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# Huron Signal.

GODERICH, APRIL 24, 1872.


*Extra copies of this day's Signal can be had at Moorhouse's Book Store or at the Office—price 5 cents.*

## Railway Affairs.

Some time ago we pointed out the advantages which would accrue to the town and the townships to the North of us, if a branch of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway were constructed to Goderich. At that time a keen competition was going on between the broad and narrow guages for the business to be granted by Kincardine and the adjoining townships. The W. C. and B. having secured these, might not something be done to induce them, or the narrow gauge, to extend a line through Wawanosh and Colborne to Goderich. It is quite evident that the broad gauge do not intend to accept running powers over the narrow gauge line, and if the town and adjacent northern townships would only offer liberal bonuses the company might be induced to divert the southern extension to Goderich, where they would have the benefit of a good harbour to increase their business. Or perhaps the narrow gauge people might be induced to extend their line to our town. As the W. G. and B. will not accept running powers from them it is not likely they will grant them, and if the T. G. and B. is to go to Kincardine it will have to build an independent line from Wingham, alongside the broad gauge, and that without bonuses. We think if a little effort was put forth we could easily secure the narrow gauge, and in addition to affording us another outlet to Toronto, creating a healthy opposition which "is the life of trade," it would give us direct and easy access to the country to the north, which it is important should have ready means of communication with the County town. Then there is the London, Huron and Bruce road in project. Seaforth and Clinton, fully alive to the advantages to be gained, are putting forth all their efforts to secure it, but as we pointed out once before we think Goderich is the most eligible terminus. Bay will give a much larger bonus if the road is carried up the centre of the township by Zurich, and Stanley would do the same if carried to Bayfield, while Goderich township and town would no doubt be equally liberal. Who will take the matter up? As matters now stand we think the Toronto, Grey and Bruce is our best hope. The distance from Wingham to Goderich is an air line cannot be much over 16 miles, and the government would no doubt grant the usual bonus for that section. It would not interfere with the line to Teeswater, and it would be much better than going to Kincardine, where at present there is a prospect of three lines running on the same track! Let us awake from our lethargy and agitate the matter.—If Goderich is to be a place we must do something for ourselves, and not allow the trade to be taken away from us while we stand idly by, as we have done in the past.

## The Tariff Muddle.

The Committee of Ways and Means in Congress have been squabbling for a long time over the Tariff amendments. The free traders are in a majority, and have made a report recommending a reduction of nearly two million of dollars on taxation, principally by reducing the duties on a number of articles. The protectionist minority are so firmly opposed to the report that the existing opposition to any general reduction in the present protective duties will be greatly strengthened, so that there is very little prospect of the duty on salt, in which Goderich is more immediately interested, being removed. On that article the the report recommends a reduction of $615, 522, or that the duty should be brought down from 18 cents to 8 cents per hundred lbs. in bulk, and from 24 cents to 12 cents per 100 lbs. in bags.

In referring to the matter the *Scottish American* says:—"It would be very unsafe to predict that the bill will have a fair chance of being accepted by the House and the Senate, in anything like its present form. The fight that has been waged over its provisions in Committee will certainly be reversed when it is submitted to the whole. We need hardly repeat that the year of a presidential election is a very bad time for expecting anything like judicious economical legislation. All the political tacticians are too anxious to secure votes to allow them to deal boldly and impartially with the vested interests that oppose every step towards tariff reduction. The people at large are, unfortunately, too little instructed as to the robberies perpetrated on them by the iniquitous tariff to be capable of making their influence on this question more powerful than that of the politicians. The amount of interest which the latter class take in revenue reform may be judged from the nature of the resolution submitted to public approval at last week's mass-meeting of Liberal Republicans in New York. That meeting was called on the basis of the Missouri platform, of which Revenue Reform was the very cornerstone; but the moment the earnest supporters of the declaration in this city were anyone reformers, all men[illegible] be omitted from the [illegible], and the Liberal Republicans, of this section at least, stood convicted of having no programme but expediency, and no apparent purpose save the defeat of General GRANT. When the most hopeful opposition that the country has seen for years thus early succumbs to the necessity of attracting votes, we need hardly be surprised if the supporters of the existing Administration should persist in considering the interests of their party of more consequence than the industrial welfare of the country. There is no apparent indication that would lead us to expect from the present congress, anything but an uncertain and temporizing policy on the question of tariff legislation. The report of the Ways and Means committee is at best a make-shift and a compromise. The action of both Houses will be like unto it, only rather less sweeping and satisfactory."

## Mr. Hawley and the Duty on Salt

Some weeks since Mr. Richard Hawley of Detroit, appeared before the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives and submitted an argument against the retaining of the existing duty on salt. The *New Era* of Washington has recently made an attack upon his action, basing a charge of impropriety upon the fact that Mr. Hawley is interested with one of his sons in the Salt business at Goderich. In regard to this matter, the following letter has been written by the Hon. G. A. Finkelnburg, of Missouri, one of the members of the Ways and Means Committee:

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10, 1872.

R. Hawley, Esq, Detroit, Mich:

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your favor of the 5th inst., directing my attention to a newspaper article criticising your action in appearing before the Committee on Ways and Means in connection with the duty on salt. The objection made that you were *interested*, inasmuch as your son is engaged in the manufacture of salt at Goderich, Canada, and that hence it was improper for you to appear before the committee, sounds ridiculous to one who has been listening all winter to the statements and demands of hundreds of interested parties upon every subject in the tariff. In fact my experience is that no one scarcely comes before our committee but what is directly, personally and pecuniarily interested in the subject upon which he appears

As to the particular subject of salt, we heard at length the Syracuse and Saginaw salt manufacturers by themselves and their attorneys. The burden of their argument was the competition to be dreaded from Goderich in case of any reduction of the present duty. When you called on me here, and I ascertained that you were familiar with the condition of the salt industry at Goderich, and could furnish information upon that subject, I asked you to appear before our committee and state what you knew, so that we might hear something on both sides of the question.

It is but rare that we have an opportunity to hear more than one side of the questions presented to us in connection with tariff duties, and if those few opportunities are to be suppressed by newspaper attacks upon gentlemen appearing before us we might as well close our doors altogether. Our uniform custom has been to hear everybody, taxing each person's statement for what it is worth, and making due allowance for interested prejudice or bias upon either side.

Very respectfully,
G. A. FINKELNBURG.

## Amenities of the Press.

We subjoin an extract from a San Francisco paper which contains some choice epithets applied by an edition to a brother quill. It may prove of service to the Registrar and Clerk of the Peace for the neighbouring County of Bruce who are at present engaged in abusing each other through the press.

"We regard the atrocious correspondent as an infernal fiend, a false-tongued midnight monster, a red-handed assassin, a thief, a he schoolmarm, a fraud, a ghost, and an unpleasant person! We esteem him a pea-green demon of the steaming pit, with a cotton-wood tail, eyes in his sides, and a cork neck studded with hot door-knobs! If there is anything worse than this, we think him that."

## Registration of Letters.

We think it is about time some change was made by the government with regard to the registration of letters. A fee is charged for the service, but in no case is the value of a lost letter refunded. The only advantage gained is a facility in tracing lost communications. In France the fee is in the nature of an insurance, and in the event of a letter being lost the government pays the declared value. Such a plan seems preferable to our own.

LONDON SOCIETY.—The April number of this Magazine has come to hand. It is sufficient to say that it stands preeminent among the serials of its class, and is fully up to its old standard of excellence. To be had at Moorhouse's.

WOOD'S HOUSEHOLD MAGAZINE.—The May number of this excellent Magazine is to hand. It is full of interesting and instructive reading matter, and it can only be by having an immense circulation that the publishers can afford to furnish such a Magazine at the low rate of $1 a year. They also offer a number of premiums for new subscribers and the getters up of clubs, among which are several very fine chromos, the well known "Easter Morn" and "Niagara Falls" being among the number. To any one who desires to obtain a cheap Magazine and at the same time a good one, we would recommend Wood's. Published by S. S. Wood & Co., Newburg, N. Y.

## LOCAL NEWS

DON'T DO IT.—People who dont advertise do such a small business that they can't afford to sell goods cheap. Don't patronise them.

NEW POST OFFICE.—A new Post-office has been established in the South west corner of Stephen. It is named Harpley.

BRIDGE GONE.—The bridge over the creek at Benmiller and also a part of the dam at the saw mill, have been carried away by the spring freshet.

WINGHAM TIMES.—We have received the first number of the Wingham *Times*, a new paper issued by Mathieson & Grigg of the Clinton *New Era*. It is similar to the latter in size and appearance. We wish it success.

SOCIAL.—A social was held at Mr. Wm Ford's, Holmesville, on Monday evening of last week, to raise money to pay off a small debt remaining on the organ in St John's Episcopal Church. The sum of $17.50 was realized, which paid the debt and leaves a s urplus.

SALT WELLS.—Most of the Salt Wells are again in operation and are manufacturing large quantities of salt. We regret the price is not better, as the present rates are far from being remunerative, and the works are only running in order to use up the stocks of wood on hand.

IMPROVEMENT.—Workmen were engaged on Saturday last in laying a new sidewalk on Hamilton Street in front of the building occupied by D. Ferguson. The improvement was much required, for the old one was so dilapidated as to be unsafe for pedestrians.

AUCTION SALE OF A FARM.—We would direct attention to the sale advertised in another column, of a valuable improved farm in Colborne. Anyone wishing to secure a good farm would do well to attend the sale on Saturday next.

CAR OFF.—We understand a car got off the track in the neighbourhood of the tank, about half a mile below the Huron Road crossing, on Saturday night last. On Sunday the track was cleared and again put in running order.

WINTER AGAIN.—On Sunday last a rain storm came on which in the evening turned to snow, and Jack Frost again chilled everything with his icy hand. There was another vigorous snow storm yesterday, accompanied with high wind. Such weather is very unseasonable.

BOOK BINDING.—Mr. D. McGregor, Bookbinder, formerly of Kinburn, is now living at Harpurhey, where he devotes his time exclusively to bookbinding. He has also imported a paper ruling machine, and is prepared to do all kinds of work well and cheaply. Orders left at the Signal Office will be promptly attended to.

UNDUE HASTE.—We think our school board showed undue haste in meeting to appoint a successor to the late Miss McLennan. Though she only died on Thursday night they met on Friday for that purpose. They might have had some respect for them emory of an old and faithful servant, and waited till she was in her grave before appointing a successor.

LITERARY ENTERTAINMENT.—Huron Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, will hold a Literary entertainment in Crabb's Hall, this (Friday) evening, consisting of Readings, Recitations &c. &c. The proceeds will be handed to the Ladies Benevolent Association for the benefit of the poor of the town. To commence at 8 o'clock. Admission 10 cents.

AUCTION SALE.—The furniture saved from the Huron Hotel was sold by Auction last week, at Trueman's Sale rooms. The different articles brought good prices and bidding was spirited, showing that money is not so scarce as people imagine. We regret that Capt. Cox is forced to leave Goderich for the present in consequence of being unable to rent a suitable building for a hotel, but we trust we may yet see him take up his residence amongst us.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Huron Teachers' Association will be held in the Court House Goderich, on Friday and Saturday 17th and 18th of May. The entertainment on Friday evening will consist of Addresses, Instrumental and Vocal music, Readings &c. Circulars, containing the programme for Saturday will be sent to members of the Association during the coming week. Those teachers who have not yet become members may do so by forwarding 50 cts. to the secretary, Mr W. Cumming, Goderich.

STABBING AFFRAY.—Constable Hall of Ainleyville, arrived in town on Wednesday evening, having in charge a prisoner named James Dernyon, who had been committed for trial by a bench of magistrates at that village, for having stabbed John McCarrol, a blacksmith, in a drunken quarrel on Monday. The prisoner stabbed his victim in six different places two or three of the wounds being very dangerous. He will probably have to stand his trial at the Assizes in May.

THAT DISEASE.—A number of cases of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis, better known as the Clinton disease, has occurred in town. On Monday evening of last week two children of Mr. Geo. Graham, Huron Road, were attacked, and one of them died on Tuesday. The other is likely to recover, as well as a third who afterwards took it. A little girl, daughter of Mr. Samuel Hart of Colborne, was carried off on Friday evening after a short illness, and we have heard of several other cases. Though rather alarming in its symptoms it is not beyond control if prompt medical aid be called in.

OBITUARY.—Miss McLennan, who has been for over seven years a teacher in the Goderich Central School, died on Thursday night last. She had been unwell for some months, and though advised by her friends to take some relaxation seemed unwilling to do so as long as she was able to be at her post. She was at school as usual the Friday previous to her death, but her constitution was so worn out by attention to her duties that when prostrated by sickness she was carried off very rapidly. Her funeral which took place on Saturday morning, was attended by the teachers and pupils of the public schools in a body.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE.—The Rev. P. O'Shea of London delivered a lecture on Temperance, before a large audience, in the Catholic Church, on Thursday evening last, under the auspices of the Total Temperance Benefit Society. The revend gentleman enjoys the reputation of being a forcible speaker, and on a previous occasion when he visited Goderich, as well as on the present, he gave great satisfaction. He presented the claims of the temperance cause in an urgent manner, and strongly advised all who heard him to enrol their names in some temperance organization. We trust his visit may be the means of abundantly strengthening the hands of the Society at whose invitation he came.

SMITH'S HILL SPRING SHOW.—At the Spring Show of the Township of Colborne Agricultural Society held at Smith's Hill on the 20th inst., the following prizes were awarded.—Best Stallion, Heavy Draught, Joseph Fisher; 2nd, Chas. Mason; 3rd, J. Disney. Best General Purpose Stallion, Geo. Asquith; 2nd, Benjamin Tiffin; 3rd, James Martin. Best Coach Horse, Joseph Fisher; 2nd, Chas. Mason. Best Durham Bull, thoroughbred, aged, Samuel Bowden; 2nd, Jas. McIlwraith; 3rd, John Washington. Best Durham Bull, young, Joseph Fisher. There were sixteen entries in all, and the stock was much in advance of that exhibited on any former occasion.

## Board of School Trustees.

The Board of Public School Trustees of the town of Goderich held a special meeting on Friday last, all the members present. The following resolution was passed unanimously, viz. "That the Board desire to express their deep sympathy with the family and friends of the deceased Miss Annie McLennan, who for the past seven years was a Teacher in the Central School of Goderich, and who acquitted herself as such, with credit to herself and satisfaction to the Trustees and Principal of said School."

It was also unanimously resolved that the members of the Board of Public School Trustees do attend, as a body, the funeral of the late Miss McLennan.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Inspector and Principal the Board sanctioned the transference of Miss Trainer from St. George's Ward School to the Central School, and instructed the Secretary to advertise for a new teacher for St. George's Ward School.

## Clinton.

NEW TEACHER.—Mr. Geo. Sheppard of Goderich Township has been appointed teacher in the Clinton School in place of Mr. Holbrook who has gone to Brockville.

## Wroxeter.

LITERARY ENTERTAINMENT.—A very successful literary entertainment was held in the School house on the 12th inst. The proceeds, amounting to $27, are to be applied to the purchase of prizes for the school.

## Tuckersmith

SUDDEN DEATH.—An extremely sudden death occurred in this township, on Monday last. Mrs. McKenzie, wife of Mr. William McKenzie, dropped dead, while sitting at dinner with the rest of the family. During the forenoon, Mrs. McKenzie had complained of a slight pain in her breast, but was, with this exception, apparently in her usual state of health. The deceased was an old resident of Tuckersmith, having, with her husband, settled in the Township about twenty years ago, and was much respected by a large circle of friends.—*Expositor.*

## Ainleyville.

ATTEMPT TO SHOOT.—An attempt to shoot, arising out of the stabbing affray between James Dernyon and John McCarroll, was made at this place on Monday evening. An old feud exists between Robert Dernyon, the father of the above, and John Bailey. The latter was one of the special constables taken by Mr. Hall to assist in the arrest of James Dernyon. On proceeding to the house Bailey remained outside while Hall entered. Some of the family told Robert Dernyon that Bailey was outside with a pistol to shoot him, when he took down a gun and pointed it out at the door saying he would shoot Bailey. The latter fled, while Hall seized the gun and prevented any damage being done. Bailey laid an information against Dernyon, who was brought before the magistrates and bound over for trial at the Assizes.

## Wingham.

ACCIDENT.—R. Tichborne (not the celebrated Sir Roger) of this place was injured by the falling of a piece of timber at a raising the other day, but not seriously.

W. G. & B. RAILWAY.—Engineers are at work in this vicinity surveying the Southern extension of this road. Some difficulty is experienced in finding a suitable line.

SPRING SHOW.—The Spring Show of the Turnberry Agricultural Society will be held here on the 26th inst.

FLOODED.—The flats on the gravel road were flooded last week and parties entering Wingham were obliged to drive through the water. Mr. Gollay while passing through it on horseback met with a mishap, his horse having shied at a piece of ice, and was precipitated into deep water at the side of the road. Both horse and man managed to swim ashore.

## Seaforth.

A GRAND CONCERT.—The concert in aid of the C. P. Church, which came off in the Town Hall on the evening of Friday the 19th inst., was a grand success both as to numbers and money.—We understand that over $80 was taken at the door. Mr. Frank Paltridge the able Precenter, was chief manager and did his duty well. Prof. Jones of Galt, deserves especially to be mentioned in terms of the highest commendation, as also Mrs. Geo. Ewing of our village. Of course all she rest performed their parts in a very creditable manner. It was without doubt the grandest affair of the season.

BAZAAR.—The bazaar in aid of St. Thomas's Church (the Episcopal) opens in Kidd's Hall on the 23rd inst. The ladies of the Church will have a good supply of fancy articles on hand. We wish them success in their undertaking.

A MINISTER IN POOR HEALTH.—We are sorry to learn that the Rev. Mr. Kennedy the able and popular pastor of the W. M. Church in town, is in very poor health. He intends giving up preaching for a time so as to recruit his hea th.

D. MCNAUGHT, V. S.—This gentleman has entered on the active duties of his profession and is already running into practice. He treats all diseases of domestic animals.

DR. BULL.—Our village Dentist, Dr. Bull, has entered upon the duties of his profession. He is a good Dentist and has a good run of custom.

## Colborne.

COURT OF REVISION.—The Court of Revision for the Township of Colborne was held at the Township Hall on Saturday, 20th April. Reeve and all the Councillors present. The minutes of last meeting read and passed. There being no appeals the assessment roll was examined by the Council, approved and accepted. With regard to a letter received from Mr. Walker, Barrister, it was moved by Mr. Nott, seconded by Mr. Malloy, that the Clerk state the facts of the case to Mr. Walker by letter, and notify Mr. Cook to appear before the next meeting of Council and bring evidence to substantiate his claim—Carried. Moved by Mr. Morris, sec. by Mr. Buchanan, that this Council give Mr. Duncan Campbell an indigent person an order on Mr. Wm. Kerr for a barrel of flour to be paid for by Township—Carried. Moved by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Nott, that Mr. D. Vanstone be paid $8 for Statute labour performed through mistake as shewn by pathmaster's receipt—Carried. Account of Mr. Dart $3.50, ordered to be paid. Moved by Mr. Malloy, seconded by Mr. Nott, that the County Treasurer be notified that there is no back taxes against lots 9 and 10, Benmiller village—Carried. Council adjourned till 10th June to meet at 1 o'clock, P. M.

JOSEPH CARROLL,
Tp Clerk.

## North Huron Spring Show.

The annual Spring Show of the North Riding of Huron Agricultural Society, was held at Clinton on Tuesday 16th inst. and was the most successful which has yet been held by the Society. The day being fine, the attendance of spectators was very large. The stock exhibited, especially the horses, was very superior. The following is a list of the successful competitors.

HORSES.

*Heavy Draft*, aged.—1st. J. J. Fisher; 2nd, Thos. Colquhoun; 3rd. J. J. Fisher.

*General Purpose*, aged.—1st. Wm. McGregor; 2nd, George Askwith; 3rd, John Mason.

*Roadand Carriage.*—1st, Geo. Henley; 2nd, J. Mason; 3rd, Wm. Wise.

*Heavy Draft*, under two years.—1st, George Nott; 2nd, Charles Mason.

*General Purpose*, under two years.—1st, Wm. Peck; 2nd, Charles Dale; 3rd, John Lawson.

*Road and Carriage*, under two years.—1st, J. J. Fisher; 2nd, Thomas Mason.

BULLS.

*Thoroughbred*, any age.—1st, Humphrey Snell; 2nd, John McMillan.

*Thoroughbred*, under two years—1st, J. J. Fisher; 2nd, J. L. Curtis; 3rd Thomas Fear.

*Grade*, any age.—1st, Thomas Ady; 2nd, Wm. Parsons.

## South Huron Spring Show.

The Spring show of the South Riding of Huron Agricultural Society, was held at Brucefield, on Wednesday last. The day was one of the finest and most pleasant of the season, and the attendance of spectators was consequently very large. The show was most successful. The following is the prize list.

HORSES.

*Heavy Draft.*—1st, J. J. Fisher; 2nd, Thomas Colquhoun; 3rd, Wharton Hodgson.

*General Purpose.*—1st, Wm. McGregor; 2nd, James Broadfoot; 3rd, John Ross.

*Carriage Horses.*—1st, J. J. Fisher; 2nd, George Harley; 3rd, Colin McDonald.

*Heavy Draft*, under two years.—1st, Charles Mason; 2nd, James Logan.

*Agricultural*, under two years.—1st, Christopher Dale; 2nd, Wm. Peck.

BULLS.

*Thoroughbred*, over two years.—1st Humphrey Snell; 2nd, James Broadfoot; 3rd, John McMillan.

*Thoroughbred*, under two years.—1st, James W. Elder; 2nd, Henry Chesney; 3rd, Joseph Atkinson.

*Grade*, over two years.—1st, Wm. Sproat; 2nd, Geo. Forest; 3rd, Andrew Swan.

*Grade*, under two years.—1st, Thomas Pearson; 2nd, James McIntosh; 3rd, James Chesney.

## A Colored Vice-President.

*(From the Globe.)*

A Colored Convention is to be held at New Orleans on the 10th of May, to consult over the measures to be taken by the negroes in the coming Presidential contest. In addition it is said on which they intend to support Grant, is that the nomination to the Vice-Presidentship shall be given to a person of color if not to a full negro. Such a proposition may give great trouble to the Republican managers, and the very mention of it is a sign of the times.

## An Efficient Minister

Reports reach us highly favorable to the administrative abilities of the Hon. R. W. Scott, Commissioner of Crown Lands in the Government of Ontario. Suave, pains-taking and exact, he has made his Department as popular with the public as it was formerly forbidding. During the few months he has been in office, more outstanding claims and pending cases have been adjusted than during the entire tenure of office of his eminently respectable, but dreadfully staid and lethargic predecessor. Mr. Scott's administrative abilities are of a high order.—*Advertiser.*

The Princess of Wales has a Parliamentary grant of £10,000 a year, to be increased to £30,000 in the event of her surviving the Prince.

# Dominion Parliament.

TUESDAY, April 16th.—Mr. Colby introduced a bill to repeal the Insolvency Act.

The public accounts were laid on the table. They show the receipts for last year to have been $19,335,560, and the expenditure $15,623,081.

Returns were moved for by Mr. Mackenzie as follows,—For copies of all correspondence between the Government and the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba regarding the disposition of the Crown Lands in that Province by grants or sales; with copies of memorials or petitions addressed to the Local authorities or General Government on the subject, and the reply thereto; also copies of all proclamations or orders in Council on the subject, and reports of and correspondence with Mr. McMicken, the Land Commissioner. For copies of all tenders, &c., for the construction of the Pacific Railway, and Orders in Council relating thereto. For copies of all correspondence with Lt-Governor Archibald, of Manitoba, and Mr. G. McMicken, regarding the Fenian invasion of Manitoba, and the intercouse of the said Lieut-Governor with Louis Riel, the leader of the rebellion in the territory, and one of the men charged with the murder of Thomas Scott. For copies of the report of the engineers or others appointed to investigate the location of the Canal across the St. Clair Flats on the Canadian side of the channel by the Government of the United States, with copies of all Orders in Council, and correspondence with the Imperial Government or others on the subject. After referring to statements made in the House last year on this subject, he said the Treaty of Washington showed that our Government had acknowledged that the Canal was within United States territory.

Sir John A. Macdonald having stated that the Government did not intend to introduce a Bill providing for the trial of controverted elections before Judges, Mr. Blake gave notice that he would do so.

Sir John stated that the papers connected with the Washington Treaty would be laid before the house to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, April 17th.—The Census returns were laid on the table, also a statement of the expenses of the Manitoba Expedition.

In reply to Mr. Holton, Sir John A. Macdonald stated that Judge Johnston's appointment as Governor of Manitoba was only to remain in force till a permanent appointment could be made.

A discussion arose on a motion of Mr. Magill for a Select Committee to inquire into the condition and extent of the manufacturing interests of the dominion, which he thought should be encouraged as tending to advance the welfare of the country. The debate became very personal in its character, particularly on the part of Hon. Joseph Howe. The Committee was granted.

Thursday, April 18—The despatches and minutes relating to the Washington Treaty were laid before the House. They are so voluminous that we cannot give even a summary.

The rest of the sitting was occupied with inquiries and motions of no great interest.

Friday, April 19th.—A few words were said with reference to the papers on the Washington Treaty, after which Hon. Mr. Howe moved that the House should go into Committee upon his resolution to appropriate $45,000 per annum for five years to defray the expenses of the Geological Survey of Canada. An animated discussion took place on the resolution, which was finally adopted.

Some miscellaneous business was then disposed of.

## London, Huron & Bruce R.R.

ELECTION OF PERMANENT DIRECTORS, &c.

A largely attended meeting of the stock-holders of the London, Huron & Bruce Railway Company was held in the Mechanics' Institute in London on Wednesday last, John Birrell Esq., President of the Provisional Board in the chair.

The Secretary, Mr. Churcher, read the following

REPORT.

The Provisional Board of Directors of the London, Huron & Bruce Railway Company respectfully report to the stockholders:—

That they have secured bonuses from the municipality of the city of London for $100,000; London Township, $15,000; Usborne, $25,000; Stephen, $17,500; Hay, $25,000; Hullett, $15,000; East Wawanosh, $18,000; Clinton Village, $10,000; Exeter, $6,000; in all to the amount of $221,500.

The townships from Wingham to Kincardine having voted liberal bonuses to the South Branch of the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Company, your Directors feel that no hope could be entertained that additional bonuses would be given to the London Board.

The Government also, by Order in Council, have given the government grant in aid to the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Company from Wingham to Kincardine, providing that running powers shall be given to the London and Toronto companies over that section.

Under these circumstances, your directors consider it would be injudicious to attempt to build the road as originally proposed on a narrow guage by an independent company.

At a meeting of the Board held on the 27th March, 1872, a majority of the directors present, holding stock to the amount of $61,000, decided to negotiate with the Great Western Railway Company for the building and working of the road.

An agreement has been made subject to the approval of the stockholders of the London, Huron & Bruce Company, and the English Board of Directors of the G. W. Railway Company, whereby, in consideration of bonuses to the minimum amount of $8,000 per mile, being secured to the G. W. R. Company, they will construct, equip, and work the road, and release the stockholders from their subscription to the stock and repay the preliminary expenses incurred in the formation of the London, Huron & Bruce Company.

This agreement has been approved along the whole line of country interested, and since it was made, the municipalities interested in the Central Route have, through a large deputation of most influential men, guaranteed bonuses from those municipalities to the amount of $100,000 in addition to the amount already secured; a deputation from the Eastern Route have also promised to secure sufficient bonuses from that route.

In either case the amount of $6,000 per mile agreed upon may be considered secured.

It will therefore be within the power of the Board of Directors about to be elected to ratify the agreement made by the Provisional Board with the Great Western Company, if the agreement is approved of by the stockholders.

The amount of stock subscribed is $104,000, and deposit money paid in, $20,800 as per list of stockholders. This amount of $20,800 is placed to the credit of the company in the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

The preliminary expenses to date amount to $7,225,11, exclusive of unascertained claims for services by the Solicitor, Engineer and others, and have been provided for by subscriptions of one share each paid up by 31 subscribers and half paid by 15 subscribers (as per appendix B), by two notes for $1,000 each made by the President and Treasurer and discounted, and by outstanding accounts due to the Directors and other parties (per appendix C).

The balloting for Directors was then proceeded with when the following were declared elected, Messrs. Alexander Johnston, Robert Reid, John Birrell, Major John Walker, E. W. Hyman, Isaac Carling, C. P. Smith, John Carling, and E. W. Harris.

At a subsequent meeting of the new board the following were elected officers, John Birrell, Esq., President; Major John Walker, Vice-President; E. W. Hyman, Esq., Treasurer; and Thos. Churcher Esq., Secretary.

Even the Kingston *News* has to confess that Dr. Ryerson never appeared to so little advantage as in his recent correspondence with Mr. Blake.

A writer in the London press says that the habits of the best workmen of the metropolis are extremely dissipated. Beer and gin are the trouble.

To the Editor of the Huron Signal.

SIR,—In the paragraph which you copied in your issue of the 10th inst, from the Seaforth *Expositor*, informing us that Mr. Muir of Tuckersmith is entitled to the distinction of being the oldest Township clerk in the Province, he having filled that position for thirty years, that journal omits to tell us that Mr. Muir is also Treasurer, and has been for, I believe, the same time. I regret the omission, but I am confident no person who has had business to do with Mr. Muir would willingly detract any honour from him. But, Sir, is Mr. Muir Treasurer? Here is the proof. The writer has been officially connected with him for well nigh 20 years. The first item received by Mr. Muir as Treasurer was nearly 30 years ago. The amount was £18 currency. He took this to what is now the city of London. Since that time I have traced him in the office of Treasurer until the Auditors Report for the year 1871, signed William Muir. He is also Treasurer for this year.

If, Sir, more proof was wanted I refer to the County Treasurers books, Scobie's and now the Canadian Almanac, also hosts of public and private friends which Mr. Muir has gathered around him.

The writer is one who shall not see his old friend and co-official reft of any honourable distinction that rightfully belongs to him as an illustrious public officer. In Muir's company you soon find that what one of his Schoolmasters said was not in vain, "watch yestand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong". I remain, yours truly

BUCKERSMITH.

Goderich, April 22nd, 1872.

## Latest from Manitoba

FORT GARRY,
April 18, 1872.

The country was visited on Thursday by a heavy snow storm; and up to yesterday, the weather for a week has been cold. The second thaw has now set in. The last edition of snow is fast disappearing, though the ice on the river is yet as fast as in midwinter. The storm of Thursday broke the telegraph line, and it is working to-day again for the first time: the roads are so bad, from mud and snow, that the stages have lost their in connections, and it is eleven days since the arrival of the last Canadian mail.

Monday was very generally observed throughout the Province as a Thanksgiving Day for the recovery of the Prince of Wales. In Winnipeg business was suspended; service was held in the churches of the town, and in St. Boniface Cathedral. Huge bonfires were lit in the evening. The Parliament House, St. Boniface College and Palace, and numerous other public and private buildings were illuminated with candles, Chinese lanterns, &c., and the St. Boniface band played from the College Cupola.

Trouble is feared, as the result of the steps made by the French half-breeds, to prevent parties taking any square timber and saw logs, which have been got out by Government officials, on the lands which the half-breeds claim as their selection. If the half-breeds attempt the execution of their threats a serious disturbance is certain to ensue.

At a meeting of French half-breeds held at St. Boniface, on Monday, for the consideration of the land and timber question, the following rather significant resolution was adopted, "The meeting sees with much pain and regret the forced absence of Messrs Riel and Lepine, whose wisdom and patriotism would be of so much usefulness in the critical circumstances in which we find ourselves."

The establishment of two ladies' colleges in Winnipeg is under consideration. The Church of England contemplate the establishment of one, under the immediate direction of the vestry; and the Presbyterians project one on a more liberal basis.

Buildings, the coming season, will only be limited in extent, by the quantity of available first-class mechanical labour. Amongst other large buildings projected, is a magnificent hotel, advertised to be similar in extent, appointments, and name to the Queen's, in Toronto; it is projected by a joint stock company. The Davis House is also to be rebuilt with first-class accomodation for two hundred and fifty guests.

The supply of hay in the country, shortened by the prairie fires last autumn, is almost entirely exhausted. Hay commands a fabulous price, as high as forty dollars per ton. In some sections, large quantities of stock are dying of starvation.

FORT GARRY, April 20.

The whole community is in ecstacies over the report which reached here yesterday of the acceptance of Lieut.-Governor Archibald's resignation. Last evening several hundred persons assembled between Winnipeg and Fort Garry, and gave expression to their feelings by making a huge bonfire and burning Archibald and Riel in effigy, side by side. The image of Riel was charged with powder and blown to pieces. The Chief of Police attempted to interfere but was intimidated by the crowd, but no breach of the law was committed. Repeated and hearty groans for Archibald, and cheers for the Queen and Canada, were given, and the best possible feeling prevailed.

The ground is still frozen, and the old settlers pronounce this spring the latest in all their experience.

Cattle are dying in increasing numbers from starvation.

Agricultural societies are being formed in each county of the province.

Late news from Shebandowan speak well of gold mining prospects there.

THE AGRICULTURAL FARM.—The late Government in their haste to found an Agricultural College, appear to have made a wretched mistake in the choice of a site. A block of 600 acres was purchased in the neighborhood of Mimico station, six miles west of Toronto, for something like $80 an acre, and on this a considerable sum of money was expended when the present Government came into power. From the nature of representations made to Hon. Mr. McKenzie by Rev Mr. Clarke, who held some position under the former Commissioner of Agriculture it was deemed advisable to make inquiry into the suitableness of the farm for the purpose for which it was required, before any further outlay should be made. Accordingly Mr. McKellar brought the matter under the notice of the Council of Arts and Agriculture, requesting that they should examine the site and report upon it. They did so and their report was one sweeping condemnation. The location was denounced as unhealthy, the soil in part a sand, and no spring water to be reached anywhere. This report received the assent of every member of the Council except Prof. Buckland, and among those who denounced the site most strongly were some of the late Government's warmest supporters,—an evidence that political feeling had nothing to do with influencing their opinions. The effect of the report has been to make the Government exceedingly cautious aboutject at present, if not indeed to abandon the site as utterly worthless, and seek for a better one elsewhere. The Council of Agriculture has examined one or two farms in the neighborhood of points will be visited. Of course it would be a very improper step to take to abandon the Mimico farm after so much money has been expended upon it; but if the location and soil are of the character described, it would be a thousand times better to lose what has been spent than to pursue a course that would only end in failure, and bring the agricultural character of the Province into disrepute into the bargain. We never expected much in an agricultural way from a Government composed of one lawyer and four lawyers, but for the country's sake we hope that in the present instance the case is not as bad as it has been represented.—*St. Thomas Journal.*

A little girl, daughter of Samuel Johnston, of the firm of Empy, Johnston & Co., St Helen street, Montreal, was killed on the spot by the falling of a mass of ice from the spouting of Mr. Johnston's residence, Bleury street. The child, in company with two others, was preparing to go out with its mother for a walk when the unfortunate accident occured. One of the other children was also badly injured by the falling mass.

## Deciding by Weight.

A few days ago the table talker gave a good anecdote of the famous Canadian lawyer O'Reilly. Here is another. At Kingston, in 1870, he held a brief for the plaintiff in a breach of promise suit. There was nothing romantic about the case, no opportunity for eloquence or pathos. The plaintiff was a one-eyed cook, chief engineer of a small eating-house, aged about 40, weighing about two hundred pounds. The defendant was a discharged soldier, full of strange oaths, and bearded like a pard; also well stricken in years, and not by any means well favored. O'Reilly's course was characteristic. The sighing Strephon of the Sixtieth Rifles had been paying court to his one-eyed Phillis for two years, during which time he had lived on the fat of the land. He had, in the Shakesperian phrase lined his paunch with her beefsteak, the tear of sensibility had glistened in his eye, while the soup of affection lingered on his lips. Like Israel he had waxed fat; indeed he weighed forty pounds more when he, figuratively to speak hoisted topsails and away, than when he first installed himself in his one-eyed inamorata's love and larder. O'Reilly put in evidence two photographs of the defendant, one taken before he made the plaintiff's acquaintance, and the other after the separation. In the former he resembled one of Pharoah's lean kine, in the latter his buttons had proved unequal to their task, and his figure displayed abdominal resources worthy of Falstaff himself. The defendant was interrogated as to his weight. Before he met the plaintiff there were 170 pounds of him, but after trifling with her affections and her kitchen, he tipped the scale at 210. "This, gentleman," said O'Reilly, blandly, "