I'm weary of the saints
I turn with joy to you.

Burns was by all odds the most wonderful man that the 18th century produced. His contemporaries are nearly all forgotten today, while the fame of Burns is still on the increase, his centen having been celebrated in a manner unknown in the world before. His bust has been placed in Westminster Abbey amongst the intellectual giants of the greatest empire the world has ever seen, and still the sun of his genius shines in ever increasing splendor all undimmed by the years that have flown. There is nothing comparable to it in the history of the world, if we except the fame, and the name and the immortal works of "Him who spake as never man spake."

Burns appeared as a brilliant meteor in the northern sky, illuminating the straths and glens of his native land; the light shone into the homes, the hovels, the hearts of the people; the sunlike rays of his resplendent genius diffused a halo of glory over broad Scotland, but the light shone in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not.

He passed through life's tempestuous night,
A brilliant trembling northern light,
Through after years he shines afar
A fixed unsetting polar star.

Burns was conscious of his own genius and confident that the world would yet do him justice. They will think more of me a hundred years hence than they do now: he said to his "Bonnie Jean," when on his death-bed. How prophetic the utterance! Only ninety-two years their course have run since the greatest poet of his day passed into the still country surrounded by the lowly of earth amongst whom he had been born; and now his fame is universal as the air we breathe. His works have now reached their 432nd edition—have been translated into nearly all the modern languages of earth—proclaiming him to be not only the poet of Scotland, and of Scotsmen, but of the world at large.

When, we ask, comes the universal fame of Robert Burns? We will endeavor to answer that question. The three great qualities of a true poet are, love of nature, love of the ideal, and love of the country. In all these departments the muse of Burns gave no uncertain sound—the song is clear, distinct, beautiful. His love of nature, however, is always inseparably united with a warm passion or sweet affection for some living creature. Moreover, his descriptions are always characterized by intense life-pervading truth, hence the power of Burns is a living power, his presence a living reality.

In his love of the ideal he had a heartfelt sympathy with everything that would elevate mankind. The domestic health—love of his brother man—manly independence—unsullied integrity are all held up to our respect and admiration. In love of country, no poet surpasses Burns. With him it was a passion, deep and strong, only surpassed by his undying love of human freedom, which burned with unceasing flame on the altar of his noble heart.

In addition to these great and vital qualities, there is a universality about the writings of Burns which no creed, class or country could bind or control. He understood the true—shall we say the divine?—mission of man of his incomparable genius and scorned to give up to party, class or creed what was meant for mankind. This, we think, answers the question which has been propounded, namely, why he is so dear to every son of Adam's race, who reads and understands him aright? The working of the human mind are the same the world over, and Burns' delineations, being true to nature, were none the less true when translated into other languages. The light of such a genius is a portion of the sun in the heavens, shone for all. This answers the question, why all mankind love Robert Burns to-day. They love him because he first loved them.

Burns knew no blood royal on earth nor indeed cared blood but the rich ruddy blood of the "honest men and bonny lasses" by whom he was surrounded. To him always and everywhere—

"An honest man though e'er sae poor
Was king o' men for a' that."

God hath made all nation of one blood, was the burden of his gifted song. He sang the universal brotherhood of man with all his hearts and all his soul and all his strength in a manner that no man ever sang before him and may never do so again. In this he proved great insight into the big throbbing heart of humanity, and his writings have done much to make a proper fusion of all classes of society. In this respect Burns has been a benefactor of our race. The rich and poor are now seeking a truer platform on which they can unite for the furtherance of the great ends of our existence. Nature loves fusions and hates isolations, and nations are strong in proportion to the completeness of their class fusions, and weak in proportion to the extent of their class isolations. Robert Burns has twanged out the Divine idea of human brotherhood from the sympathetic strings of his great, big heart—and we are all of one blood to-night. It was when piercing with his eagle eye the pretentious and shams that alienate man from man in this vale of tears that he composed his immortal poem:

"A man's a man for a' that."

Since the great poet of Nature passed from Nature up to Nature's God, what mighty forces have been at work to bring about the realization of his grand, prophetic and glorious dream! The cheap postal system of the world, daily, hourly, we might say, sends messages to all lands proclaiming our poet's prophecy,

"It's coming yet for a' that."

Thousands of printing presses with ceaseless enterprise and energy, sound the beautiful strain—"It's coming yet for a' that."

The railways careering along the valleys of the world, carrying civilization and freedom in their train, whistle shrill and clear, the stirring strain—It's coming yet for a' that." The vast fleets of steamships, ploughing the waves of old ocean, carrying the commerce of the world from shore to shore, beat the same millennial music with their paddles—"It's coming yet for a' that."

The telephone, with the magic sound of the human voice shouts the happy news from town to town, and from city to city—"It's coming yet for a' that;" while the eclectic telegraph, impatient of the progress of its noted compeers in arts, civilization and improvement, sends lightning-footed couriers from continent to continent, beneath the waves of the mighty deep, proclaiming the same heaven-born message to all lands:

"It's coming yet for a' that,
When man to man the world o'er
Shall brithers be for a' that."

(Dr. Campbell was heartily cheered on closing his eloquent and touching address.)

DISTRICT NEWS.

KINTORE.

Mr. R. McIntosh, one of Mr. Granis saw mill hands, got one of his hands badly cut by coming in contact with a small circular saw used for cutting slabs, which will be likely to lay him up for the winter.

Mr. M. McCaul got one of his legs badly fractured by his load of logs upsetting as he was driving into the mill yard. He was caught in between the log he had on his sleigh and one lying on the ground. Its being after dark, and no one round the mill at the time, it was some time before he was rescued from the dangerous position in which he was placed. He is doing as well as can be expected.

THAMESFORD.

On Tuesday evening, 7th inst., a large number of friends surprised Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pullyblank by calling at their residence and presenting them with two elegant easy chairs. The presentation was made by Mr. C. Horsman, and the following address was read by Rev. Mr. Scratch:

DEAR FRIENDS,—We a few of your many friends in this neighborhood, learning with regret that it is your intention soon to leave this part of the country for a new home, cannot allow you to do so without first expressing in some tangable manner our appreciation of your worth, both as neighbors and friends, and our regret at your departure from our midst, both of which we earnestly desire you to believe to be general and true. Kindly accept these chairs as a small token of our respect and appreciation for you, and we hope that the accepting of them will give you as much pleasure as the presenting of them give us. And again we would say that we persistently pray and hope that you may live long to enjoy your new home, and also your future home in the sweet by and by.

A short feeling reply was made by Mr. Pullyblank, after which the company were delighted with some excellent music and recitations from several of those present.

The brethern of King Solomon Lodge, No. 194, held their annual oyster supper at the residence of Mr. T. H. McCarty, on Feb. 1st. A pleasant time was spent by all.

MOUNT ELGIN.

Mr. Roger Miller and son Roy, of Port Dalhousie, are spending a few days here.

Mr. D. D. Finch is visiting friends at Caledonia.

Rev. Wm. Taylor, of Buffalo, N. Y., is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. R. Smith.

Mr. John Mayberry has recovered from his recent severe illness. In a few weeks he will be able to get out of doors once more.

Marshall Mayberry is closing up his business, and will leave for California the first of March.

Business here during the winter has been unusually active, nowithstanding the very cold weather, J & R Millars mill has not lost one day.

We understand that Mr. Wm. Tripp intends coming here to live. He will be heartily welcomed by his many friends here.

A grand school entertainment will be given in the school house on Friday evening, Feb. 19th, consisting of dialogues, recitations and readings, also local and instrumental music.

CRAMPTON.

The revival services which have been in continuance in the Methodist church for four weeks ceased on Thursday evening, 9th. Owing to the intensity of the frost many have been unable to attend these meetings who would gladly have availed themselves of these opportunities.

The Avon people have sent a challenge to the people of Crampton to debate upon the topic "Resolved that the privileges of those in the country are more numerous than the privileges of those in the city." Avon chooses the affirmative. Let them have that side, but they cannot surely experience the privilege it is to have an election for Mayor.

A sad event has to be recorded in connection with Crampton. After a very short illness, Mr. Alexander Flemming, the respected blacksmith, has died. His illness is attributed to cold, ending in paralysis. He died on Saturday, 11th, shortly after noon. The funeral will leave the house at one o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, and his remains will be interred in the cemetery at Crompton. The services at the burial will be conducted by the pastor of the circuit, Rev. Mr. Nott. Mr. Flemming was a kind neighbour, affectionate husband and father, and time will elapse before his place will not seem vacant.

DEREHAM.

Dereham Council met at Brownsville on Monday, the 6th Feb., 1888, in regular adjournment session. All the members present, the Reeve in the chair. Minutes of former session read and confirmed. The following were presented: Certificate of resignation of D. B. and marriages, $16.10: S. B. W. Carpenter, coffin for Chas. Griffith, (an indigent,) $10.00; circular from Ebenezer North for making concrete tyle; the clerks postage for 1887, $10.00; W. T. Scott, gravel for M. T. line, 58 cords, $23.20; petition from R. S. Thompson and six others asking that a union school section be formed with Dereham, Malahide and South Dorchester. Tenders for printing for the municipality were opened. John James presented a resolution from the South Dorchester Council, proposing to grant $80.00 to gravel the town line between the 8th and 9th concessions, providing Dereham supplements it with a like amount. On motion E. B. Brown was appointed commissioner to act in concert with the commissioner appointed by the township of Dorchester, to let a job of graveling 80 rods of the town line, between Dorchester and Dereham, opposite the 9th con., the said job not to exceed $80.00 for the township of Dereham. On motion the Reeve was authorized to purchase timber and plank for township purposes, where he can do the best. On motion the tender of Wm. McGuire, for township printing was accepted. A By-law appointing township officers was passed. Benjamin Hopkins asked that assistance be given to Grifford family, and also to Mrs. Holby's family, (indigents.) Alvin Purby also asked for assistance for himself and family. On motion, that the petition of Robert S. Thomson and six others requiring the formation of a Union school section with Dereham, Malahide and South Dorchester, be entertained, and that J. F. Williams be, and is hereby appointed arbitrator. The following were ordered to be paid: Geo. Lish, registering D. B. and marriages, $15.10; W. T. Scott, 58 cords gravel, $23.20; Josiah Mahoney for the benefit of J. Handy, (an indigent,) $10.60; S. B. W. Carpenter, coffin for an (indigent,) (10.00; clerks postage for 1887, $10.00, and for health Journal for Board of Health, $10.00; Mrs. D. Phelps for the benefit of Mrs. Holby, (an indigent, $5.00; Geo. Lish for the benefit of Gifford's family, $5.00; E. B. Brown for the benefit of Alvin Purdy, $5.00. Council then adjourned. GEO. LISH, Clerk.

The annual meeting of the Dereham and West Oxford Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., was held at Mt. Elgin on Thursday, Feb. 9th. There was a good number of the members of the company present. Mr. W. Nancekivell, President of the Co., acted as chairman, and T. R. Mayberry as Secretary. This company issued its first policies on June 30th, 1887, and the statement covers only business done for the balance of 1887. The number of policies in force Dec. 31st, 1887, 109; amount at risk, $180.518; amount received as payment on premium notes, $315.66; amount expenditure including all expenses of organization, $133.68; balance on hand, $181.98. Messrs. Choate and Brown retired from the board of directors, but were re-elected. F. Karn, Esq. was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of T. R. Mayberry appointed Secretary. Several By-laws passed by the Board of Directors, were submitted to the meeting for confirmation, and after considerable discussion were confirmed without amendment. This company confines its business to insuring farm property exclusively. Since Jan. 1st the amount insured has increased to about $210.000.

WEST OXFORD COUNCIL.

The council met pursuant to adjournment at the town hall, Beachville, on Monday, the 13th day of Feb. All the members present, the Reeve presiding. Minutes of previous meeting read, confirmed and signed by the Reeve.

Accounts from G. F. Gurnett, Dr. Perks, J. Fairbairn, presented. Geo. Heebner heard, respecting the case of T. Walker; Willard Sage, respecting sheep killed by dogs; Thos. M. Walker and Jas. A. Cody, auditors, presented their report. On motion it was resolved that the auditors report just read be adopted, and the Clerk be, and is hereby instructed, to have the same published in the Ingersoll CHRONICLE, and 200 copies printed for distribution. The Reeve authorized to sign orders on the treasurer in payment of the following accounts, viz:—Dr. Rice, $5.00, medicine and attendance on Minnie Philpott, indigent; John Cuthbert, $25.00 to pay Dr. Perks for attendance and medicine for Adam Cross, indigent; Geo. Heebner, $10.00 board and care of Thos. Walker, indigent; E. M. Scott, $8.18, refund of taxes paid by him to the treasurer and charged against the following parties: J. Brown, $1.74, Fred Munson, $0.74, Henry March, $2.50, Henry Cottingham, $1.00 Conrad Zeer, $1.20, Willard Scott, $1.00, dog taxes; in favor of Jas. A. Cody and Thos M. Walker, $6.00 each, for their services as auditors; J. Prouse, $5.00; benefit of Mrs. Cannon, indigent; Richard Fears, $16.50, benefit of D. Mealey, $6.68, benefit of John Ackara, $6.00 benefit of William Ward, indigents; G. F. Gurnett, printing, $56.65; Jas. G. Wood, $2.00, attendance at council, the several councillors $2.00 each, one day's session. By-law appropriating $400.00 for mending and preparing roads and bridges read 1st, 2nd and 3rd time and passed. By-law appointing overseers of highway