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HURON SIGNAL.

FRIDAY, JAN. 6TH, 1888.

SEVERAL newsletters from correspondents are unavoidably crowded out.

ANOTHER conspiracy against the Czar has been discovered. If this thing continues the insurance companies will have to put up the premium on the Russian gentleman's life.

GODERICH town council for 1887 died a natural death last Friday evening. Its career was a failure from start to finish, and anything but profitable to the ratepayers of the town.

A GENTLEMAN from Wiarton has received the contract for making certain alterations in the harbor, and now it is discovered that the alterations contracted for are not needed and would not be in the interest of the harbor. It's none of our funeral, but we would like to know what was the matter with the Government engineer when he was up here, and who "loaded him up the other way?"

THE Hamilton *Spectator* is after the *Globe* for publishing Spurgeon's sermons without paying the reverend gentleman for their use. If the *Spectator* will look over its files it will find that in a previous issue it contended that the sermons which the *Globe* printed and attributed to Spurgeon were not delivered by that eminent theologian at all. Now, Mr *Spec.*, if that is the case, how do you support your latter contention that the *Globe* is guilty of the theft of Spurgeon's sermons? Speak up, so we all can hear you.

THERE are many pleasant ways of putting it, but when the undertaker's newspaper of New York is called *Sunnyside*, and comes before the public loaded up with some of the brightest and wittiest outputs of literature, it looks almost as if Death was about to be robbed of its terrors. If *Sunnyside* were placed in the hands of invalids who are daily killed by the mournful attendants, the deceased-in-prospective might, in many instances be constrained to change their mind, and come to the conclusion that this was not such a cold, bleak and desolate world to live in after all.

SIR JOHN MACDONALD was 73 years old Wednesday morning, and seems latterly to be enjoying better health than he has done for years. The Old Man claims that there is all of ten or fifteen years work in him yet, and delights in weeding out the younger men of the party who have been vainly waiting for his toes. If the Toronto *World* be a good authority, Sir John places great stress upon a prophecy made by an old gipsy woman whose son he prosecuted for horse-stealing at Belleville some forty-five years ago. The old woman, pointing her finger in anger at "John A," exclaimed, "May the devil and you go hunting together for sixty years to come." Whether this yarn be true or not, Sir John is keeping up with the procession.

THE fraudulent perpetrated in the recent Haldimand election are gradually coming to view, and if they are as claimed, there is reason to believe that Dr Montague and some of the returning officers are far to clever to be occupying positions outside of stone walls. It is stated by the Hamilton *Times* that many Liberals who voted for Mr Colter were defrauded by having votes for Montague substituted for those which they cast, and that the majority for the Tory candidate. In one polling subdivision, where the Liberals are prepared to make affidavit that they marked their ballots for Colter only 28 were counted for him by the returning officer. It looks as if there was "a nigger in the fence somewhere."

Prior to his Austin L Budge past teacher of t tion and leader o

HARBOR FRONTAGE.

The Waterworks Lot at the Harbor to be Extended.

The Delegation to Ottawa Interview Sir Hector Langevin—The Harbor Frontage for Waterworks and the Harbor Alteration Discussed.

Special from our own Correspondent.

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—Capt Macgregor and Mr John Butler, the delegates appointed by Goderich town council to interview the Minister of Public Works, waited upon Sir Hector Langevin this afternoon, and explained that it was necessary in the interests of the town that the Government should allow the lot recently purchased for waterworks purposes to have the benefit of harbor frontage which is at present Government property. The delegate also stated that the contemplated improvements at the harbor by the Government were not of a nature to be of lasting benefit, and suggested that, even at this late hour, the specifications should be changed, and instead of the work being on the plan that the piers be extended and otherwise improved. It is understood the Minister is likely to give the town council the benefit of the harbor frontage in connection with the waterworks lot, but that the contract for the proposed alterations will be interfered with is not so sure.

SEVERAL cases of diphtheria, of a most malignant type, have appeared in town during the past few weeks, and we think it is time the health officials took necessary precautions toward hindering the further spread of the disease. In one family no less than four deaths have occurred up to the present, and another household has also been sorely afflicted. Prompt action now by the authorities may prevent the disease from assuming an epidemic form, and confine it within narrow limits. A meeting of the various school boards should also be held to consider the advisability of temporarily closing the schools. The disease can be easily stamped out now, while it is confined to few households in town, but should strict remedial measures not be put in force at once by our health officials and other public bodies, there is no knowing where it will spread to.

What We Need.

To the Editor of the Signal

DEAR SIR,—A great deal of talk has been indulged in regarding our proposed waterworks, but I would like to ask the question, is there one of the members of the council who know anything about the requirement of such a system as is purposed? If so, from the Mayor down, they have kept such knowledge a profound secret, and have not given it to the public. From the manner in which they are proceeding, and have been proceeding since the commencement of the waterworks agitation, they display a want of business ability lamentable indeed in a body of men to whom we intrust our town affairs. The fact is, we do not want waterworks at all; what we do want is a proper system of sewerage. We have naturally an abundant supply of pure spring water, but this is contaminated, and rendered impure by the sewerage, a system of privy closets, which drain into our wells rendering our otherwise pure water unfit to drink. If instead of frittering away the people's money, on something they do not want, and of which very few can avail themselves, they were to adopt a tubular system of sewerage, they would benefit the entire community and then be ready for a scheme of waterworks. When men, who set themselves up as authorities on the subject, tell you that they will supply you in abundance of water, and furnish means of getting rid of your sewrage, the thing is absurd, and very little weight can be attached to their opinions. The council has already spent over $2,2065 of the people's money and has nothing to show for it, but the lot upon which the proposed pumping buildings are to be erected and the hole on east street. No specifications! not an idea how to proceed. Instead of having proper plans of buildings and plans and specifications, requirements drawn up and tenders for the whole of the work properly advertised in papers devoted to that class of work, they are letting the work piecemeal, and will have a dozen contractors to deal with before they get through. If plans and specifications were gathered up, and tenders asked for, for the entire job it could be done very much cheaper than by the present mode of procedure. But as I stated at the outlook, our crying need is proper sewerage, and in all probability, some day we shall have to draw our water supply from lake, care must be taken that such supply is not contaminated by sewrage emptying into it at a point which such supply is drawn. The proper course for a sewer, in my humble opinion, would be to construct a main trunk sewer, straight down Sophia street through the Kidd property, empting into the lake a sufficient distance on the shore to avoid any backwash, and all impurities would thus be carried down the lake with the current. If this trunk sewer other drains and branches could be run, and being constructed of iron the system would be life lasting. I understand that under the "Drainage act" the corporation, in the event of the waterworks scheme being carried to completion, will be compelled to pay a sewerage. Would it not be wise for the citizens to know just what they will be compelled to pay. The whole scheme has been gone about in the dark, and the committee have made themselves the laughing-stock of the entire community. Hoping this may lead to some discussion of the question, I remain yours, HYGIENE.

New Advertisements This Week.

Mortgage Sale—Cameron, Holt & Cameron.
Annual Meeting—H. Hayden, Carlow.
Notice—Peter Adamson.
Situation Wanted—Box 191.
Wanted—Jos. Kidd.
Annual Meeting—H. Horton.
Reduction in Teas—John Robertson.
Council Meeting—J. H. Richards, Carlow.
F. C. B. C.—Westervelt & York. London.

TOWN TOPICS.

"A chiel's amang ye, takin' notes,
An' faith he'll prent it."

ONE OF THE FINEST.—If you are anxious to get one of the finest photos possible go to Geo. Stewart's studio.

A GOOD PRESENT.—The best New Years gift you can make is to give a Wirt Pen. Apply to D. McGillicuddy, agent. Goderich.

1888 finds McGillivray adhering to the paying system (cash) with a good display of clean fresh groceries. In teas (his forte) are extra value. Inspection kindly invited.

You can get the best of literature or an insurance policy on your life and you can get the best tea in town by calling at Rhynas' drug store, where the local Liquor tea agency is established.

Remember the sale of millinery and fancy goods at Mrs Girvin's stand, Hamilton-st., on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, Jan. 14th, also on Saturday, 21st. Good and cheap lines will be offered without reserve.

Call on Goode, the druggist, Albion block, for everything in the line of drugs, patent medicines, chemicals and toilet articles. Special personal attention to prescriptions. W. C. Goode, Druggist, Albion Block.

The town clock went wrong during the week, and failed to work his hands and face to the satisfaction of the ratepayers, but if you want to be sure of good photos at all times and seasons, put full dependence upon R. R. Sallaws.

The recent cold dip has caused quite a number to regret that they did not call on F. & A. Pridham, the tailors, before, but there is enough of winter left for them to avail themselves of the bargains in overcoats now offered by the firm.

THE WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION will meet regularly for the transaction of business every Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, in North-st Methodist church. Every woman interested in the work is cordially invited to attend.

Some people say it is only an advertising dodge of Saunders & Son when they say they are going out of picture moulding and window shades, but such is the fact, they have about 5000 feet of moulding, 150 pairs of decorated cloth shades, with spring rollers and a lot of cornice poles, which you can have at your own prices. The cheapest house under the sun.

THE HURON AND BRUCE LOAN AND INVESTMENT COMPANY.—Depositors in this company have the best possible security for their money, all being invested in mortgage on farm property. Depositors have a first lien in all the company's assets. Rate of interest paid, from 4 to 5 per cent, according to amount and duration of deposit. Farmers having surplus means should call and see the manager.

FINE TAILORING.—Overwhelming stock of choice goods, always to be found at prices to match the goods you buy. No trash or shoddy goods, but good goods made to wear and give satisfaction are the goods I keep. I make no bones of this fact and, without chestnuts, I claim to give you more value for your money expended, than any house in town. I invite close and economical buyers to call and convince themselves of my assertions. B. MacCormac.

Rev M. Danby will preach Sabbath evening in Knox church.

The town band played selections on the square on Saturday evening.

Miss Vanstone, of Brussels is at present the guest of Mr Wm. Bissett Wolfe street.

Messrs. Fred Price and Jno. Watson returned to the College of Pharmacy last week.

The sacrament will be dispensed next Sabbath in the Gaelic church. Rev. A. Sutherland, of Ripley, will officiate.

Miss Annie Elliott, who has been spending a few weeks with her parents here, returned to Detroit on Monday.

Mr and Mrs Geo. Cornwell have returned to their home in Detroit, after a pleasant visit with their mother, Mrs Matheson.

St. Andrew's church pulpit of London, was last Sabbath occupied by D. McGillivray, M.A., of the Knox College Mission Band.

Dr McDonagh will be in Goderich for consultation on Saturday, the 4th of February, and afterwards on the first Saturday of every month.

This is 1888. If half the pledges which have been made are kept unbroken the ministers will not have as much work to do as they had last year.

The sale of the papers and magazines at the Mechanic's Institute, will be held in the rooms on Friday evening, the 20th inst., commencing at eight o'clock.

Dr. M. Nicholson, the West street dentist, makes the preservation of the natural teeth a specialty. Gas administered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the painless extraction of teeth.

SALE OF CUTTERS.—Alex. Morton has instructed John Knox to sell by public auction on Wednesday, Jan. 18th, his entire stock of cutters to make room for spring work. All in want of bargains should attend.

DELEGATION.—At the meeting of the town council last Friday evening, Mr. John Butler, Captain A. M. McGregor, and Mr. Joseph Williams were appointed a delegation to interview the Minister of Public Works on the harbor alteration question.

Rev. Father Watters desires us to state that he is not returning calls this season, owing to the fact that some of the members of his congregation, to whom he has had occasion to make pastoral calls, are afflicted with contagious disease. At another time he will be most happy to return courtesies.

CHECK IT.—Complaints have been made of squads of youngsters, boys particularly, who make a practice of hanging on passing sleighs to the annoyance of the drivers and the greatest danger to the boys and girls. The constable should put a stop to this dangerous sport before some serious accident happens.

GODERICH HIGH SCHOOL.—The high school in Goderich opens this year with 135 pupils, and it is expected that next week will bring the figure up to 150. The students are preparing for university exams. (junior and senior matriculation), 1st, 2nd and 3rd class certificates and matriculation in law and medicine.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF.—The Central School commenced the new term Monday with the following staff:—Mr. A. Embury, principal: Miss Blair class 2, Miss Sharman class 3, Miss Margach class 4, Miss A. Campbell class 5, Miss K. Ball class 6. In the ward schools Misses Burritt and Thompson resumed their former positions in St. Patrick's; Misses Watson and M. Sharman their old classes in St. Andrews; Miss M. Cooke took charge of the senior department of St. Davids and Miss Wiggins the junior division of the same.

Rev. Mr Holmes, of Guelph, occupied the pulpit of North-st. Methodist church very acceptably last Sunday morning and evening.

UNION CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT.—The social at Union Church on last Friday evening was well attended. After an excellent supper had been served in the schoolhouse, an adjournment was had to the church, where addresses were given by Mr D. McGillicuddy and Rev Messrs Racey and Wallwin respectively. Several excellent selections were given during the evening by the Clinton glee club. A capital reading was also given by Mr H. I. Strang, of Goderich. Rev Dr Ure occupied the chair in his own inimitable style.

The *Presbyterian Review*, in a recent issue says;—"It is stated that Melville Presbyterian church, Montreal, is increasing so rapidly that the church building will have to be enlarged to double its present capacity next spring." The above refers to the church of which Rev. J. McGillivray, B.A., formerly of this town, is pastor.

THIS YEAR.—The year on which we have just entered enjoys a peculiar distinction. It is the only one of the century which contains three identical numbers. The year 1888 lacks what may be called numerical variety, but in this fact lies its claim to individuality. It is to be hoped that "8" may prove a lucky number for the human race.

HOW IT WORKS.—An exchange says that a folded newspaper placed under the coat in the small of the back is an excellent substitute for an overcoat. There is considerable warmth in a newspaper, that's a fact. Many a man has become heated by simply reading an article, or even a small local, in a newspaper; and at such time he wants to share up his heat and make it hot for the editor, too.

A second of the series of "At Homes" will be given by the Guild of St. Georges church in the school house on Thursday evening, Jan. 19. The following ladies will preside, Mrs Naftel, Mrs McMicking, Mrs Malcomson and Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Holt, Miss Davis. There will be a sale of fancy work during the evening, and an entertainment program will be provided. Admission 15 cents, refreshments free.

"THE MODERN SPHINX,"—Miss Minnie L. Phelps, B.O., honor graduate of the National School of Oratory, Philadelphia, Pa., and class representative at the Academy of Music, will deliver a lecture in Goderich on Tuesday, Jan. 31st, entitled, "The Modern Sphinx," which is characterized by many competent critics as the finest address on "License" they have ever heard. The lecture will be under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. Further particulars will be given hereafter.

A. O. U. W. ELECTION.—Officers elected in Maple Leaf Lodge No. 27, A. O. U. W., for the year 1888:—Past Master, Bro. W. R. Robertson; Master Workman, S. P. Halls; Foreman, Joseph Morris; Overseer, Alexander Taylor; Recorder, Geo. W. Thomson; Receiver, Alexander Morton; Financier, Rees Price; Guide, M. Cressman; I. Watchman, Wm. Morris; O. Watchman, Chas Morris; Trustee, Jos. Hetherington; Representative to Grand Lodge, Bro. Geo. W. Thomson.

ABOUT TUBERS.—The price of potatoes this season can hardly fail to quicken the attention of cultivators to the urgent necessity of improving their quality as well as their character as croppers. We seem to have reached a potato crisis in this country. It is believed by many careful cultivators that the chief part of the present general complaint is due to the free use of Paris green which has fatally affected the tuber and rendered it practically valueless. That being the case, the first thing to be done is to bring out new varieties. But the beetle is far from having been disposed of. He has found his sure way across and achieved his triumph by destroying his part of the potato crop and forcing us to destroy ours.

CHARITY SERMON.—Last Sunday, after mass, Rev. Father Watters addressed his parishioners on the necessity for neighborly kindness, and alluded in touching terms to the affliction that had befallen the family of J. C. McIntosh, in the death of three of his children from diphtheria (since Sunday a fourth child, aged 14 years, has been buried). He hoped the sympathy of the entire congregation would be extended to the afflicted family, and that the stricken ones would even in their anguish be constrained to say, as did the Saviour in Gethsemane, "Thy will, O God, be done!" The pastor then introduced the nuns from Mount Hope, who were in this section in the interest of that most deserving charity, and hoped they would receive substantial aid from the people of this arish.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.—A farmers' Institute meeting will be held in Goderich on Jan. 24th and 25th, at which Profs. Mills and Robertson, of the Agricultural College will be present. A lengthy program will be prepared of subjects for discussion. Farmers who will write short papers on agricultural subjects are invited to send in their names soon, together with the subjects chosen, so that they can be entered on the program. Commercial Union will not be discussed. As it is intended to elect officers covering the West Riding it is important that there should be a large and representative gathering. The institute must hold two meetings in the riding in order to be entitled to the usual grant. The second meeting will be decided upon at the meeting by the newly elected officers. The public are cordially invited to attend all the meetings. No charge is made, and no collection is taken up.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING.—The special meeting of the Goderich Board of Trade held Wednesday of last week, was well attended. After the committee had reported on their work in connection with the mail delivery, market regulations and other matters, the president informed the members that the meeting had been called to consider the proposed alterations at the breakwater. After considerable discussion it was almost unanimously agreed that the proposed scheme was objectionable, and that the government be requested to extend the north pier instead of going on with the breakwater scheme. On motion of Messrs. Seager and Hutchison, it was agreed that a memorial be prepared by Messrs. Williams, Bu Mitchell, McGregor and Van Egery transmission to the Government, that the town council be requested appoint Messrs. Butler and McGr a deputation to interview the Gove ment on the question.

ALL ABOUT THE DUCKS.—A case which has caused considerable interest in Exeter and throughout the township of Hay was settled here Wednesday last week, at least for the time being. Mrs Sherritt, of Blake, lost fifteen ducks last September. Other people also lost a great many turkey and goose. Mr Dick was accused of stealing the fowl, persons having seen him pick from the road two ducks belonging to Mrs Sherritt and carry them to Backer's hotel. Dick was not pleased with the accusation, and consequently inserted an advertisement in a local paper, offering a reward of $500 to any person who would produce proof to the effect that he was guilty of such misdemeanor. On the 21st December a charge was preferred by Mr Sherritt against Messrs Dick and Backer, charging them with having stolen the ducks, as above. The case came before Magistrates Buchanan, Weismiller and Smilie, on Wednesday, Dec. 28th. Considerable evidence was heard, Dick admitting having picked up the two ducks above referred to, but stated that he let them go again. Two of the magistrates wanted to convict the prisoners for misdemeanor, but the third held for an adjournment to get the advice of the Crown Attorney. Finally all agreed and the case was adjourned for one week. Wednesday the court was resumed, and the prisoners, according to instructions, were committed to Goderich jail for trial at the Spring Assizes. Bail was accepted for the release of the prisoners in the meantime. R. H. Collins for prosecution; John Elliott for prisoners.

Dungannon.

Sleighing is excellent in this vicinity and a great many farmers and others are taking advantage of it in their various lines of business.

OMITTED LAST WEEK.—At the annual public school meeting in this section, which was held in pursuance to the school Act, Mr Walter Stewart was chosen trustee in place of the retiring trustee Mr Robert Davidson. We have not the least doubt that he will make a good and efficient one in the interest of the public school, as he is an efficient, active and faithful worker in the Sabbath school here. The section has made a good selection.

Please correct the following which appeared in last week's issue of THE SIGNAL: "The annual meeting of the Ashfield and W. Wawanosh Agricultural Society will be held on Tuesday 17th inst. It should have been the Annual meeting of the Ashfield and Wawanosh Insurance Company." The Agricultural Society holds its meeting this week Thursday the 12th and not on the 17th, it being the day appointed for the meeting of the Insurance Company.

Auction Sales.

All parties getting their sale bills printed at this office will get a free notice inserted in this list up to the time of sale.

Auction sale of valuable pedigreed short-horn cattle, the property of Thos. Anderson, lot 12, con. 6, Ashfield township, Huron county, one mile north of Dungannon, commencing at 1 o'clock sharp, on Wednesday, 25th day of January, 1888. The herd comprises eighteen head of heifers, cows, and bulls, all of which are registered in the Dominion herd book. See catalogues for further particulars.

Leeburn

At the close of his sermon Sunday last, Rev. Dr Ure referred in feeling terms to the sudden death of W. C. Stewart, of Saltford, who was well known here by many, as he often came with the doctor on Sunday when he preached here. Though cut down in the brightness of youth, he had been connected with the members of Knox church for over four years. He said he answered the questions required so firmly and earnestly when he came to him as his pastor, and had ever since been a firm believer in Christ. Aged people always expected to be called, but with young people death was also likely to come at any moment, and it was their duty to seek Christ and to embrace salvation early in the flower of life, as at any time perhaps many of his hearers among the young people might be taken away.

The township election in this ward passed off quietly. The voters did not seem much interested in the tray. Councillor Taylor, who represented this ward's interest, was re-elected again, which shows his record of last year pleased his supporters here.

Dunlop.

Martin Finland took in the annual hop at Kintail, with several days visit among friends around that locality.

A quilting bee at Mine Host's on Wednesday afternoon of last week consisted only of the dames, who enjoyed a genial good time in chatting over the happy days when their fellows came to see them home; but after the knot its tied they now forgot that pleasant duty rather too often.

Our townsman, John MacAlister, was the contractor for the new school floor at No. 5.

PERSONAL.—Mrs John Dean, one of the pioneers of Ashfield, and a resident of Kingsbridge for the past 47 years, paid a visit to her daughter, Mrs D. Cummings, in this burgh recently. The old lady is in good health and bids fair for many years yet. She was much pleased on receiving from your reporter a bit of *delisk* or seaweed, which had come all the way from the coast of Scotland.

Make a Note of This.

Pain banished as if by magic. Polson's Nerviline is a positive and almost instantaneous remedy for external, internal, or local pains. The most active remedy hitherto known falls far short of Nerviline for potent power in the relief of nerve pain. Good for external or internal use. Buy a 10 cent sample bottle. Large bottles 25 cents, at all druggists.

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Editor o THE SIGNAL
Goderich Ont.

The Magaurans and the Ancient Cure for Rabies.

The following letter was addressed some time ago to the editor of the *London Globe* by Rev Robert Leech of Drumland Rectory, Belturbet.

SIR—I desire to thank you for your notice of the 17th inst, qualified though it be, of the ancient Irish cure for rabies, which many men like myself would be glad to see within the reach of all. Will you permit me to say a few words about the people, lest your readers may imagine I have been drawing on my imagination in describing them? The following historical facts are well known to all who have an accurate or critical knowledge of Irish history, or are skilled in our ancient annals. To others they must appear as fairy tales. The physicians of Erin had great curative skill; notices of this still exist in their MSS. The circulation of the blood, for instance, is noticed in MS. writings centuries before Harvey discovered it. Great part of this knowledge has been lost through war, the dispersion of races, the loss of MSS., and the lapse of time. Now in Western Cavan where this cure is sound, we have a state of things nowhere else I believe to be found in the world at the present time. The Magaurans have been living here for 2,000 years, and bear in their very appearance—like the O'Donnells, the O'Neils, the O'Henrys, and others—the characteristics that marked their ancestors. Any stranger who wishes to see for himself or is interested in the problem of the transmission of face characteristics, may find interesting subjects of study among them. They possessed large tracts of land in Western Cavan. Of the richer portions they have long since been deprived; but Ballymagauran or Magaurans-town, where a fair is still held, Lisanover, or the Fort of Pride, and other places still transmit evidence of their former greatness. The great natural strongholds of the Slieve-an-Ieran chain, and especially that wild, secluded and almost unknown glen, called "The Glan," about 8 miles long and from 3 to 12 miles across, formed the cradle and the refuge of their race—too poor to covet and too difficult to conquer. They have produced many able men as rulers in the Roman Catholic Church, in literature and in war. They have been called the MacGauran since the introduction of surnames in Ireland—a century earlier than in England—from Gauran, a hero of the family. Before that they were known as the Tullyhaw, or the descendents of Eohey. The place took name from the people here, as was the Irish custom, and the immense barony of Tullyhaw, in Western Cavan, still transmits their tribal name, and formed but a portion of the patrimonial possessions of Eohey Eeelyah, the progenitor, who obtained Ard-Ri-ship of Erin, fifty years before the Christian era. This Eohey forms a very important figure in Irish history, as he brought back the Monarchy of Erin to the race of Heremon after they had lost it for 90 years. Almost all the succeeding monarchs of Ireland from that time until they ceased to have monarchs, were descended from him as Conn of the Hundred Fights, Cormac MacArt, Eohey Moyvane and Nial the Great, from whom are descended almost all the principal families of the north of Ireland and Scotland, and from whom Queen Victoria descends through the Stewarts. The Magaurans keep up the memory of their origin by electing a "King of the Glan," from the noblest families of the race, who, until very lately, used to adjust all quarrels and disputes, and whose award was scarcely ever called in question. The cure of hydrophobia is a secret in one family of the Magauran tribe. Now if these historical facts are true, and as one who understands Irish history tolerably well, I challenge contradiction, there seems to me to be quite enough, apart from the lovely and romantic scenery, to make the people themselves an interesting study.

Faithfully yours,
ROBERT LEECH.

Drumland Rectory, Belturbet.

[Rev B. J. Watters, of St. Peter's church, is a Magauran, on his mother's side, and many of our residents will remember his uncle, the late Rev Father Magauran, who died in Goderich a few years since. We do not know that Rev Father Watters posesses the secret of the Magaurans in the matter of the cure for rabies, but we publish the above, from the Sligo *Chronicle*, so that if any of our readers become afflicted in the manner mentioned we have a lineal descendant of the Magaurans to go to, without leaving the town limits.—ED. SIGNAL.]