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Huron Signal.

GODERICH, NOV. 3, 1875.

Mr. Gibson's Denial.

Our town cotemporary last week made a very hollow attempt to rend Mr. Gibson, M. P. P. for "North Huron"—we presume East Huron is meant—a reprimand. It repeats the rumor which has appeared in several Tory papers to the effect that Mr. Gibson, as well as D. D. Hay, member for North Perth, had promised the people of Mt. Forest, by instructions of Mr. Mowat, that the Government would take steps to make that place a county town if Mr. Garbutt was elected. The latter gentleman took occasion to deny the charge, and after letting the matter rest for a time the charge has been renewed, this time against Mr. Gibson individually; and because that gentleman did not deem the charge worthy of refutation, his enemies have jumped at the conclusion that it cannot be denied. Thus assuming the fact, they have laid on the stripes with gleeful vindictiveness. In this manner has our town cotemporary deported itself, first pronouncing the charge in that very guarded term, "it is said," and then, with the ease and naturalness characteristic of that journal's inconsistent treatment of Reformers, it comments upon it as an unimpeachable fact in the following insulting terms:

"This was done with the motive of inducing the large number of women who supported Mr. McGowan in the last election to change their opinion and support Garbutt. A more glaring case of bribery could not be imagined. A certain number of votes go up the votes of the electors for an even duration. If Mr. Gibson is the "honest Reformer" the people of North Huron want to Parliament to represent them, we wish them all joy over their choice, but feel inclined to form a low estimate of the people, judging by their representative."

Mark the consistency of this language as a comment upon the charge substantiated by the words, "it is said."

Wishing publicly to refute the charge thus guardedly made, we addressed a note to Mr. Gibson, and we here submit his denial of the allegation:

"WROXETER, Oct. 30, 1875.

Ed. Signal,

DEAR SIR—Yours received to-night in reference to the scandal going the rounds of the Conservative press, in relation to a meeting held at Mt. Forest, addressed by Messrs. Stirton, Hay and myself, on behalf of Mr. Garbutt, the Reform candidate. I have no hesitation in saying the story is an unmitigated falsehood, Mr. Hay never mentioned Mr. Mowat's name in connection with the county town question. Instead of promising Mt. Forest the county town, *I told them I was opposed to the whole movement;* that I neither knew the intentions of the Government as a whole nor individually, nor had ever mentioned the subject to any of them; that I would rather continue to have Goderich our county town, though Howick was the farthest from it of any township in the County; and that their duty was to do the right regardless of consequences—a rule which would be found the safest on this as it was on all occasions.

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Yours truly,

THOS. GIBSON."

This language was used by Mr. Gibson when the question was put directly to him by a Mount Forest man, and the honesty which marks its impulse is convincing evidence itself of the untruthfulness of the charge.

The Marriage Question.

In the city papers during the past two weeks a most interesting discussion has been carried on upon the marriage question, and we have had the opportunity of learning the estimation in which, a few at least, hold their opposite sex. The faults of both have been more than faithfully portrayed, and the principal desire of the writers has been to either show or explain away some defective moral feature in young ladies and gentlemen. The discussion grew out of the remarks made by a person styling himself "Artizan," who, with some truthfulness it must be said, but with a good deal of exaggeration, characterized the females of the present day as far too artificial and effeminate to make good wives. The writer was hasty in his judgment, and shows evidence of being but an indifferent observer of "women and things." There does undoubtedly exist a class of useless, dawdling females, whose destiny seems simply to be that of spending money in finery, lolling precious hours away in the pastime of reading trashy novels and frequently reiterating the declaration that they would rather die than sew on a button.

It was not of this class that the following lines were penned:

"O, woman in our hours of ease,
Uncertain, coy and hard to please,
When pain and anguish wring the brow,
A ministering angel thou."

The author of this quotation was a true observer, and he took as his subject the majority of the sex—those whose womanly instincts make them unaccountable beings in courtship and the blessings of wedded life. The frivolous class is fortunately not numerous, and they are courted by a class which is best suited to their character. Dress is a matter which in connection with ladies, is to be viewed in various lights. We like to see a well dressed lady or girl, as we like to see a well dressed man; but when dress is carried to the extent of occupying the sole attention of the wearer, then our appreciation of its effects is counteracted by the vanity of the person. Young men are as guilty of frivolty as young ladies, and their shallow, simpering admiration encourages the faults which have been found in the weaker sex.

Our mothers have not lost love for their daughters; and if a closer inspection was made by sceptics—crusty old bachelors who always take the bluest view of things in general—Canadian young girls would be found to possess an admiration sufficient to make them good partners for those who seek them out and win their affections. Faults exist on both sides, and punsters may write of females thus:

"Where is the man, who has the power or skill
To count the harvest of a woman's will?
For if she will, she will, you may depend on't,
And if she won't, she won't and there's an end on't."

But women have as keen a sense of what is sensible and good, as men, and if a "hue and cry" is raised against the vagaries of fashion and some few create a cause for it, it is not to be supposed that an indication of the growth of a frivolous spirit has manifested itself.

These discussions are productive of benefit, for out of them the reader may find some suggestions which may be taken to the heart with benefit; and to young men they give a word of encouragement which will decide them in taking one of the important steps in life. "It is not a good thing that a man should be alone;" and if a man seeks a partner honestly he will find many young ladies worthy of him. Old bachelors, in a growing community, are like uninvested money; and an old maid is a benefit to society, compared with them. A two-dollar license fee—and even this has been characterized as a swindle—is but a straw compared with the happiness which awaits the explorer in the regions of matrimony.

Political Notes.

On Wednesday the election in Peterboro West resulted in the defeat of the member who was elected in the January election. Mr. Cox, Reformer, was then elected by a majority of 43, and being unseated by the election court, the result of the polling last week gave his opponent Mr. Scott a majority of *one*. So close a contest is anything but satisfactory to the candidates, although that small figure is sufficient to settle the matter. Heretofore the contests have resulted alternately in victories for Conservatives and Reformers, and always been very close. There is no sign of a "Tory reaction" in this case—only a happy manifestation of the charitable motto, "turn about is fair play."

The North Wentworth election, on Friday, resulted in the return of Dr. McMahon, the Ministerial candidate, by a majority of 134. Last election witnessed the triumph of an Opposition candidate, Mr. Stock, and this victory is a glorious offset to the success gained by the Tories in West Peterboro. Stock's majority was 84 and the result of the present election evidences a great reaction. Some informality is reported which mars the features of the victory. An objection was taken by one of the scrutineers to the validity of the appointment of one of the deputy returning officers, and the latter refused to open the polls until about one o'clock in the afternoon. It happens that this difficulty occurred in a section in which the last Conservative candidate had a majority of 30, and the defeated party deem that they lost a large vote. It is unfortunate that this occurred, but it is not probable that the election will be voided, as a case very similar occurred in West Peterboro, last January, the polling booth being closed long before the proper hour on account of the riotous conduct of the voters, and the election was sustained.

West Montreal on Saturday elected the Ministerial candidate, Mr. Workman, by a majority of 59. His opponent, Mr. Thos. White, made a strong effort and used means far from creditable to assist his canvass, the notorious steel rail scandal being manufactured for that purpose. The result of the election was in a great measure owing to the fact that this infamous charge had been refuted, placing the creator in an ignominious position. Supporters of the Government must accept this victory as a censure upon the accuser of Mr. Mackenzie, who had the advantage of being well acquainted with the electors and being a principal in two previous contests with better success than on the present occasion. It has been charged to Mr. Workman that he canvassed his opponent as a Free Mason with the object of injuring him in the eyes of the electors. The charge has not been substantiated—in fact there are all manner of excuses for Mr. White and charges of base conduct against his opponents—but if there is any truth in it, it is highly discreditable to Mr. Workman. The trick, however, would hardly originate with the candidate, who would thus make more enemies than he would gain friends.

Mr. D. Creighton, editor of the Owen Sound *Times*, has been elected for North Gray by a good majority. Although he is a Conservative we congratulate him, as he is deserving of the honor as a consistent politician and an intelligent man.

NOW THAT the steel rail affair has been proved a shameful slander, and the Opposition press ceased to even hint of it, liberal thinking people are disgusted at the lack of honor manifested by the promoters of the slanderous charge against Mr. Mackenzie in solemnly refusing to correct their statements. Instead of being manly enough to acknowledge that Mr. Mackenzie has cleared himself of the charge of dishonesty in the steel rail transaction, they leave their readers uninformed of the fact to learn for themselves from other sources, or to retain an impression that the Premier is the dishonest person their stories depicted him to be. This is an injustice which every consistent person will frown down, but we would be greatly surprised to see the Tory press act manly part where their charges are proven to be false. No one can find fault with a press which criticizes the conduct of the chiefs of the country, and the majority will submit to listen to the hair splitting of evidence which they indulge in—so far they may go and retain a good character, if they explain away doubts and satisfy the sceptical as to the propriety of the conduct and actions of men in power; but when rumors are published far and wide, commented upon as positive facts and every means taken to lead the public to a belief in the truthfulness of the stories, and without an opportunity being given the accused party to properly explain his position to the public, the reasoning public at once detects the gross spirit which actuates the slander-mongers. There is absolutely no use in appealing to the good sense of the Tory editors to regard the dignity of the press,—a long have they followed this discreditable policy, that they have become inculated with the belief that honesty consists in accusing an opponent of any base deeds and never doing in the justice of confessing their error when the charge has been proved foundationless. It is a great gift to have a "unbridled press," but it is a serious affair to have its dignity blemished by unscrupulous scribbling of partisans. The law should reach such persons and make an example which will prevent the Canadian press sinking to the level of the press of the Western States.

Thanksgiving Day.

Last Thursday was duly recognized in town as a day of public thanksgiving.—All the places of business were closed, and the town wore a Sunday-like aspect. Several parties spent the day in tailoring in the woods in pursuit of game, generally with very poor results. Those who remained in town, and who were not occupied in cooking the thanksgiving dinner, or digging the winter's vegetables, or making the hen-coop straight, or busy with some such necessary employment, attended church. Service was held in St. George's, Knox and North Street churches, although in the latter church, owing to the indisposition of Mr. Henderson, the expected sermon was not delivered, Mr. Bowers officiating in his stead.

KNOX CHURCH.

Rev. J. Sieveright conducted the service in Knox Church, and preached a fine sermon from Proverbs 10: 5—"He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame." He compared the progress of human life to the seasons of the year, and drew a happy parallel between Autumn and the waning years of life. Among the bounties which called for thanks to God were the privileges of free worship and the blessings of an "open Bible." Our forefathers had suffered from religious restrictions, but their suffering proved our blessing, and this one fact should fill us with the spirit of thanksgiving. The sermon was a fine effort, and was listened to with rapt attention.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

The services in this church were of a very interesting character. According to the proclamation, of the Bishop of Huron, the previous Sabbath was regarded as the day of thanksgiving, and the services on Thursday were in celebration of a Saint's day. At 9 a. m., the church was formally dedicated, and full morning prayer was recited. The most interesting service opened at 11 o'clock. A large congregation assembled to witness the impressive service, and the scene was indeed a solemn and striking one. Thirty-three candidates for confirmation came forward, the young ladies dressed in becoming white costumes. Bishop Hellmuth, who conducted the ceremony, was surrounding by the following Rev. gentlemen:—Ven. Dean Boomer, of London; Ven. Archdeacon Elwood, who acted as chaplain to the Bishop; Rev. H. C. Cooper, of Kinbrooke; Rev. C. C. Cheanor; Rev. Dr. Wall, Huron Road; Rev. Mr. Craig, Seaforth; Rev. Thos Watson, Bayfield; Rev. T. C. Desbarres, Clinton; Rev. Francis Ryan; Rev. Rural Dean Davis.

The Bishop addressed the candidates for confirmation and orders in some instructive and impressive remarks, touching the solemnity of the occasion and the duties which were demanded of each. The addresses were listened to with very great interest by all. After the confirmation ceremony had been completed the following gentlemen were ordained:—

For Deacon's orders—Rev. R. Cooper, of Huron College, London; Rev. Mr. Bland, of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, England.

For Priest's orders—Rev. Thos. R. Davis, B. A., of Aylmer; Rev. Mr. Woodbourne, B. A., of Gorrie; Rev. W. F. Campbell, of Wallaceburg.

A missionary meeting took place in the evening which was pretty well attended. During the day the choir, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. T. Watson, rendered some beautiful music and their efforts lent a deep impressiveness to the services.

NORTH STREET CHURCH.

In the evening a very pleasant social, in aid of the Ladies' Aid Benevolent Society took place, which was very largely attended. Excellent refreshments were provided by the ladies, and the tables were filled four times by a crowd of hungry people who in every case went away satisfied. The viands were excellent, and the young ladies and gentlemen who waited on the table were very attentive, deserving great praise for their efforts. The "inner man" being satisfied, the intellectual part of the programme was introduced, after prayer by the Rev. Mr Bowers, by the chairman the Rev. W. C. Henderson. "Our reporter's" notes are expressed in such elaborate terms that, in order to save space we will refrain from giving a detailed report of the programme. The singers of the evening were the Misses Trainer, Miss Rumball, Miss Gordon, Miss Mellish, Miss Barnes and Mrs. R. B. Smith; Messrs. J. H. Colborne and M. Young. Mr. Jas. Thomson conducted the singing. The musical programme was very finely rendered, the singing of the Misses Trainer, Miss Mellish and the duett by Misses Rumball and Gordon, being particularly worthy of mention. Mrs. R. B. Smith was in excellent voice, and sang with good effect, whilst Messrs. Young and Colborne acquitted themselves well. Miss Barnes presided at the organ with great skill and her singing was good. No speech making was indulged in, and the entertainment came to a close at a reasonable hour, all having been satisfied that they spent a very pleasant evening. The sum of $50 was realized for the benefit of the Aid Society.

Town Council.

The Council met on Friday evening, the Mayor in the Chair, and the Reeve and Councillors, Evans, Seymour, A. Watson, Campbell, Sloan, Passmore, Savage and Small being present.

Communication of H. Horton, M. P., asking the Council to come to some conclusion regarding the docks, in order that the Government may know how to deal with the matter at next session. Referred to Harbor Committe.

Communication of John Law, offering to put up house numbers, received and filed.

Communication of David Reed, J. Hyslop and D. McKinnon offering to finish Main Sewer for the sum of $11.50 a rod, received and filed. Petition of Mrs. Jessie McIntosh, asking to have the damage on Napier Street repaired, as during a freshet it is impossible for her to get in or out of her house. Referred to P. W. Committee with power to act. Petition of Richard Tichbourne praying to have Kingston Street repaired before winter sets in, as it is in a very bad state. Referred to P. W. Committee.

Report of Thomas Hood, Street Inspector, relative to the taking away of the cedar lumber now lying on the street, and advising that same be nailed up in sections of twelve feet ready to be put into the drain next season; that he has let by contract the open drain ordered by P. W. Committee at 75 cents a rod.

Report of Fire Committee, recommending that the Captain of the hose company be empowered to choose ten men to work the hose and remain with the men during a fire, and that he give to each such man a certificate of attendance which will entitle him to one dollar for such service. Adopted.

Report of P. W. Committee that they have not got any tenders for the completion of the main sewer, and have therefore instructed the Street Inspector to make an open drain along the line of said sewer to convey surface water into that portion already completed, with culverts across Elgin Street and Britannia road and a sand box at the terminus, the work to be done at once. They also recommend that said open drain be continued to the corner of Raglan and South Streets in order to carry off surface water from the low spot near Mr. Blake's, the extra cost of all to be $45; they also met Mr. Runciman according to instructions of Council and he offers to take in settlement payment for sixty five rods of sewer completed at $9.50 per rod, and that he be allowed the value of the lumber placed on the ground—this last matter the committee leave to the Council to decide. After some argument, it was resolved that the first part of the report relating to the open drain be adopted.

Moved by Mr. Garrow, seconded by Mr. Small, that no part of the twenty per cent be paid Mr. Runciman at present, and that the protection of the lumber be left in the hands of the Inspector, and that he keep an account of the expense. Carried.

Report of Finance Committee recommending payment of the following accounts,—J. Saunders, for relief, $19.50; R. Tichbourne, relief, $1.25; H. W. Ball, relief, $12.05; Star office, printing town by-laws, &c., $39.24; Clerk and Assessor, selecting jurors, $15; A. Dickson, postage, $1.74; Thomas Hood, work done at Harbor in 1872, $40; Samuel Winters, six weeks board of F. Armstrong, a vagrant, $16.50. The committee also recommend remitting taxes as follows on salt works.—Huron, $16; Victoria, $20; Tecumseh $40; Dominion, $30; Ontario, $30; Hawley's, $40; Empire, $10.

Mr. Savage moved seconded by Mr. Passmore, that the report be adopted. In amendment, Mr. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Campbell, that the sum of $40 allowed Mr. Hood be struck out. On division the amendment was lost and the motion declared carried.

A proposition was made by Mr. Passmore from Mr. John McCallum, Engineer of the Fire Engine, to fit up the old school house for a dwelling house and charge the repairs against rent. Referred to P. W. Committee with power to act.

The accounts of D. C. McKay for lumber and E. Moore for plank were referred to Finance.

Moved by Mr. Small, seconded by Mr. Evans, that the ditch from the terminus of the box drain on the Huron Road to Walnut Street be deepened so as to carry the water from the adjoining lots. Referred to the P. W Committee with power to act.

Moved by Mr. Small, seconded by Mr. Garrow, that this Council do offer a reward of $10 for information that will lead to the conviction of the party who destroyed three shade trees on East Street. Carried.

Mr. Savage gave notice that he would move at next meeting, that a by-law be prepared prohibiting immoderate driving on the public streets, and also prohibiting sawing, chopping or splitting wood on the side walks.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

THAT dreaded individual, the tax collector, is on his rambles.

LAYING UP.—The schooners Tecumseh, Ontario and Todman have been put into winter quarters.

THE BLOW.—The Schooner *Ontario* came into port on Tuesday morning of last week with her foresail and two jibs carried away.

FISHING ISLANDS.—The last report from the fishermen is to the effect that the take of salmon trout and whitefish is small, but herring are pretty numerous.

PIGEON SHOOTING TOURNAMENT.—A grand tournament will take place at Brantford, on Wednesday, November 24th, when $500 in prizes will be distributed, divided into two purses of $350 and $150.

KENNEDY COMING.—We have been requested by the famous Scotch vocalist, Kennedy, to secure the Oddfellow's Hall for one of his entertainments on the evening of 1st December. The public will be glad to hear of the proposed visit.

NEW POST OFFICES.—An office has been established in the Township of Morris, under the name of Jamestown, with Mr. James Lynn as postmaster; also in Colborne, to be known as Shepardton, Mr. R. T. Hanes being postmaster.

THE NEW LIGHTS.—The new lamps for the North Pier were put in last week and give a splendid light. The largest burner made is used, and the reflectors are 12 inches in diameter. When the weather is favorable the lights may be seen at a distance of 10 miles.

GONE TO THE CENTRAL.—JAS. Grissly, perjurer, and Jas. Connors, for theiving, were taken to the Central Prison on Saturday to put in their term of imprisonment of six months each. The latter has put in 3 months and three days already.

SALE OF PAPERS.—The first monthly sale of the newspapers, magazines, &c., used in the Y. M. C. A. reading rooms, will take place at Ross' Hotel (Wednesday) evening, at the close of the meeting or the British Tract Society. Terms will be made known previous to sale.

HALLOWE'EN.—The boys unanimously agreed to celebrate this evening of roistering on Monday night, and the weather being favorable they did their "level best" at annoying the citizens by thumping doors with "kail stumps," tomatoes and garbage; tapping windows, ringing bells, removing gates, steps, &c., and doing considerable damage.

GUNNING ACCIDENT.—On Thursday last Mr. H. Robinson, baker, met with a painful accident whilst out shooting. He had fired one shot, and at the second discharge the barrel was forced from the stock, and the discharge partly flew into Mr. Robinson's face, cutting an ugly wound in his forehead over the eyes. The cut bled profusely, but is not of a serious nature.

THE MARRIAGE QUESTION.—The very agreeable visits of our Exeter cotemporary were interrupted last week, and in looking round for a cause we noticed in some of our exchanges that one of the proprietors of the paper had entered into the bonds of matrimony. We suppose our copy of the *Times* was used to wrap our share of the wedding cake in, which has failed to reach us. We wish the newly-married couple every joy, nevertheless.

THE "ERIE BELLE" ASHORE.—A despatch from Port Colborne, on the 27th, ult., says: The schooner Erie Belle, loaded with wheat from Kincardine for Kingston, went ashore this morning behind the west pier. The tow line on the tug parted once or twice, and then the tug got disabled. The wind was blowing a gale from the west at the time, and there was a heavy sea on. It is thought that the vessel will be got off by lighting without damage as soon as the sea goes down. The vessel is making a little water.

HIGH SCHOOL.—Inspector Buchan paid a visit to the Goderich High School on Wednesday last, and put the scholars through a rigid examination. Owing to the large amount of sickness prevailing, the attendance was not large. Rev. R. Ure and Mr. Wm. Kay were present and assisted in the examination. Before closing the school, at about 6 o'clock, Mr. Buchan pointed out to the scholars some points where improvement was necessary; but on the whole he complimented them upon their general proficiency, and said that a great improvement had taken place since his last visit.

SUNDAY'S STORM.—The lake on Sunpresented a wild scene, and in the harbor the sea was very heavy. Mr. Hayes' yacht Vixen and the schooner Star dragged their anchors and drifted on to the beach at the end of the old breakwater. Both were gotten off without injury. The water in the lake rose four feet, the highest point reached in ten years. As the wind fell the water receded. The velocity of the wind at the height of the gale varied between 50 and 60 miles per hour.

SUMMER HOTEL CO.—The directors met on Monday evening. It was moved, seconded and resolved, that A. M. Ross, M. P. P., be appointed a director in the place of Mr. James Smaill, who resigned. The Secretary was directed to reply to letters from architects, asking for ground plans, &c., and to state to each that no plans would be paid for unless adopted, and that all must be handed in before the 10th inst. An account of Garrow & Walker for $215 27, being for legal advice, writing letters, drawing documents, attendances and disbursements was, on motion of Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Johnston, ordered to be paid by $100 in paid up stock and the balance in cash.—Board adjourned to 10th inst. As stockholders may imagine the above bill of costs to be the costs of the Chancery suit between Mr. Kirkpatrick and the company, we think the board should hand us a copy in items for publication, that stockholders may see and be satisfied.

SCHOOL BOARD met on Monday evening. Members all present except the chairman and Mr. Ferguson. On motion Mr. Swanson took the chair. Report of Principal of Central School stating the number attending public schools 724, of which 357 are boys and 367 girls, received. Accounts ordered to be paid: Hart & Rawlinson, printed forms, $4.56; L. Ellard, glass and glazing, $3.64; R. Bonnomy, work, $4.65. *Star* office, printing $12.50; H. W. Ball, brooms, 60 cents. The account of J. Saunders was laid over for future consideration, and the account of W. Hick for plans and specifications and superintending, $60, was laid over excepting $30 of it which was ordered to be paid. Mr. Hick reported the St. Patrick's Ward school unfinished, but the contractor promised to finish in two days. The chairman of the contingent committee was authorised to contract for a drum and stove for the new school. Grading of the school grounds was referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Passmore, Buchanan, and the contingent committee who are to report at next meeting. Mr. Buchanan reported the roof of Central School required some fixing at joints. Board adjourned to Wednesday evening.

RECOVERING.—We are glad to see that Mr. D. Ferguson, merchant, who has been confined to the house for about two weeks with a severe attack of erysipelas in the face, is recovering.

AGENTS WANTED.—A few energetic men to travel for a first class Canadian nursery. Twenty per cent. commission allowed. Apply to Wm. Dickson, box 47, Goderich, or at this office.

TRACT SOCIETY MEETING.—A meeting of the British Tract Society will be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms this (Wednesday) evening, at 7.30. Rev. Mr. Eastman, agent of the society, will address the meeting.

CURLING CLUB.—A meeting of the members of the club will take place on Thursday evening next, at Martin's Hotel, to make preparations for the curling season. The question of celebrating St. Andrews Day will also be brought up, and it is hoped that the day will not be permitted to pass by this year without some recognition of it on the part of the Scotchmen of Goderich.

PENNY READINGS.—By a misunderstanding we incorrectly announced last week that the first of the penny readings was to have taken place last Friday evening. The entertainment will take place on Friday evening next, at Odd fellows' Hall. The Misses Trainer, Mrs. R. B. Smith, Mrs. Dixie Watson and others will be present, and a very pleasant evening may be anticipated. The object is a good one, and every one who wishes well to the Cornet Band should be present. Admission 15 cents, reserved seats 25 cents.

JOURNALISTIC.—This week the Guelph *Mercury* comes to hand greatly enlarged and improved taking the shape of an eight page paper. This journal has grown to be the leading country paper of Ontario, and deservedly so, as Mr. Innes has since the first day of his connection therewith spared none of his energy or ability in making his paper a standard. During his long connection with the paper it has passed through a period of steady progress, until it now stands in a first position. The present proprietors, Messrs. Innes & Davidson, have now one of the most complete printing offices, with a few exceptions, in the province. May their shadows always fall where the sun of prosperity shines.

WIDE AWAKE, the Boston juvenile magazine, for November, comes like a wonder-box, packed full with delightful pictures and stories and poems. The number opens with a poem, "The Story of a Little Girl," by Mrs. S. M. B. Piatt, the most eminent of our American female poets. The most noticeable paper is one by T. A. Cheney, "An Afternoon with an Indian Princess," embodying a visit with the Iroquois Chief, "Gov. Blacknake," who was living at the time in one of the Indian Reservations in New York. It is full of interesting reminiscences, and finely illustrated. The serials, especially the "Cooking Club," are excellent, and eminently healthful in tone, which may be said of the entire magazine.—We are glad to commend it to parents, and to add that it is only $2 per annum. D. Lothrop & Co., Boston.

SHOT BY INDIANS.—A private letter from Fort McLeod, Red River territory, brings news to Mr. Anthony Allen, of Colborne, of the shooting of his brother Jas. Allen, by the Indians, on the 10th of September. He was returning from a trip to Oregon accompanied by Mr. Neil Campbell, late of Ingersoll, and a man named Nolan, with a drove of horses, when the Indians attacked them and shot poor Allen dead. Campbell and Nolan had to run for their lives. The affair took place at Flat Head Lake, on the American side, and the Indians are known to the persons who were attacked and a party was being got together at the time of writing the letter to go in pursuit of them. The deceased, had about $600 in his possession at the time. He was a brother-in-law of Mr. Geo. Cox, of Goderich.

ROBBERY IN CLINTON.—Sydney West, an intelligent, respectable looking clerk of about 30 years of age, was committed to jail on Saturday on a charge of having stolen a large quantity of goods from his employers, Messrs. Wright & Foster. He had been in the employ of that firm about a month, and through the observations of the chamber maid at his boarding house, suspicions was aroused and an investigation being made 37 pairs of silk gloves, a number of scarfs, fine shirts and small wares were found in his trunk, which Messrs Wright & Foster identified as their property. He was tried before Messrs. Farren and Callender, and committed for trial, and on Tuesday he was brought before the Judge and pleaded guilty. Sentence was deferred until Monday. He fainted in the court room at the conclusion of the trial, and he appears to feel his position badly.

STONE CHIMNEYS.—We have examined specimens of stone chimneys manufactured by Messrs. J. & G. W. Thomson, and for beauty of design and solidity they excel anything we have ever seen, being suitable for any kind of a house whether stone, brick or frame. They are made in three sections,—base, stock and cap—and weigh about 600 lbs. The cap can be used on a brick chimney, and will present a finished appearance, and entirely obviates the difficulty of bricks becoming loose and falling off. We would advise our readers who are building houses or chimneys to see them before building. Messrs. Thomson inform us that they have done a considerable trade this year, and the prospects are good for another season. Those buildings in which the stone has been used present a very fine appearance, and we congratulate the manufacturers on the taste they have displayed in their designs.

SAD ACCIDENT.—On Sunday last Charles Moore, a son of Mr. Elijah Moore, was in the woods on Attrill's Point, with a companion. In climbing a tree after beech nuts, he fell to the ground. His companion was frightened, and left the poor fellow to lay on the ground writhing in agony, with his back broken. He never told anything of the accident, and it was late in the evening when Mr. Moore found out what was detaining his son from returning home. Getting assistance he started over to the Point, and it was about 11 o'clock at night when they found the poor boy. The night was very stormy and cold, and when he was found he was partially covered with snow. He was at once conveyed to a house and medical aid called. On Mondays McLean and Cassidy set the bones, but he will bear painful traces of the accident if he recovers. Mr. Moore has lost two other sons by painful deaths.

THE COURSE OF TRUE LOVE.—George Lemon, veterinary surgeon, after spending a year in Goderich has disappeared, and left a sorrowing heart behind him. For some time he has been paying his addresses to a young woman employed at the Colborne Hotel, and the courtship went on smoothly until a couple of weeks ago. The young lady left for Kincardine to spend a few days with her friends, and, as is stated, to make everything ready for the approaching nuptials. Dear George had induced her, however, to leave with him $50 and a watch. What transpired to arouse the suspicions of the lady this deponent sayeth not, but one dark night she reached town and proceeded to hunt up the delinquent. Lemon was warned of her approach, and leaving the watch with a friend who was to hand it to the young woman, he took French leave retaining the $50, however. The feelings of the deceived lady can be imagined, but though she looses her $50 she is the gainer in happiness by the disappearance of the gay lover. Should he come this way ever, he will leave again a "squeezed Lemon" indeed, as the printer mourns his absence.

BAYFIELD.

SHOOTING MATCH.—A shooting match will take place on the premises of F. Wood, near Bayfield, on Wednesday 24th November. Prizes to the amount of $183 will be awarded.

WINTHROP.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.—An open lodge meeting was held on Friday evening of last week, for the purpose of hearing the Rev Mr. Thompson, of McKillop, and Dr. Campbell, of Seaforth, on the subject of temperance and prohibition. The night being dark and rainy, the minister did not make his appearance, but the Dr. was on hand and spoke in his usual manner for half an hour, and was listened to with marked attention. A vote of thanks was tendered the speaker.

BRUSSELS AND VICINITY.

BIG WORK.—Mr. Jas. P. Sparling informs us that on Friday, the 22nd ult., 3,400 feet of lumber work dressed in 1 hour and 10 minutes at their planing mill.

ACCIDENT.—A few days ago, a lad, son of Mr. Wm. Morland, 16th con. of Grey, was accidentally shot by some sportsmen who were shooting in that locality. We are pleased to learn that the lad is likely to recover.

FARM SOLD.—Mr. John Vincent, sr., east half of lot 2, 9th con. of Grey, sold to Dr. W. J. R. Holmes, for the handsome sum of $3,000, his farm adjoining the municipal boundary of Brussels. The farm comprises forty-nine acres.

TRUANTS.—On Monday of last week, two boys about fifteen years of age, named respectively William and Daniel Armstrong, the former a son and the latter a nephew of Mr. William Armstrong, of the North American Hotel of this place, left for parts unknown. When last heard of they had purchased tickets for Galt.—*Post.*

WINGHAM.

APPOINTMENT.—The Rev. Geo. Daniels of St. Thomas has been appointed to this circuit as assistant to the Rev. G. A. Mitchell for the remainder of the year.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Mr. Henry Davis is building another new dwelling house on Minnie street. Dr. McDonald is erecting an addition to his dwelling house, and Mr. R. Davison is making an addition to his livery stable.—*Times.*

DISCHARGED.—Thos. Jackson, of Wingham, charged with alleged fraud, was brought up for trial in Toronto on Wednesday morning and discharged, the prosecutors, Messrs. Lockhart & Haldine having withdrawn the charges against defendant.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the members of this society was held at the Royal Hotel on Tuesday of last week. The president, Dr. McDonald, briefly addressed the meeting, when they proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The officers elected for the next year are: P. Pelter, President; G. McKay, Vice-President; M. Isbister, Secretary and Treasurer; J. Dickson, Chaplain; Dr. McDonald, Physician; J. Mitchell, piper. The annual celebration was arranged for on the usual day, the 30th of November. The dinner will be at the Royal Hotel, and judging from the past a pleasant and social evening may be expected.—COM.

DUNGANNON.

SALE OF TIMBER.—On Thursday, the 11th inst., the timber standing on lot 19, con. 2, West Wawanosh, 10 acres in extent, will be sold by auction, by instructions from the managing committee of the Dungannon Presbyterian church. The timber is principally pine.

APPOINTED.—REV. Mr. Bland, of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, has been appointed by the Bishop of Huron to the Dungannon mission of the English Church.

PORTER HILL.

REVIVAL.—Revival meetings have been held for several weeks past at Wilkins's Corners, and quite a number of converts have been made.

SUPERIOR PIG.—Mr. J. Hendry, whilst at the London Fair, bought what judges consider is a very good entire Berkshire pig.

FOR THE UNITED STATES.—Mr. M. Sheppard has rented his farm to a Mr. Sharp from Pickering, and he and his brother will leave in a few weeks for Iowa. If they like the country their father, Mr. James Sheppard, known as "Radical Sheppard," will sell out and go over in the Spring.

SHORTING MARCH.—The Porter Hill Volunteer Company intend having a shooting match in a few weeks. Sides will be chosen, the losers to pay for the supper.

CATTLE BUYING.—Messrs. Spooner & Moore, of Clinton, have been in this vicinity buying steers. They have a contract to furnish the Windsor distillery with 200 head, and they are paying fair prices.

THAT FIRST PRIZE.—Much dissatisfaction is expressed here with the decision of the judges at the Provincial ploughing match, in not giving Mr. Courtice the first prize. [Anything said further would have no good effect. Mr. Courtice is a good ploughman and has already won about $1,000 worth of prizes, and his friends should seek satisfaction by testing his skill with the first prize winner, in a manner which will leave room no cause to doubt.—ED.]

SEAFORTH AND VICINITY.

PAYING DOWN.—It is rumored in town that Mr. Coleman, seeing that his losses of $10,000 will be defeated, has stopped down and out." It is the opinion, as he is certainly "not the worse of wear and tear." Whatever benefit he may confer on us, we have it already and are anxiously to have it as long as he lives, and he would if his offer was accepted but simply diverting his capital from his other works to the machine business, in which he is not experienced. If Whitelaw, of Paris, was establishing a shop, he would bring in fresh capital and new men and would be a clear acquisition to the town. Whitlaw's offer still remains before the Council and if submitted to the people will be sure to carry.

LITERARY SOCIETY.—A flourishing Literary Society has been established in connection with our Mechanics' Institute. No doubt it will be well patronized.

PROTRACTED MEETINGS.—A series of protracted services are being held in the W. M. church in town.

OUR SIDEWALKS.—The Council have done a good work lately in laying down quite a number of sidewalks which were much needed.

REV. MR. LAVELLE.—This Rev. gentleman who is stationed in Mitchell, preached in his old church in town last Sunday night to a large audience.

THE BAPTIST CLERGYMAN.—The Rev. Mr. Dyer has removed from town having received a call to some part of the States. He was a very excellent man and will be sorely missed.

EXETER.

ACCIDENT TO A LAD.—On the 21st ult., a little boy of eight years old, son of Mr. Kinsman, of Exeter, went to a neighbor's house and picked up a drawing knife, and started to run home with it to do some little work with it for himself, but tripping over a block of wood he fell violently down and cut his wrist badly. Fortunately, however, no important vein or artery was cut, and the wound is doing well.

CLINTON AND VICINITY.

SABBATH DESECRATION.—Of late the workmen on the L. H. & B. R. have prosecuted their work as basily on the Sabbath day as upon ordinary week days. This does not speak well for this generally orderly and law abiding community, and more especially as it is setting such a bad example to our youth, who gather on the Sabbath, along the new railroad and around the workmen from the mere love of novelty.

ACCIDENT.—About a week ago Mr. Joe Grieg had the misfortune to have his collar bone broken. He had just driven to Smith's Hill and tied his horse when the boys with a wheelbarrow frightened it, causing it to break loose, and in trying to stop it he received the above related injury.

ACCIDENT.—On Saturday the 23rd ult Mr. E. Watson, of this place, was driving through town, having a couple of turkeys on his buckboard, when they commenced flapping their wings, causing his horse to run away. The wheel struck an obstruction, turning over the vehicle and throwing Mr. Watson out, he however retaining his hold on the lines. He was dragged a short distance receiving several severe bruises, and the horse was kicking him. The shaft and whiffletrees were broken, and the harness nearly destroyed.—*New Era.*

ASHFIELD.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The Council met at Moore's Hotel, Dungannon, on October 7, 1875. The members all present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Moved by A. Dreany, seconded by R. Hamilton, that the account of