cured by Mr. Hincks. He felt he was called upon any longer to support the Government, but rather to see himself, not in factious opposition, but still in opposition. Still if the Finance Minister brought down wise measures, he would throw no opposition in his way. The objections to the appointment of the Finance Minister would be removed in a great measure if he had learned wisdom by experience, and could rally around him a number of the Reform party. But he did not expect he would do this.

Mr. Huntington referred to the circular of the new Finance Minister, and described him as awaking from a Rip Van Winkle sleep, and finding his gun rusty, and his dog dead in his youth. He had admired Sir Francis, and intended to say nothing about his appointment or his circular; but he must take up the gauntlet of the hon. gentleman had thrown down. He no longer had any confidence in the Finance Minister. The course taken by him in issuing the circular and in claiming the support of his party on the score of superior loyalty, had no precedent in England. The people of this country were all loyal, and despised the tricks by which political tricksters would gain government nests by such. This would not be tolerated either on one side or the other.

Sir Francis Hincks replied to the personal attack on himself. His own private letter had been made the basis of debate. He did not think Mr. Young would shrink from avowing and standing by what he had said. He repudiated the notion of any inferiority, we suffered from, as colonists, since we obtained self-government. We could not have independence and monarchical government. He thought the latter much the best.

Mr. Mackenzie said Sir Francis Hincks' letter was hardly a private affair. It had been published and discussed in the newspapers.

Mr. Dufresne briefly stated his own view of the ministerial position, which, as regards Upper Canada, seemed to be so much in doubt.

Mr. Scatcherd would judge ministers by their future policy, not by their past. Parliament had forgiven as much to the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Militia, and the member for Sherbrooke, as they had to forgive the Finance Minister. Yet, the real chief of the Upper Canada liberals had joined a government with all of them. To talk of independence and loyalty was as absurd as of Fenianism and loyalty. If the people desired to change their institutions—the way to the United States was not far, they could go there to enjoy their independence.

Mr. Young reviewed the address and policy of the Government at some length.

Mr. Langevin called attention to the rumors that French Canadian members of the Government had given encouragement to the Red River nomination, he gave them the most explicit contradiction.

Mr. Macdougall said the report to that effect came to Mr. Provencher through the rebels, when in conference with them up Stinking River he (Mr. Macdougall) had said on the spot it was incredible and impossible. He thought it possible some relative of Mr. Langevin might have written something which had been thus misconstrued.

Mr. Langevin gave the same contradiction respecting his brothers.

Mr. McGill thought the address erred by the omission of allusion to the enlargement of the canals and some other things. He denounced the Independence cry, as essentially disloyal, and criticised the conduct of the Secretary for the Province in the North-West.

Mr. Bodwell, Mr. Mills, Mr Oliver and Mr. Jones, of Leeds, and Mr. Chamberlain followed, Mr. Huntington in reply to Mr. Chamberlain.

The remaining clauses of the address were then agreed to.

OTTAWA, 23rd Feb.

In the Senate. Hon. Mr. Letellier de St Just moved for copies of McDougall's commissions Lieut-Governor of the North West, correspondence, &c. He said he had been formerly opposed to Confederation, but seeing it was a *fait accompli* he would do all in his power to support the constitution, at the same time censuring the appointment of Mr McDougall, who, he said, was not acceptable to the half-breeds and Indians from his actions in the Manitoulin affair.

Mr Macpherson thought better communication with the North West should be established than that contemplated last session.

Mr Campbell defended the Government.

The Bill relating to the Coasting Trade was read a third time, as was also the Fisheries Bill.

The debate on the address being over, the House of Commons has at last got fairly to work.

A considerable amount of formal business was got through yesterday afternoon, but very little of it has any special importance. The Government intimated their intention to fulfil the pledge given last session with reference to a bill to limit the rate of interest, the question being for the present left open whether such measure could constitutionally originate in the Senate. Resolutions on the subject of banking and currency are also promised for next week; and Mr Langevin informed the House that the question of improving the navigation of the Ottawa River and of the Welland Canal are under the consideration of the Government.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.

Mr M P Ryan presented a petition from Hon John Young praying for a charter for a company for construction of and connecting Lake Canal with the St. Lawrence

Sir J A Macdonald moved the appointment of the following Special Committee, to consider and report what papers connected with the North-West Territory it would be expedient to lay before the House:—Sir J A Macdonald; Hons. Messrs Howe, Langevin, Tilley, Morris, Dunkin, John S Macdonald, McDougall, Holton, and Messrs. McKenzie and Blake.

Sir George Cartier referred to the statement of Hon Mr McDougall in a previous debate that he (Cartier) in his speech had not condemned the proceedings of the insurgents in the North-West. He reminded the House that on two or three occasions in that speech he had condemned the insurgents.

Hon Mr McDougall, in reply, called attention to the difficulty reporters had in hearing what was said in the House, and suggested that a small gallery be erected near the Speaker's chair, lower down than the present gallery, for the accommodation only of the short-hand reporters. He was glad to see that the Minister of Militia was anxious that no misunderstanding as to his position on the North-West question should go to the country. He always believed that that gentlemen would take a broad Canadian view of this question, and not be influenced by local, sectional, or national feeling in dealing with it.

Sir John A Macdonald said the remarks that had appeared in the newspapers, respecting Mr McDougall, were not with the sanction of himself or his colleagues.

Sir John A Macdonald introduced a bill respecting elections. Sir John said he had intended to introduce to-day a bill for the creation of a Court of Appeal, but he had received printed observations from Judges, and the Bar of New Brunswick had also expressed their opinion on the subject, which he wished fully to consider before introducing the bill.

Hon Mr Langevin introduced a bill to extend the powers of the Dominion Arbitrators. In answer to Hon John Young, Mr Langevin said that the salary of the Dominion Arbitrators was $1,000 each, and travelling expenses.

Mr Mackenzie moved for the correspondence between the Government and the Iroquois Indians of the Two Mountains, respecting their title to lands.

Mr Langevin explained that the titles had been granted to the Seminary by the King of France, and confirmed by all subsequent changes. The matter had been carefully considered by the Government, and the title of the Seminary was clear; that the Indians had other reserves which they could go to.

Mr Jones moved for the statements, costs and charges connected with the office of the Intercolonial Railway—Carried.

Mr McKenzie moved for the correspondence between the Government and the trustees and stockholders of the Upper Canada Bank—Carried.

The House adjourned at five o'clock till Monday.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, MARCH 3, 1870.

QUITE SO.—ONLY ONE DOLLAR!

Not content with *Reiffensteining* the County Council and the people of Huron out of *at least* $140.00 over and above his last year's tender prices for the County Printing, the Seaforth *Expositor* has the audacity to endeavor to dictate what we shall or shall not charge for the Huron *Signal*. We do not know whether our amiable friend of the *Expositor* is a practical printer or not—(judging from the fact that his sheet is printed *outside* of the County, we should say *not*)—but we think we *do* know that an experience of *eighteen years* with the Huron *Signal* enables us to judge as to what is right in any such case. We think we have never been behind in enterprise, and if we have ever failed, the *Expositor* will please point out when and how.

The *Expositor* descends to the *Dun Moranism* of alluding to what he terms our "limited circulation." Now, on that point we are quite satisfied with the verdict of our advertisers, to whom and to *all others* our *bona fide* lists are at all times open for inspection.

The *Expositor* hints that our "conscientious scruples" would not allow us to charge more than $1.00 for the Weekly *Signal*—it not being worth more, in *his* opinion, than that sum. It ill becomes the *Expositor* man, after having chiselled the County out of a large sum of money to talk about *conscientious scruples!* Scruples, forsooth! Let him be man enough to come out and answer the distinct charge of peculation we have fastened upon him, and from which he cannot escape, wriggle as he may.

The fact of the matter is that the *Expositor* attacks us because we think fit to compete with city weeklies merely for the reason that he cannot get out of a dirty scrape which we would not be involved in for a good deal. Our "conscientious scrupples" have prompted us to do the County printing *honestly* for a long series of years; let the Seaforth egotist say as much, *if he can*, although he has only done the work for one year!

TOWN COUNCIL.

The Council met on Friday, 25th February. Present; the Mayor in the chair, Messrs. Passmore, Gibbons, Smith, Watson, Seymour, Sinclair, Detlor, McKay, Gardiner, Runciman, Howell and Clifford. Minutes of last regular and special meetings approved and signed. The account of G. N. Davis, for $12 16 was ordered to be paid. A petition of Ratepayers for an efficient system of drainage—the main sewer to be built in almost the same course recently recommended in the SIGNAL—was read. Moved by Mr. Runciman, seconded by Mr. Gibbons, That it be received and filed. Petition of David Reid for remission of $2 00 dog-tax.—Granted. Petition of seventy-nine ratepayers and residents, to refuse saloon-licenses, and to secure the carrying out of the law with reference to taverns and grocery stores was read. Moved by Mr. Seymour, seconded by Mr. Watson, That the petition be laid over until the reading of the By-law referring to licenses. Accounts of J. B. Gordon $28.00, and Mr. H Horton $32.00, referred to Finance Committee. Montreal telegraph account 70 cents, ordered to be paid. The Auditors reported the books and accounts for 1869 correct, and submitted a statement relative to the Northern Gravel Road. The report was referred to the Finance Committee. D. Ferguson's account for $5.00, for relief orders, ordered to be paid. Sheppard and Strachan's account for $27.05, ordered to be paid. Mrs. H. Reed's account for $22 00 for Henry Price's board and washing was ordered to be paid if $20.00 would be accepted. Applications for tavern licenses were received from Elijah Martin, H. Reed, G. Graham, E. Hosker, Jno. Craig, J. J. Wright, T. Dark, Wilkins & Calloway, H. Martin, and W. J. Johnson. Applications for shop licenses were received from James Hays, Parker & Cattle, Sheppard & Strachan, W. Kerr, D. Ferguson, John Mitchell, H. Horton and G. Grant. Applications for saloon licenses were received from Mr. McMurchie, John McPherson and E. Bingham. A By-law to regulate the granting of licenses to taverns shops and saloons was read the first time. Moved by Mr. Runciman, seconded by Mr. Howell, That no saloon licenses be granted. Messrs. Gibbons and Clifford supported the spirit of the petition previously received. Mr. Sinclair would have voted against saloon licenses at the time they were first allowed. Mr. Watson considered a prohibitory law increased drunkenness. He knew because he saw it did so in the States. Mr. Seymour was in favour of licensing saloons, or as they are and ought to be called, houses of entertainment. Mr. Horton was in favour of saloons, for the sake of doing justice to those whom the Council had encouraged to spend money in the business. Mr. Smith would vote for saloons, because they used formerly to be unlicensed shebangs where candy was sold as a blind, and whiskey and cards played on the sly. The amendment was voted on as follows: Nays, 9—Messrs. Hays, Passmore, Smith, Watson, Seymour, Horton, Sinclair, McKay and Gardiner. Yeas, 5—Messrs. Gibbons, Clifford, Howell, Runciman and Detlor. By-law No. 4, re-enacting the By-law of the previous year, to regulate licenses was then read a second and third time, and adopted. The By law appointing Street and Road Inspector, and describing his duties was agreed to. The blanks were filled up as follows:—That Mr. Thomas Hood be appointed Inspector, at the salary of $200. The Council then adjourned.

REV. D. INGLIS' LECTURE, on 'Thomas Chalmers,' will positively be delivered, in the Wesleyan M. Church, on Tuesday 8th March at 7:30 p. m.

☞ The *Globe* of Thursday last, says a *monstrous* temperance meeting was lately held in Chicago. That is nearly as good as a Western editor who headed an item 'disgraceful thunder-storm.'

SKATING CARNIVAL.—Mr. Gooding has announced another Fancy Dress Carnival with Prizes, for Tuesday next, 1st March. Five prizes are to be given, one of them a beautiful 'gold skate.' The prizes are on exhibition in Mr. Moorhouse's window.

WROXETER expects to get a branch of the Ontario Bank. This thriving village needs it.

OUR HARBORS.

The Ottawa correspondent of the *Globe* says:—

It is said that appropriations for harbours on Lake Huron are to be made at Chantry Island and Goderich, and on Lake Erie at Rondeau.

So mote it be.

THOSE INTRIGUES.

It has been pretty freely stated in the columns of contemporaries that some negotiations had been attempted at the instance of the *Globe* party having for their object the overthrow of the Administration of the day at the hands of Sandfield Macdonald, Sir A. T. Galt, Cartwright and others. The statement is made somewhat circumstantial by the use of Mr. Gordon Brown's name in connection with the business.—Speaking of the matter the Hamilton *Times* says:—

'If the Messrs. Brown assume to represent Reformers in this matter, it is at least due to the party that they should give the true version of what has taken place. We have Ministerial journals making capital out of the story, and the least we can expect is that the *Globe* will give us the truth—if there be any truth in the rumor at all.'

By all means; let's have the truth about this as well as of all other matters. That is what is wanted.

So saith the *Free Press* of the 28th. What amount of consistency there is in the statement of our slash-away contemporary may be inferred from the following from the *Telegraph* of the 26th. How the *Free Press* failed to notice it is best known to its editors:—

'The report that one of the writers for the *Globe* has approached Mr. Sandfield Macdonald with political proposals is, we hear, untrue. The writer in question had not spoken to Mr. S. Macdonald up to Wednesday evening; and it is presumed that his mission was connected with one of the Narrow gauge railways:—the directors of which claim a public land grant from the Ontario Government of which Mr. Macdonald is the head."

The *Globe*, we may add, emphatically denies the charge. Truly toryism must be getting shaky when such means have to be adopted.

TOWN DRAINAGE.—The influential petition, for an efficient system of Town drainage, presented to the Municipal Council at its last meeting, was ordered, by that body, to be received and fyled. The ratepayers will excuse their representatives for not, on account of the press of business then before them, taking the important subject into consideration at that particular meeting. The Council will do well, however, to remember that the public will not allow this petition to be quietly shelved, but will expect it to be discussed at the earliest possible opportunity. The first point to be settled is whether or not the Council is in a position to take action and to what extent; to ascertain the views of proprietors and to what amount a bonus towards the undertaking could be secured. If the Council were to resolve to, one year, build the sewer half-way and, next year, the other half, we believe, with the bonuses that proprietors would grant, an assessment of ¼ cent on the dollar, each year, would cover the outlay and not be grudged by the ratepayers. Let the Council take action in a public-spirited manner.

The Seaforth *Expositor* says the *Star* is compelled to come down to the dollar principle in order to induce *respectable* people to take it. The *Star* is no doubt able to take its own part, but we must say that such language as that we have quoted is most contemptible.

COMPLIMENTARY.—The London *Free Press* says of Albert Edward, heir-apparent to the Throne of Great-Britain:—"The most recent incident that has contributed to the unpopularity of the burly, thick-necked young man whom we in Canada recollect as a pale, moleskin-looking youth, has arisen from the divorce case of Mordaunt *vs* Mordaunt." We congratulate many of our brethren of the Press—from the *Telegraph* down to the Mitchell *Advocate* upon the high moral tone they have adopted of late.

GREAT ROBBERIES IN TORONTO.—Wholesale houses on Front street Toronto have, during winter, been missing quantities of goods which they could not trace. A quarrel between two carpenters, named Kingswood and Purdy has brought the affair to light. Kingswood escaped arrest and Purdy is in prison. They had been employed in altering and repairing various stores and had every facility for acquiring knowledge of localities. Several $1000 worth of goods have been stolen. Purdy had a store of his own on Queen street West where he was selling first-class goods at so low a price, that neighboring merchants had to sell their wares at discount.—Kingswood has since been captured.

☞ They are beginning to use regular harness for oxen in some parts of Canada, instead of the old yoke and bows. Buck and Bright appreciate the change first-rate.

CENTRAL SCHOOL LIBRARY.—Mr. Miller, the librarian, will be very greatly obliged, if all parties who have books will return them at once, to enable him to prepare a complete catalogue.

TOWN DRAINAGE.—A petition is being extensively signed by Ratepayers, for presentation to the Town Council, at its meeting to-night, praying for the inauguration of an efficient system of drainage.

NEW WAGGON FACTORY.—Bates and Elliott are bound to turn out good work at low prices. See their advertisement.

DR. LIVINGSTONE.—The news that he had been burned as a wizard, is believed to have originated from a false rumor, which was current previous to the date of his last letter. Such is Sir Roderick Murchison's conclusion.

LAST SKATING CARNIVAL at Clinton, for the season, takes place, on Thursday evg. 3rd March.

TAVERN LICENSES.—All the applicants for Clinton were granted the necessary certificates by the village Council.

LUCKNOW RAILWAY MEETING at Copelands Hotel, on Thursday, 3 March.

PROLIFIC.—One street in town is at present blessed with the famous crop of *sixteen bran-new babies*.

CHEAP CLOTHING.—Mr. Abraham Smith is selling off his winter stock at a great reduction to make room for spring goods.

Justices' Court.

MR. D. L. SILLS, formerly General Agent of the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Hartford, was arraigned before his Worship, Mayor Hays, and Messrs. Hays, Strong, Beatty, McDougall, Detlor and Calloway, J. P.'s, on informations laid by that Company, on charges of forgery, fraud and embezzlement, committed while Mr. Sills was acting as the Company's General Agent for Ontario. Counsel for the prosecution, Matthew Crooks Cameron, Q. C.; for the defence, J. S. Sinclair. The Court opened at 11 a. m., on Thursday, 24th February, 1870. Evidence was led in four cases, the charges in all of which resolved themselves into the two following:—1st. That Mr. Sills ordered and received from the Company, certain Life Policies payable in American currency and maliciously and for purposes of fraud forged and altered the same by interlining the words, "in gold or its equivalent." 2nd. That Mr. Sills embezzled from the Company large amounts, by receiving Premiums, from sub-agents appointed by him, and not accounting for the same to the Company. Mr. Cameron said that the amount claimed by the Company to have been embezzled was over $2000. The evidence led was so voluminous as to be beyond our capacity for to-day's issue. Mr. Sinclar conducted the cross-examination in a very able manner. The Court is still sitting and certain witnesses, to whom Mr Sills said he paid certain of the moneys charged, have been telegraphed for.

MR. SILLS TRIAL, after our last report, was proceeded with, throughout the whole of Friday last, no new feature being evolved, except that he was charged with receiving certain Premiums in gold from sub-agents, and remitting the same amount to the Company in American Currency, retaining the difference. The justices decided to commit Mr. Sills for trial on three charges, at the next Assizes; Mr. Cameron reserving the right to bring forward other charges then, if the prosecution should think proper. The justices agreed to accept bail, Mr. Sills, himself, in $1200, and two solvent sureties in $600. each. The court adjourned till 7 p. m. to enable bail to be brought forward. As the sureties were required, by the justices, to be possessed of real estate the court was further adjourned to allow the defence to justify; some of the justices, with extraordinary leniency, accompanying the accused to Seaforth for this purpose. The justices relieved Mr. Trainer of the charge of Mr. Sills, and up to the time of writing, it is not known whether or not he has been able to offer satisfactory bail.

County Judges Criminal Court.

FEBY. 24th, 1870.

THE QUEEN VS JAMES STAUNZEL.

The prisoner was charged with having, about 5th instant at the village of Exeter obtained from one John Treble one pair of shoes by false pretences. Mr. Lewis appeared for the prosecution, Mr. B. L. Doyle for the prisoner.

JOHN TREBLE, SWORN.—I am a boot and shoe maker in Exeter. About 5th, Feb the prisoner bought a pair of womens shoes at my shop and left his own measure for a pair of boots. He said he was chopping wood for Mr. McTaggart, and would get his pay next Saturday come for the boots and pay for both pairs at the same time. He did not pay me nor come back for the boots.

CROSS EXAMINED BY MR. DOYLE.—I gave him the boots because he promised to come and pay me on the following Saturday I did not promise to give him two weeks time to pay for the boots. He never dealt with me before. He bought boots and shoes from a branch shop of mine at Rodgerville, I will not swear positively that it was on the 5th I sold him the shoes did not not charge them to him till the following week. My customers do not all pay me punctually when they promise. I do not know that Mr. McTaggart was not owing money to the prisoner at the time he got the boots.

TO THE JUDGE.—I gave the prisoner the boots because he said Mr McTaggart owed him money and that he would come and pay me when he got the money.

TO MR DOYLE.—I am in the habit of selling on credit. I was not aware when dealing with the prisoner that he had been dealing in my store at Rodgerville. I arrested him for the purpose of getting paid for my shoes.

S. J. MCTAGGART, SWORN.—I know the prisoner. My bargain with him was that he should chop ten cords of wood for which I was to pay him in cash, and any farther quantity he might chop he would take his pay in flour. I paid him $1.75 in cash the latter part of January, $2.25 more in the forepart of February. I settled up with him afterwards, and gave him flour for the balance due him. He chopped about three cords and a half for flour.

CROSS EXAMINED BY MR. DOYLE.—I cannot swear to the exact date on which I paid him the last sum of $2.25, it was in the early part of Februry, three or four days before my final settlement with him. I settled with him on the 11th Feby. on a Friday. After I paid him the 2.25 he continued to chop till he finished the three and half cords of wood. The prisoner bears a good character as far as I know.

Mr. Lewis contended that a case was made out against the prisoner.

MR DOYLE, on behalf of the prisoner, contended that the case for the Crown failed on the evidence, aside from the questions of law that would have arisen if the evidence had established any. He commented on the evidence and contended that for anything that appeared to the contrary Mr. McTaggart owed the prisoner the $2.25 at the time he bought the shoes, and if so the case must fail.

His Honor Judge Brough thought the case failed on the evidence and adjudged the prisoner not guilty.

☞ We regret to be under the necessity of keeping over for next week a number of articles intended for this issue. Our correspondents will please exercise the virtue of patience—which we profess to have brought to perfection in this respect.

LOOK SHARP.—We warn the farmers of Huron to be on their guard against horse-thieves. We are credibly informed that a gang of those gentlemen are prowling about.

PENNY READINGS.—The Sons of Temperance are to give a musical and literary entertainment on Friday evening, 4th March, in their Hall (formerly the Commercial Academy.) Admission 5 cents. A choice programme is being got up.

☞ The engine and machinery, &c. for the new propeller, being built here, have arrived. They are of the very finest workmanship. Success to friends Dean and Tolsman.

☞ Alexander Watt, late of the Elgin Hotel Kincardine, skedaddled to Uncle Sam's Dominions a few days ago.

The North Riding Ag. Socy.

The annual *dinner* of this society took place at Ross' Hotel, Clinton, on Wednesday evg. the 23rd inst. There was a very large turn out of farmers, and the dinner itself was a capital one.

Mr. H. Snell occupied the chair and Messrs. J. Biggins and R. Govenlock the vice chairs.

After the usual loyal toasts, Mr. Weld, editor of the *Farmer's Advocate*, delivered a long, rambling address, the principal object of which was to blow his own trumpet and puff his own establishment. He had much difficulty in obtaining a hearing at all.

Mr. Love made a few sensible remarks, and that was about all that was done in the way of speaking.

The company broke up at an early hour.

PUBLIC OPINION ON OUR $1.00 SYSTEM.—The following is one out of many similar letters received since we reduced the price of the *Signal*, for one year in advance, to $1.00:—

"DEAR SIR,—I enclose and send to you *one dollar* for your valuable paper for 1870. I must say that no man need be without a good County paper, when it can be had for a dollar, *even in hard times*."

We hope all, who want to see the *Signal* but do not subscribe, will send on the paltry sum and stop borrowing a copy from their neighbors.

☞ Messrs. Parker & Cattle have received their supply of Field and Garden seeds. What they sell are always satisfactory.

☞ Messrs. Doyle & Squier have $30,000 to lend. See their card.

M. E. CHURCH ENTERTAINMENT in the New Connexion Church, on Thursday, 3rd March. Excellent speakers have promised their assistance and a Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Parker will furnish music. The ladies' department will of course be perfect, as usual.

Red River News.

INFLUENCE OF THE PRIESTS.

Father Richotte, and all the priests, except one, are aiding this rebellion heart and hand, and help Riel to recruit men, by announcing his requirements from the altar, and threatening all who do not answer to his call, with the terrors of the Church.

DE SALABERRY AND THE CONVENTION.

I will give you one instance, out of many, of De Salaberry's guilty conduct. At the Convention now in session, and which is composed of twenty delegates from the French and twenty from the English, the former of whom have decidedly the advantage, as they act in concert, and exhibit general sharpness; while the English are as stupid as mules, and are divided among themselves—and by this advantage the French carried every article which they wished to have in the Bill of Rights, except one.

VOTING QUALIFICATION.

As a sample of the rest, I will give you one of the demands in the Bill. It is that all natives have a right to vote at the age of twenty-one, while all Canadians must have lived in the Settlement three years and have become householders before they can obtain the same privilege; and in the face of this De Salaberry says they have not demanded enough—certainly a very fair Commissioner!

THIBEAULT'S MACHINATIONS.

If possible, Father Thibeault has proved himself worse than Riel, and I will give you a sample of his treachery. Nearly three weeks ago some of Riel's men had suspicions that Riel was working, not for their rights, but to bring about annexation to the States, and went to Smith, the only true man that the Government have sent here as yet, and called a mass meeting of all the people, both English and French, for the following Tuesday. In the mean time, the French, who had left Riel, put a guard of forty men over Mr. Smith's papers for the purpose of protecting them from Riel, who was desirous of destroying them. This guard remained with the papers till they were read to the meeting on Tuesday, when it was decided to call a convention to frame the Bill of Rights; but on the night before the meeting Father Thibeault, accompanied by Father Lestanc endeavored to obtain possession of the papers by entreaty and threats; but without success.

RIEL'S FORCE AND POSITION

Riel's force is considerably weakened by the desertion of the forty men referred to, as they were Chief of the party, and withdrew a large number of men from Riel, who instead of being able to raise six hundred men, can barely get together two hundred; but those who have remained with him are regular fanatics and will fight to the last; while it is doubtful if the others will fight against their own relations besides he has the best arms, all the cannon, and is in a fortified place.—*Telegraph*

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A man named Alex. Stoddart, living on the 2nd concession of Tuckersmith, on Tuesday, of last, week took his wife on a visit to her father's who lives on the London Road. The arrangement was that on the Thursday following he was to go to Varna for her, whither she was going in the meantime. However, as he did not come according to his promise she was taken back to her father's. On the following day her brother took her home, when she found the house locked up. Upon entering, it appeared as though not more than a couple of meals had been taken since Mrs. Stoddart left and the stock around the barn appeared to be nearly starving. Enquiry was at once instituted amongst the neighbours, for Mr. Stoddart, but to no purpose; the last that he had been seen was on the preceding Tuesday. Search was now instituted in the woods, where his body was at once found. He was lying on the back covered with a few inches of snow. The axe was found about two feet from him and his hat was between his knees. No external injury was noticeable, close alongside was a windfall which he had apparently been chopping off, and as the stump was back in its place, at this time, it was presumed, upon being severed from the tree, it sprung up precipitating him in the air. A Coroner's inquest, and a post mortem examination were held on the body on the day following, by Dr. Tracy, when it was ascertained that the neck was broken. A verdict in accordance with the facts was returned. The deceased is a respectable farmer and leaves a wife and two small children to mourn his untimely death. A peculiar coincidence is the fact, that the day of the inquest was the fourth anniversary of the marriage of the deceased.—*Expositor.*

THE MISSING STEAMSHIP.—There is intense anxiety in the public mind about the City of Boston. The following is the list of her passengers booked at Halifax. Those booked at New York are unattainable at Halifax: Mr. Ed. Potter, Captain W. Forbes, Mr. Leconte, F K Robinson, Captain Hamilton, J Allan, A K Doule, E Billing, Mrs. Keldaplan and infant 13 months old, J B Young, Mr. Baker, lady and two children, Mr. Orange and child, J Barrow, Walker Barrow, P Power, jun., Captain Stirling, lady, infant and nurse, James N Paint, Miss F Paint, F A Knox, Wm Murray, C S Silver, E J Kenny, John Thompson, Deputy Assistant Surveyor of Stores, Lieut Orange and female servant, John D Purdy, F Fisher, T R Montgomery, William Parks. Steerage—Jas. Holland, J Grooves, Mary A Erskine Park,—Cassidy, George Rowling, Jas. McCain and wife.

GOLBORNE.

The Municipal Council met at the Town-hall on Saturday the 19th of Feb. 1870. Present the Reeve and Messrs Speme, Robertson & Buchanan, Councillors. After reading the minutes of last meeting, and being approved. The following persons were appointed to the different offices for the current year.

FOR PATHMASTERS.

C. Shannon, P. Carroll, W. Bissett, W. Fagan, A. McNeill R. Haynes, R. Adams, D Fisher, J Kirkpatrick, T Cosens, E Bissett, Sen., J. Edwards, R. Fauns, T. Sallows, J Stewart, J Tiffen, J Glen, J Jewell, H Horton, A Green J Retherington D Hay J Cantleon J Clark D Ellis J Thurlow H Otway R Boyce J Symington J Hamilton G Young A Young P Judge C Ginder W Ohler H Aikens P Million J Martin Junr. N Mohring D Beare & D McMurchey.

FOR POUNDKEEPERS.

P Fisher C Shannon T Nott J Robertson G Morris & W B Garratt.

FOR FENCE VIEWERS.

R Henderson, Senr., W Good S Morris & R Campbell.

It was moved by J Buchanan sec. by P Robertson that J Stewart, be Assessor.—Carried, Moved and sec. that Mrs McLean's taxes be remitted, she being in indigent circumstances.—Carried. Moved by Mr Buchanan sec. by Mr P Robertson that the Collectors time for the final collection of taxes be extended to the 15th of March.—Carried. Moved by Mr Spence sec. by Mr Buchanan that the Township Clerk, should apply to the County Treasurer, to furnish a statement of all monies for taxes of lands of Non-residents during the year 1870 with the number of every lot, part of lot or parcel of do, and where situate also the amount of Statute labour money due on each lot part of lot or parcel of do, at the next meeting of this Council, and at every subsequent meeting hereafter, after such monies have been received.—Carried. Moved by Mr. Spence, sec. by Mr Buchanan that this Council unanimously approve the Petitions to the House of Commons & Senate of Canada, for protection to the products of Canada.—Carried. Moved by Mr Robertson, sec. by Mr Buchanan that the Township Clerk & Treasurer should have $130, for his services.—Carried. Moved by Mr Robertson, sec. by Mr Buchanan that the Selectors of Jurors, should have $1.50 each for their services.—Carried. The Assessors salary to be $60. The Collectors salary $60. The Auditors $2 00 each for their services—Carried. The Council to meet again when notified by the Reeve.

J TEWSLEY,
Tp Clerk.

Ashfield Council.

February 8th, 1870

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. All the members present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. A letter from the Rev. W. Barr requesting the Council to return the amount of taxes paid by him last year, and calling their attention to the provisions of Sub. Sec. 22, Sec. 9 of the assessment act of 1869, was read. The Rev. gentleman being present, addressed the Council in support of his claim. The Council refused to return the taxes being of opinion that Mr. Barr's property is not exempt from taxation uner the statute. Applications for certificates for Tavern Licenses were received from Rodger Milroy, Kingsbridge Hotel; Patrick Keef, Kingsbridge; Donald McRae, Port Albert Hotel; George F. Graham, Grove Inn, Port Albert; Anthony Black, Prince of Orange Hotel, Dungannon; John Pollock, Prince of Wales Hotel, Dungannon; Joseph Alton, Commercial Hotel Lucknow; Joseph Copeland, Lucknow Hotel. By-Law No. 2 1870, appointing Township Officers. By-Law No. 3, fixing officers salaries, and By-Law No. 4, respecting Taverns and Shops, and the duties of Inspectors of licenses, were read and passed. Moved by John F. Andrew, sec. by James Crawford that the Assessor shall deliver to the Clerk the assessment roll completed and added up, arranged in the alphabetical order of the surnames, on or before the 15th day of April next.—Carried. Moved by James Crawford, sec. by John F. Andrew that the report of the Auditors of the Township accounts be received.—Carried. Moved by John F. Andrew, sec. by James Crawford that as there appears to be a balance still due by the collector for 1868, that he be requested to pay the same by the next meeting of Council.—Carried. Moved by James Crawford, sec. by Patrick Clare, that the Collector for the present year bring forward his security at the next meeting of this Council, and that the amount be not less than sixteen thousand dollars.—Carried. Moved by M. Dalton sec. by James Crawford that $4.42 arrears taxes charged against Andrew Garry, by mistake be deducted from his taxes and returned against the E ½ of S½ 28 N. T. P. (½ acre)—Carried. Moved by John F. Andrew, sec. by Patrick Clare that J. Alton be allowed $1.26 on account of a mistake in his assessment.—Carried. Moved by J. Crawford sec. by J. F. Andrew that this Council do now adjourn to meet again on the first Tuesday in March, at Donald McRae's Hotel, Port Albert.—Carried.

JOHN COOKE,
Tp Clerk.

CLACKITT STREET.

(A scene in Scotland.)

An old Strathspey tune.

Stirrin' times in Clackitt Street;
The gossips fa' o' glee,
Hae met in couthie *tete-a-tetes*,
In Gilbbock's, at their tea.
Some private folly's cam to light—
Some breach o' moral law,
And they maun sift the matter right,
And wider rax the flaw.
Stirrin' times, &c.

The folk that live in ither streets
Maun be a tentless crew
They haud nae couthie *tete-a-tetes*
Owre anything that's new;
O' neebors frailties they ne'er think:—
I ferlie how they fen!
The waurld, for them, in vice might sink,
And diel a body ken.
Stirrin' times, &c.

Clackitt Street's a famous street;
O' far and wide renown;
Whaur ye maun walk wi' tentie feet,
And keep the causeway crown;
For, if ye stoiter in your step
At mirkest hour o' night,
Ye'll stumble into Scandal's trap
As weel's in braid day-light!
Stirrin' times, &c.

They've dainty cracks in Clackitt Street
'Bout folks o' ilk degree—
O' what they wear and what they eat
And what their failins be.
There's no a faut, frae tap to tae
O' either young or auld,
Nor sinfu' freak o' frien or fae,
But, duly there's tauld
Stirrin' times, &c.

If a bonnie lass, ye meet,
As pure as April's dew;
Airt her doon some ither street,
If her ye mean to woo.
In ilk a wa' at bore or chink
Some pryin' o'e keeks thro',
And colors wi' its jaundice blink
Whatever meets its view.
Stirrin' times, &c.

If a kind advice ye want,
Be hoodie wha' ye speer;
Couthie looks, and oily cant
Are masks, ower mony wear,
Like pouther in a lowin' peat—
Depend upon my sang—
Whaie'er ye trust on Clackitt street
Will no' be secret lang.
Stirrin' times, &c.

If ye own a social mind,
Or intellectual pow:
Wi' gift, and grace o' ilk a kind
That Nature can bestow,
Dinna be sae indiscreet
O'er ithers to aspire
The standard's doon in Clackitt street,
That squares you wi' the mire.
Stirrin' times, &c

If yeheet the 'Horned Diel,'
Seekin' for his bees,
Tak' pity on the puir auld chiel,
And set his mind at ease;
Bid him yoot to Gilbbocks gang
At ony hour he like,
And on blasnil coal-shovel bang;
He'll sune fin out the byke.
Stirrin' times, &c.

WM. SANDAY

CANADA.

There are at present on the inland lakes in the counties of Ontario, Victoria, and Peterboro, eleven steamers of 450 horse power, and 38 scows, of sufficient capacity to remove three million of feet of lumber in one trip. The estimated value of those steamboats and scows is between $65,000., and $70,000.

Bishop Tache has arrived at St. Paul, and is now stopping at the Bishop's palace. He is said to be waiting for instructions from the Dominion Government as to their views of the 'Bill of Rights.'

In the Dominion Senate the other day, there was a discussion on the North-West difficulty, mainly turning on Mr. McDougall's appointment as Lieutenant-Governor. Afterwards the Senate went into Committee, and passed the Fisheries Bill.

A young girl fell from the top of the steps leading from the Plains of Abraham to the cove below, a distance of about 100 feet. She was seriously injured.

A foolish individual, just out from the old country, arrived in Ottawa a few days ago, and was induced to visit a house notoriously of bad reputation, in that city, and, being entertained there for a few days, came out minus the neat sum of $190. The stranger, it appears, was kept in a state of constant drunkenness, and was taken by the city guardians, while bordering on *delirium tremens*, to the county gaol. The party keeping this infamous den was lately before the Police Magistrate. The matter will likely be made a case of prosecution.

One thing is evident, namely, that the talk about a Coalition Government is mainly dust cast into the eyes of the public, and that it is high time to give it up and let the country return to the normal condition of party government.—*Montreal Witness.*

It is said that the New Brunswick members will oppose the Government on the Intercolonial Railway question.

It is stated that prominent brokers in Kingston are offering to contract to receive American silver at 4½ per cent discount, any time before the 1st of May next.

DURING the past year, nearly one hundred buildings were erected in Napanee, many of which were good substantial brick and stone offices, and nearly all are now occupied as shops or dwellings.

THE BROAD GAUGE RAILWAY.—It is rumoured, we are sorry to say, that this affair is all blown up, that Messrs. Williams and Macdonald refuse to go on, and that Fergus will be the terminus of the road for some years. We trust this rumour may not turn out to be correct, but it behoves those who are responsible for the defence of the interest of Guelph to be vigilant in the performance of their duty.—*Guelph Advertiser.*

Sir George Cartier is said to be a fine singer; but give us Sir John for supreme excellence upon the *horn*. Tom Ferguson does it in brass.

Parry Sound is a temperance stronghold. There is not a liquor shop within twenty miles of the village.

☞ The Post Office Department has decided to give an equal subsidy to the *Chicora* and *Algoma*, and establish a weekly line from Collingwood to Fort William.

DISMISSAL OF MR. DAVIS, THE HAMILTON CHIEF OF POLICE.—This official has been dismissed from office having permitted the escape of a person named McHenry, who had been arrested for forgery.

An English Romance.

A genial American writer who is sauntering about the South-Coast of England, relates the following little story in the last issue of *Harper's Magazine*:—

"As I went on westward I became aware, by the striking appearance of a fisherman in the water, that I was approaching the village whose crustacean fame has given it the name of *Crab-Niton*. A famous old place it must have been in its time, for there are old Celtic mounds around it, and an ancient road along which, the antiquarians say, the Phœnicians used to carry the tin they got from Cornwall, while as yet the island was joined to the main land. It is now a pleasant enough fishing hamlet, with some pretty villas on the down, at whose fo