Huron Signal.

GODERICH, FEB. 10, 1870.

OUR 23rd BIRTHDAY.

INCREASED FACILITIES AND LOWER PRICES.

The Huron *Signal* has now entered upon its 23rd year of existence. Few indeed will say that, during nearly a quarter of a century, its editors have not identified themselves intimately with the vital interests of the Counties which, when he venture ated Thomas McQueen first raised the signal of Reform in this section, were little better than a blank wilderness. In the first years of our career, it was not uncommon for two bundles of paper, from our old friend Jas Buntin, to be brought to the *Signal* Office from Hamilton to Goderich at certain seasons, on horseback, and on one occasion, if not more, a single bundle was carried from Stratford to Goderich on the back of a stout half-breed. Contrasting the present with the "olden time" what a vast change has been effected! A railway, gravel roads in all directions, towns and villages, salt interests and grand agricultural, commercial and manufacturing development. Truly the young men, who had to do with the rise and progress of even Huron, have reason to feel proud as they look back on the past.

We claim that the Huron *Signal* has had something to do, with regard to advancing the material interests of this County.

On entering upon our 23rd volume we propose to lower our prices on the principle that a bird in hand is worth two in the bush.

The *Weekly Signal* will, hereafter, be given for $1.00 a year STRICTLY CASH.

The *Semi Weekly Signal*—the pioneer in this line of news-paper enterprise—will be given at the rate of $2.00 per year, in future, strictly in advance.

We are satisfied that these terms will meet public approbation.

Those who have paid until the 1st of July next, in advance, and forward, will have their time extended as follows:—

Paid up to 1st July, 1870—3 months added.
1st Aug. — 3 do
1st Sept. — 4 do
1st Oct. — 4½ do
1st Nov — 5 do
1st Dec. — 5½ do
1st Jan. 1 71 — 6 do

GOV. McDOUGALL MISLED.

Every fact recently elicited goes to prove that Mr. McDougall was grossly misled, with regard to his mission to Red River. Really speaking, if the Government of Canada had determined to kill off the Hon. Gentleman, politically, no better plan could have been adopted. It is popular, of course, to denounce the Red River Rebellionists, but there is a reverse side to every picture, and if there is any truth in the report that the Canadian surveyors split up the farm of settlers who have occupied lands under the H. B. Co. for half a century, we honestly think they had a right to feel aggrieved. In this respect Gov. McDougall (that was) was most wofully misled by the Government of Canada. He was sent on a "fool's errand" and he came back with his finger in his mouth. The thanks he gets is any amount of abuse from his whilome defenders, the gentlemen of the tory press.

How true it is that the political apostate is sure to reap a bitter reward sooner or later. Had Wm. McDougall stuck to the principles of his earlier years he would not, to day, occupy the humiliating position into which he has been thrust.

It is quite apparent, however, that if our government would exercise a little common sense, this trouble could be ended very speedily without shedding a drop of blood or hanging Mr. Riel.

THE NORTH WEST.

Distance has thrown an enchantment around Riel, the *soi-disant* President of the Red-River; who, seen through the common sense eyes of our friend Mr. Cunningham, the war-correspondent of the *Globe*, really turns out to be a small, bouncing, swearing, vainglorious little creature. The following is Cunningham's interesting and graphic description of him, and of his adviser O Donohoe, a cringing, downlooking, lesuitical *Uriah Heep*.

"As ten o'clock approached—the hour at which I was positively assured the President would appear—I felt somewhat anxious. I had seen some pen and ink sketches of the President, in which he was pourtrayed by one as an Alexander, and by another as a Napoleon; and the prospect of meeting with either an Alexander or a Napoleon was surely enough to flutter most men. I was sitting eagerly waiting his arrival, when I heard a commotion in the next room, and on inquiring as to what was the occasion of it, I was told that M. Le President had at length arrived. On hearing this I got up and made my way into the room, where, amongst the assembled half breeds, I saw two new arrivals. One of them was of a semi-priestly appearance, fair-haired, closely shaven, with a cringing, cunning way with him, which at once suggested to my mind my old acquaintance with Uriah Heep. He introduced himself as Mr. O'Donohoe, and began to converse in a way that more and more confirmed the Uriah idea. But there was another new comer in the room. He was a man about thirty years of age, about five feet seven inches in height—rather stoutly built. His head was covered with dark, curly hair; his face had a Jewish kind of appearance, with a very small and very fast receding forehead. This, I was sure, was M. Le President Riel, and he stood gazing at me in the most piercing manner, at least, there is no doubt, he thought so. I did my utmost to realize in him a Napoleon or an Alexander, but it was a failure—a dead signal failure—I could not get beyond the fact that there stood before me a Linen Draper's assistant. There could be no mistake about that, and though he stood looking at me full ten minutes, he could not put the Linen Draper out of my mind, and if he had continued to gaze till now, the result would have been all the same. He was clad in a light tweed coat and black trousers and he seemed exceedingly proud of them—and well he might be, for it is as certain as the fact that he wore them, that these clothes were purchased with the price of his poor widowed mother's only cow.

"I don't know who you are," this modern Alexander at last condescended to remark, after having tried hard to impress upon me the Napoleonic theory."

The following little conversation, in the guard-room of Fort Garry, between Mr Cunningham and the French half-breeds on duty, gives a good idea of the state of feeling:—

'Monsieur is from Canada, is he not?'

'That is so.'

'Is Monsieur the *Gazette* man expected?'

'He was.' My friend was delighted to meet the *Gazette* man, and shook hands with him heartily, and the other half breeds who had gathered around shook hands too.

'Monsieur had come to get news had he not. Monsieur wished to know what we wanted? Monsieur wished to tell the people of Canada why we had taken the front, and taken up arms? Was that what Monsieur had come for?'

'That was what Monsieur had come for.'

'Shall I tell Monsieur what we want?' said he, turning to his confreres.

'Oui,' resounded all around, so my friend resumed 'we want to be treated as free men. Your Canada Government offered to pay three hundred thousand pounds to the Hudson Bay, Company for the Riviere Rouge Territory. Now what we want to know, and we will not lay down our arms till we know what they mean to buy. Was it the land? If so, who gave the Hudson Bay Company the right to sell the land? When the Canada Government bought the land did they buy what was on it? Did they buy us? Are we the slaves of the Hudson Bay Company?'

'Are we slaves,' he said, turning excitedly to his comrades?

'Non!' 'Non!' resounded on all sides.

'No, we are not slaves. But remember, and you may tell Canada people this when you go home, that we are not the cruel murderous men we have been described. We do not want to kill any one in this quarrel. We have hurt no one yet, nor do we mean to do so. Let the Canadian Government come and treat with us as free men, and we will lay down our arms, and go to our homes.'

Recent accounts are to the effect, that Riel has entirely lost his influence, and, if not actually arrested, has succumbed to some other authority. The chances are that the Hudson's Bay Company are again the controlling power in the territory and that affairs are, very much, *in statu quo* previous to McDougall's rustication at Pembina. However Government organs may seek to palliate the sentiments of the Hon. Joseph Howe, expressed on his North West excursion, there is no doubt that he was a mischief-maker in Red River, as he was in Nova Scotia up to the time when his silence was purchased by the perquisites of office. The country expects "chaffing Joe" to be called to account for his unministerial and unpatriotic conduct. If the Government, guided by common sense and justice, will inaugurate a conciliatory policy towards the Red River settlers, enunciate that policy in a Parliamentary enactment, and appoint a judicious representative to carry it out, the North West will soon, not only without force, but, of its own free-will, cast in its lot with the Dominion. Annexation is plainly shown to be an imported exotic that will not grow in Rupert's Land.

EXTENDED MAIL LINE.—We are happy to mention that Mr. A. M. Polley of this town, has secured the through line of stages between Goderich and Southampton, Kincardine being a stopping place, of course. Mr. Polley is an experienced man in his business, and his drivers may be depended upon as the right sort of men.

DINNER TO MR BLAKE

We have received a complimentary ticket for the Dinner to be given to Edward Blake M. P. and M. P. P. at Stratford on Thursday evening the 10th. If at all possible we shall attend.

DINNER TO TWO GODERICH BOYS.

On Tuesday the 1st inst. our Alick Simmons and our young friend Dickson, were treated to a dinner at the British Exchange Hotel, by some forty-five or fifty of their friends. The dinner, was really one of the best we have ever seen in Goderich, and certainly reflected great credit upon the proprietors of the house, who, together with a gentleman we need hardly name, were most assiduous in their attentions to the wants of the company. Of the speeches we need say no more than that they hinged upon the one central point: God speed the lads leaving us! It is most gratifying to see two young men leaving our good old town under such auspicious circumstances. The dinner, altogether, was one of the best we have ever seen in Goderich—famous as it is for public dinners. We may add that the boys sailed from N. Y. on Saturday last, hearty and well.

CONCERT.—Mrs. Simms, one of the finest executant musicians and singers in Ontario, as is well known, intends, with the assistance of popular amateurs to give a grand Concert in Crabb's Hall next week. The day and hour will be duly announced.

A MONSTER TROUT.—We are under obligations to Mr. John Morgan, Hotel-keeper, Bayfield for the present of a magnificent specimen of the salmon trout. It weighed 31½ lbs., and was most symmetrical in its formation. By devoting our energies to the matter, with the assistance of the rest of the *Signal* family, we disposed of his fishship in a few days. We're very much obliged to you John.'

BOW BELLS.—We have to thank Mr. Armstong of the "Telegraph News Depot," Jordan's old stand, for the February No. of this superb English Magazine. He says he is now prepared to furnish all English and American Magazines, music, &c., at the very lowest rates

DOMINION MONTHLY.—The February No of this popular Canadian Monthly is really a first-rate one. We are glad to see an enterprise of the kind so successful.

WEST WAWANOSH—ERRATA.—In the Township minutes of 28th Dec., the following mistakes occurred:—Removing Library should have been $18 instead of $8; Mr Edwin Gaunt $32 instead of $23; and mending scraper 80c instead of $4.

"WATCH THEM.—Those fellows who don't take their home paper, watch them! They are always on the alert on publication day, and when the paper comes around to your place of business, are the first to snatch it up; failing in this, they read it over your shoulder, too impatient to demean themselves in a proper manner.—Spot those fellows! They are the small souled, stingy handful who go through the world on other folk's money."

That's right Mr. Bay City *Signal*. We have noticed a little of such meanness not hundred miles from here.

THE BURGLARY CASE.—On Saturday last, Robt. Renwick was brought up at Interim Court, and freely admitted all the charges brought against him. His hon. the Co Judge deferred Judgment until Monday when he sentenced the prisoner as follows: One week in gaol at hard labor for stripping Mr. Young's clothes line, the same for appropriating Mr. Booth's linen goods, and two years in Penitentiary for breaking into Mr. Carman's shop. The judgment is a most righteous one. We understand that the various parties concerned have had the stolen articles returned to them.

'Mazeppa,' 'Regulator,' 'Waterloo,' 'Dutchman,' 'Lady Kate,' and 'Kingston Mare,' are to trot during the races on the ice at Hamilton on the 16th and 17th of the present month.

Regulator is to do nothing of the kind. Mr. Polley says he will not, positively, trot on ice this winter.

☞ Ex-Mayor Crabb has offered as a prize at the Skating Carnival, at the Rink, on Thursday evening, a handsome porcelain parlor inkstand for the *worst* character.

EXCISE DUTY ON PETROLEUM.—A petition is being circulated in this vicinity praying for the removal of the excise duty on coal oil. Three-fifths of this duty go for the support of unnecessary inspectors, and if the balance is needed for Revenue purposes, there are many of the luxuries of life to which it might be transferred, and thus relieve the great body of the people from paying a tax on light. The duty is also wrong in view of the fact that it retards the full development of one our richest native sources of wealth. We would recommend our friends to give the petition their support and signatures.

DEATH OF AN OLD SETTLER.—We regret that we are called upon to announce the death of Mr. John Shaw, Clerk of Goderich township, which took place at the residence of his son, at Weston, on the 3rd inst. Mr. Shaw has been an old public servant, and as such, (as well as in a private capacity) won the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact.

THE CENTRAL SCHOOL.—We have to apologize for printing the new Principal's name, in our last issue, J.R. Martin instead of J. R. Miller. Our *lapsus* does not alter the fact that this gentleman's testimonials, both scholastic and personal, are of the very highest order. We welcome him to Goderich and have good reason to expect that his career will be a very successful one.

LECTURE ON "THOMAS CHALMERS."—We call attention, with great pleasure, to the announcement, that the Rev. David Inglis, of Hamilton, well-known in town, and throughout the surrounding country, as an eloquent preacher and highly cultivated gentleman, has agreed to deliver his Lecture on "Dr. Chalmers", in the Wesleyan Church here, on Monday evening, 14th inst. No lover of religious liberty will grudge 25 cents to hear such a lecturer discourse on the sturdy champion of "Non-intrusion," whose fame is world-wide. We expect to see a crowded house.

THE BOARD OF COMMON SCHOOL TRUSTEES, met in the Board Room, on Thursday evening, 3rd February. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. Mr J.R. Miller, the Principal, was appointed librarian, at a Salary of $50 00 per annum. The Principal recommended to the Board the appointment of another teacher in room of Mr. G.A. Simmons After discussion, it was agreed to advertise for a teacher at a salary of $375. per annum; the advertisements to appear in the *Signal, Star, Globe*, and *Telegraph*.

AUCTION SALE.—See adv't, of Sale by Auction of balance of Mr. A. Hamilton's Stock. Great bargains may be expected.

St. James's Church London.

Presentation and Address to Rev. D. Cameron Pastor.

We clip the following from the *London Advertiser* which will be interesting to the members of St. Andrews Church here and the numerous friends of the Rev. D. Cameron, in the vicinity:—

On Monday afternoon the ladies of St. James' Church, of this city, met in the vestry for the purpose of presenting to their pastor, the Rev. D Cameron, a handsome Pulpit gown and cassock accompanied with the following address:

MR. CAMERON.—I am charged by the ladies of St James' Church with the pleasing duty of presenting to you this pulpit gown and cassock with bands, in testimony of the high esteem in which you are held by one and all of us; and in their name I beg your acceptance of the same. The gift is in itself comparatively of little value compared with the pleasure which we feel and the profit which I trust we shall all reap in waiting upon your ministry. May you long be preserved in health and strength to wear these simple badges of you sacred office in the pulpit of St. James' church. And when your service in the high and holy calling of the Gospel ministry terminates, may you then have given to you the more lasting and more ennobling acknowledgment of fidelity and devotion in the kingdom of the Lord Jesus

To which Mr. Cameron made the following reply:

DEAR MRS. MCEWEN AND MY DEAR PEOPLE: Such kindness would at any time be sufficient to overwhelm me; but you have taken me so completely by surprise that I am utterly unable to find words to give expression to the deep emotion which I feel When I first received the call to become your pastor, I was so sensible of my inability to take charge of a city congregation that it was with many misgivings that I accepted of it. The uniform kindness, however, which I have received from you, both in public and private, has dispelled my every fear and has made my sojourn among you most pleasant and agreeable. During the nine months I have labored among you, I am not aware of the slightest incident to cause the least unpleasantness either in my pastoral or pulpit duties. Most gratefully do I accept of your handsome present; and as often as I put on this beautiful robe my sincere prayer will be that I may be clothed with humility and with the garment of salvation, that I may be able to take out of the Gospel treasury things new and old, that each one of my dear people may receive the portion of food they require. That God may enrich you with every grace, endow you with every virtue, and pour out upon you every blessing, is my sincere prayer for you all,

D. CAMERON.

The gown is made of real Lyons silk, and was purchased at the store of Messrs. T. Beattie & Co. The workmanship reflects great credit on the maker, Mr. Jas. Glen, of the 'West End.' We venture to assert that nothing better has ever been executed in Canada

The Union Pacific Railroad Company contemplate the construction of five hundred miles of snow-sheds this summer, for which purpose five millions of feet of lumber will be required. Fortunately there is an abundance of tall timber convenient to the saw-mills on the line of the road.

INTERIM SESSIONS.

TUESDAY, 8TH FEB., 12, NOON.

Robert Hyslop, was arraigned yesterday before Judge Brough, charged with stealing from Robert Carman a quantity of Beef, Pork, &c., on the 27th January last, and pled not guilty, and having elected to be tried summarily, the case was tried before his Worship to-day. Mr. Lewis, County Attorney, for Crown, and Mr. Doyle for prisoner.

Robert Renwick, sworn—Met Hyslop over the River between 11 and 12 on Saturday night, who asked if he wanted any meat. He said he had some pork and Hyslop said he knew where he could get some beef. Hyslop said we had better get a hand-sleigh, which we got and came into town. Hyslop went into Carman's shop and witness stood outside in the middle of the street. Hyslop went in through a hole in the door which was broken when we got there. Don't know if Hyslop broke the hole or not, saw the hole, but didn't hear it broken Hyslop creeped down to get in. The meat was part of a quarter of beef and the hind part of a pig. We put it on the sleigh and went across the river. Witness stopped at the Tannery and Hyslop went on. Hyslop does not live in maitland ville. The hand-sleigh belonged to witness. Hyslop was coming from Slabtown when he met him. Hyslop took none of the meat on the sleigh and did not see him get any other meat. He took the meat to witness house.

Cross-examined. Hyslop was tried and convicted of this offence. He spent Saturday night in J. W. Pharis' Tavern and was coming out of that when he met Hyslop. He was playing bagatelle and drinking some whiskey. He did not go back to Pharis's after getting the meat. He swears he left Pharis's before 12 and met Hyslop just as he left to go home. Hyslop was between Shannon's and Pharis's Tavern when he met him. Did not know where he had been and did not ask him. He looked at Pharis's clock and it wanted about 20 minutes to 12. John Montgomery, Henry Gallagher, Mr. Pharis himself and John Donnelly were in Pharis's along with him. He got the sleigh at his house and Hyslop went along. Didn't see anybody as they came up town, it was raining. Hyslop didn't say where the meat was. We had no conversation on the way. It took Hyslop 10 minutes or so to take the meat out. Had nothing to do but take the meat out. There was no chisel of witness's in the shop. He is a carpenter and has chisels. Hyslop didn't tell me he had any meat, he only said 'he didnt want any more meat.' We had no talk about it till he left me at the Tannery Witness got all the meat. Hyslop helped me across the river with the meat. Hyslop did not help me to steal the clothes I was convicted of. He had known Hyslop for 7 or 8 years and he never helped him to steal anything before. Hyslop has not been drinking with him lately. He did not meet Hyslop at any taverns. We met nobody going or coming, and when he met Hyslop he was alone. He did not tell Trainer on Sunday there was anybody helping him, because he did not ask him. He told Carman when he asked him that he did not know who was with him. Carman asked him nothing till Hyslop was in jail. Mr. Mitchell first asked him who was with him. Then he said it was Hyslop. He never heard Hyslop had been suspected of taking meat. It was John Mitchell, the grocer, who spoke to him about this Hyslop helped me to draw the sleigh. Could not account why there was only one track. Hyslop did not sit on the sleigh. The two drew the sleigh. Hyslop did not open Carman's door at all. He took the meat through the hole Hyslop had no hammer or chisel. It was a hind quarter of beef. It was raining all night Witness was not nearer the hole than the middle of the road. Hyslop drew the quarter of beef through the hole. A panel is sometimes 1 foot 9 in. long by 12 to 14 inches wide. He knew nothing about the tracks at the back of Carmon's shop. All the meat was in his house when he was arrested. This concluded the case for the crown.

Robert McCallaghan, sworn, knows R. Hyslop. Remembers the theft. Lives in town and was in town Saturday night.—Saw Robt Hyslop going home about 6 o'clock as he was going up town. Got a newspaper for him from the Post Office.—Took it to his house about 9 o'clock. He rapped at the door and Hyslop opened the door. The lamp was turned down and Hyslop was undressed and came out of his bedroom. The door was locked inside.—It was a paper from Scotland. He is in the way of getting Hyslop' papers and taking them home. Hyslop was sober. He is in the way of going to his house and he has been steady over a month. He told Hyslop first about it. He heard of it across the river in Pharis' on Sunday afternoon.—People said it was Renwick. Did not hear Hyslop's name mentioned

I. Halliday, sworn, lives in town, Remembers the Sunday morning. He was in his own house, almost next door to Carman's shop. He heard of it, about 7 o'clock on Monday morning. Charlie Nairn and he went and looked at the shop. Did not examine the premises. Mr. Carman came in half an hour, examined the premises. There was a sleigh-track from the middle of the road. Carman suspected R Hyslop and said to witness follow the track half-an hour after the Constable. It followed the road straight down to the bridge. There were no tracks about Hyslop's house. Has known Hyslop for some years, never heard anything against Hyslop except that he had been drinking a little whiskey once on a while. Heard that he had been sober lately. There was only one track of footsteps alongside the sleigh-track. Saw no track from the butcher's shop to the sleigh, There had been a fresh fall of snow about an inch.

D Ferguson, sworn, is a grocer in town, Has known Hyslop for 7 or 8 years. He has worked for me round the store occasionally, especially in winter, never heard his character for honesty questioned and never had occasion to do so himself.

P. O'Dea, sworn, is a merchant in town. Has known Hyslop 7 or 8 years. Has had considerable dealings with him and he has frequented witness store, almost every day. Was of opinion that he was very honest and his reputation was good.

Constable Trainer, sworn, remembers the theft. Was called upon to examine into the case and went right away. Traced tracks and found the meat at Renwick's; only one track of footsteps. Is confident there was only one person drawing the sleigh. Renwick acknowledged taking the meat and said he would pay for it. He asked Renwick if there was anybody with him and he said he did not know, 'I was drunk, liquor did this'. Arrested Renwick and locked him in jail. Found no meat in Hyslop's place. The hole in the door he measured and did not think the quarter of beef could have got out at it. The hole would have needed to be 6 inches larger. Found several tracks leading out through the back-door, round the building towards the street. (After a delay of an hour waiting for Mr. Carman who was sent for and couldn't be found.)

Charles Nairn, sworn—Remembers the stealing. Did not know if the front-door was locked. Did not know if the back-door was unbarred. One little boy had gone to Carman's to tell him before witness. Did not know if Mr. Carman unlocked the door as he went in. Mr. Carman sent him for Trainer.

Mr. Doyle, for the defence, accused Renwick of deliberate fabrication, said that his story all through was a downright impossibility, and criticised his evidence. After describing the law relative to the uncorroborated evidence of an accomplice, and referring to the good character hitherto borne by Robert Hyslop, he asked for his acquittal.

Mr. Lewis, for the Crown, considered it his duty to bring the case and left it with the decision of the Judge.

His Honor said he did not conscientious'y feel satisfied Robert Hyslop was guilty—far from it—and therefore found him not guilty. There was such an air of improbability about Renwick's evidence that he could not say he believed it. Notwithstanding this man's evidence, which was not confirmed in one particular he thought it his duty to give the verdict not guilty.

Bayfield vs Goderich.

A CHALLENGE TO THE GODERICH CURLING CLUB.

To the Editor of the Signal.

At a meeting of the Bayfield Curling Club. It was moved by Alex. Mitchell, sec. by D. Cullen, and resolved, that we send a challenge to the Goderich Curling Club for a friendly match. To be played at Bayfield or Goderich as they may think best.

R. H. GAIRDNER, M. D., Presid't.
THOS MITCHELL, Sec'y.
Bayfield, Feb. 5th, 1870.

THE CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

At a meeting of the Goderich Curling Club, on Monday evening, 7th inst., it was heartily and unanimously resolved to accept the friendly challenge of the Bayfield Club to a curling match. The match to be played at Goderich, between 8 of the Bayfield Club and 8 of the Goderich Club.—The Bayfield Club to name the day (Saturdays excepted) giving two days' notice and having regard to the nature of the weather. The Bayfield Club to bring their own stones along with them. Other preliminaries to be arranged when both parties are on the ice.

D FERGUSON, President.
JAMES YOUNG, Sec'y.
Goderich, 8th Feb., 1870.

☞ R B Smith is clearing out balance of his winter stock at very low prices. See adv.

HAY.

To the Editor of the Signal.

So 'Voter,' from this township, has got himself trotted out again, I see in your last issue. He has got company this time however. Someone has mounted him; and 'Voter and I,' and 'I and Voter,' indulge in a very strange bit of a stupid gallop. I dare to say, that there has not been such an exhibition since Balaam rode on the counterpart of 'Voter,' in the and of Judea, long ago. Shade of the said counterpart! I wish here to apologise even to you, for tarnishing your fair fame by such a comparison; for judging you by your utterance upon the ever memorable occasion when you did speak, you would not have passed, even your 'idle moments' as 'Voter' did when he penned his first epistle to the *Signal*. Being alone, of course I must speak in the first person, and I must say that it has scarcely ever been my fate before to read such a silly, drivelling, half apologetical, whining story, as 'Voter' tells in your last issue He neither meets, controverts, or denys successfully, a single statement that I made in my letter to you of the 14th Jan. No doubt he thinks he is doing good business stabbing away at me in the dark, but if he had only brain enough, poor fellow, he would see, what nearly all must see, that in his imbecile use of the knife, he is only pottering at me with the handle, while with the point and edge he is performing a Japanese execution upon himself. The language I use, it appears, does not suit the refined sensitive feeling of a 'Voter.' Of course not! I believe in calling a spade, a spade; and I am not acquainted with Language strong to pourtray the come up I feel for such snakes in the grass as he is. He has not got a 'Billing-gate Dictionary'! Well he need not get one; it would be of no use to him—his attenuated soul could never appreciate it. I am well aware that it is futile in the extreme to try to make such creatures as 'Voter' feel: you might as well bay the moon, or whip a grindstone. And it would be as hopeful a task to try to keep down the vermin that rises up, less or more, round every man, who comes before the public in any shape, as it would be to try to kill all the mosquitoes in the Cranberry marsh, in a foggy morning in June. But Mr. *Signal*, are such discussions really interesting to the mass of your readers in the County and Province we live in? You know that I have been rather intimately acquainted with, and considerably interested in the welfare of the *Signal*, since it had a being. It strikes me that there was a time in it's history when such effusions as those of a 'Voter' would have been promptly consigned to the waste basket; a Note made 'too personal' or 'not sufficently interesting to our readers.' Would a person not be almost justified in presuming that there was some especial, or particular interest to be served by their insertion? Not that I care a straw; for I claim the right of defence when I am attacked; and I can at least say with my countryman, Robbie Burns, 'the mair their clash, I am kenned the better,' and although not particularly fond of that sort of notoriety; yet I have a strong abiding faith in the old Scotch Motto, 'No man dare touch me with impunity' Waiting calmly, but with confidence, and with such courage as I can muster, for the next attack, which I hope, when it comes, will be from a man only. I am,

Your ob't ser't,
H. LOVE, Senr.

February 4th, 1870.

REMARKS.—We have only to say to friend Love, that we have not noticed, in the correspondence on this matter, anything of a personal nature, and, having allowed him the privilege of reply, surely we cannot be blameable.—Ed. *Signal*.

Literary Notice Extraordinary

Goderich, Feb. 3, 1870.

To the Editor of the Signal.

SIR.—I wish to make known to the Ontarionites of 'this Canada of ours,' that I, even I, have now turned Author in the Autumn—leaf of life. 'Better late thrive than never do well.' During the last thirty years, I have written much on local affairs, in the *Spectator* and in both Goderich papers, since their inception. I have punished the greater part of my rhymes or songs in your widely circulated journal. I beg to express to the public my heart-felt gratitude for the popular reception my humble productions, as well as myself *in propria persona*, have received at their and your hands. It would be in very bad taste for me to say another word about myself. Thank heaven, I am not *my own God!* I acknowledge the existence of a Grand Architect, that made and governs all things. I dislike the first-personal pronoun in the singular number, exceedingly and now drop it. We are about to ask a great favor of the intelligent citizens of Old Western Canada, viz:—that they will give to our humble efforts at authorship a fair trial. If we are weighed in the balances and found wanting it will be something new under the sun. Well, Mr. Editor, we propose to commence at once to write the Rise and Progress of the great Huron Tract, since 1834, from our own personal observations. We will not inflict on our readers, or your subscribers too much statistical matter; but give facts, as they occurred, fearlessly and intelligibly, as far as in us lies. We have the advice and special request of our respected County Warden, our earliest and ever fast friend We have also the concurrent wishes of every clergyman and layman (and woman too) worth naming in Huron and Bruce. We will publish in piece-meal in your journal.

Yours, &c.
JOSEPH WILLIAMSON,
A would-be Author.

CANADA.

It is considered in official circles that Mr. McDougall has made a complete break with the Cabinet by his speech at Almonte A row between him and his late colleagues would show something of 'inner life' in the Cabinet, and may be of service to the country.

It is reported that Mr. George Desbarats, Queen's Printer, is about to tender his resignation. If he proposes to hold the office he will certainly have to give his time to to the service of the public instead of attending to his private affairs in Montreal.

It is confidently stated that the Imperial Government have assumed the responsibility and cost of the military expenditure to be in curred in suppressing the rebellion at Red River About 1,000 regular troops are to be despatched via Fort William, on the opening of navigation, and as many more as are required to quell the insurrection.

The Rev. W. M. Punshon delivered his eloquent lecture on "John Bunyan" in Toronto on Friday.

Bishop Tache has returned from Rome, and will soon be on his way to the North-West, where it is to be hoped his authority will be exerted in the right direction.

A telegram from Halifax states that a meeting to promote 'annexation' has been held in Picton County, and resolutions in accordance with the object of the conveners were passed, but neither the numbers present nor their standing are hinted at in the reports of the proceedings Meanwhile in Prince Edward's Island an Association has been formed for the express purpose of bringing about Confederation with Canada

Sir A. T. Galt has returned from England by the Austrian.

The letter of the Council of the Montreal Board of Trade, in reply to Sir Francis Hincks' circular on the silver question, points out that the nuisance is much less than is generally supposed, as goods are now always sold for current funds or silver, and that the convenience afforded by the American coin counterbalances its evils.

New Brunswick flour market very dull. Prices with strong downward tendency.

Toronto wood peddlers are cheating the buyers out of a half a cord on every load of wood.

The Shubenacadie Canal connecting the harbor of Halifax with the Basin of Minas has been sold to a company for $50,000.—*Halifax Chronicle*.

In consequence of a proposed reduction of the American import duty on Nova Scotia coal, the price in the United States has fallen about $1 per ton on an average.

Woman's Rights prevail at Merritton, a little village near St. Catharines. The men do the washing and hang out the clothes to dry. So says the St. Catharines *Journal*.

Mr. Thomas White, jr., left Hamilton yesterday *en route* for New York, whence he sails per steamship City of London, for England.

The amount of the legacy recently received by Mr. Jas. Seymour, of the St. Catharines *Constitutional* is now stated at £250 stg.—not enough to retire on.

Canada sent 4,852 beeves and 54,913 sheep to the Boston market last year.

Numbers of emigrants are returning from the United States to Canada. In the large cities of the U.S numbers of young Canadians are out of work and without money to pay their way home.

Mr. Cartwright, M P., is about to build a cotton factory at Napanee. The building is to be of stone and frame, 100 feet long by 60 feet deep, and the contract has been taken for $10,000.

The prospects of the Newfoundland herring fishery this winter are not very encouraging The winter has been too mild to enable the fishermen to freeze the herrings, and the fleet is waiting patiently to secure their frozen cargoes.

Over 100 guests sat down at a complimentary dinner at the Toronto *Terrapin* in honor of the enterprise and perseverance of J. Ross Robertson Esq, one of the proprietors of the *Telegraph*, who has returned from his journey to Red River.

UNITED STATES.

The remains of the venerable Mr. Peabody have at last arrived at the town which bears his name, and there they are to lie in state for a week, awaiting final burial.

The Finance Secretary of the U. States proposes, it is stated, to retire a million of greenbacks, and to issue in their place an equal amount of bonds at 4 per cent. interest.

United States Senator Logan has introduced a resolution instructing the Foreign Affairs Committee to enquire what reason exists, if any, for the non-recognition of the Cuban revolutionists as belligerents.

J. J. Wright, colored, was chosen a Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina by her Legislature, receiving the solid Democratic vote.

A resolution was offered, in the Senate, instructing the Committee on foreign relations to consider the expediency of recommending the mediation of the President between Canada and the Red River; the mover arguing that annexation was the best thing for all parties.

In California slang, a geologist is a 'rock sharp,' a mineralogist a 'crystal sharp,' a botanist a 'weed sharp, a naturalist a 'toad sharp."

There has been a gold stampede in Indiana, owing to a miner from California having discovered some quantity of the precious metal, at Big Creek, in that State People are leaving all other business in the rush for gold.

The coinage at the branch, San Francisco, mint during January was $1,620,000, all double eagles.

Elgin, Illinois, fines any person who retails pork without having it first inspected by the city physician

There were eight fires in Detroit during the month just past; total loss $13,400; insurance, $11,650.

A small party celebrated the birthday of Tom Paine, at Arbeiter Hall, on Saturday, by music and drinking.

The interments in the city cemeteries during January aggregated 127, an increase of 20 over the same month last year. Of this number, 44 were infants, 20 children, and 54 adults.

The Government sales of 8,000,000 acres of Texas lands, disposed of for unpaid taxes, brought into the Treasury only $6,000.

A company has been formed to run a line of steamers between San Francisco and Central American ports. The first steamer, the screw Prince Alfred, is advertised to sail on the 24th inst.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Two amateur prize fighter, assisted by a couple of hundred thieves and murderers, mashed each other for an hour and a half yesterday near the Partisades. Dempsey, the favourite with the betting men, was badly beaten, and when the referee, Jerry Mulligan, announced the result of the fight, the mob drew knives and pistols and began an indiscriminate battle among themselves. Several men were badly wounded, and the whole party returned to the metropolis breathing mutual vengeance toward each other.

A remarkable clerical scandal is reported in the Philadelphia papers. The delinquent is a Catholic priest, name unknown, and the victim of his wiles is a Miss Louisa Dober, who has suddenly and mysteriously disappeared. Rev. Mr. Hartley, of the Second Reformed Church, has received a letter from Miss Dober, in which she states that she is confined in the cell of a Catholic Church, and that she is to be sent to a nunnery in Milwaukee. The affair creates much excitement in religious circles in the Quaker city.

EUROPEAN.

Great Britain.

Preparations have begun for taking the census next year.

The foot-and-mouth disease is spreading in various parts of England.

Lady Franklin left Liverpool on Jan. 13th for Valparaiso, in the steamer Patagonia.

The North Wales *Chronicle* says a silver mine has been discovered at Nantile, Carnarvonshire.

Two men are in custody on suspicion of robbing the house of Mr. Motley, the American Minister.

The success of compulsory vaccination in Kensington is proved by the fact of only one death occurring from small pox in twelve months.

Statistics show that 36,888 shops and publichouses are open in London on Sundays—a number which, if placed side by side, would extend a distance of eighty miles.

On Sunday, sermons were preached in all the Dissenting places of worship in Wales in aid of the 'cash voters who have suffered by being evicted since the general election.

The *Alpha*, a fine and well-appointed ship, is being dispatched from Liverpool to Victoria, Vancouver's Island, with between twenty and thirty selected girls, who are to take situations as female servants when they arrive.

The death of Major-General Joseph Childs, of the Royal Marines, has been reported. In the war of 1813-14, he was actively employed on the United States frontiers, and frequently in command of gunboats on Lake Champlain.

Statistics of Congregationalism.—The Congregational denomination has, in England, 2050 churches; in Ireland, 27; in Scotland, 102; and in Wales, 846. It has also, in the islands of the British seas, 16 churches; in the colonies, 281; and 133 foreign mission churches.

The Rev. James Fraser, M.A., rector of Ufton Nervet, Berks, will succeed to the vacant Bishopric of Manchester. Mr Fraser was educated at Oxford. He has since taken an active part in connection with education under the Duke of Newcastle's Commission, and as Commissioner to the United States, where he investigated and reported upon the American common school system.

The inhabitants of Cork have agreed to accept the Government offer of two ships for the establishment of naval industrial schools in that city.

The Dublin Town Council have passed a resolution in favor of 'calling upon the Government to grant a royal residence to Ireland.'

The sentiment of property in their holdings entertained so widely by Irish tenants is due to the fact that under the sept tenures the clansman was virtually owner of the soil, subject to the claims of his chief as suzerain.—*London Times Commissioner*.

In consequence of the expulsion of Mr. Dalway, M.P., from the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, the Orangemen of Carrickfergus district have thrown off their allegiance and formed a Grand Lodge of their own Mr. Dalway has been installed as Grand Master.

Some of the northern counties which have been slow to move in the tenant-right agitation, although urgently appealed to, are at length beginning to stir. On January 13th a meeting was held at Eglinton, county Londonderry; on January 17th there was a demonstration at Castlederg, county Tyrone, and on January 18th 'a grand display of tenant-right enthusiasm' at Ballybofey.

At the late Ballina Quarter Sessions, Miss Gardiner's ejectments against her tenants were tried, and decrees granted. They are not, however, to be enforced till May. Miss Gardiner, who was fired at some days ago, appeared in Court with her forehead bandaged. The publication of the facts regarding her management of her estate and her ejectments has greatly diminished the public indignation and sympathy which the account of the attempt upon her life excited.

Seven hundred and twenty-seven marriages were registered in the eight largest towns of Scotland during December. This number is 117 below the December average of the last ten years, and is the smallest number recorded for December since the year 1858.

The number during the last three weeks of free dinners to the destitute children in Edinburgh by the committee in charge of the movement has in all been 9,941. At a late meeting of the committee, the chairman read a letter from Mr. E. Murray, the superintendent of the Association for Improving the Poor, offering, on the part of the association, to pay for feeding and educating such children as were attending the free dinners, and whom the acting committee of the association, after inquiry, found to be really deserving cases.

Scotch Volunteer Force The following figures show the strength of the various branches of the Volunteer force as returned to the War Office and it is upon this return that the capitation grant will be made. The summary is to the 12th December, 1869, and states that the total number of extra efficients was 165,500; of efficients, 167,457; non-efficients, 26,810. The total number enrolled was 194,267: the maximum establishment being 244,931.

A remarkable case recently occurred illustrative of the cause why the shipbuilding yards of the Thames are silent and empty, while those of the Clyde are full-handed and busy The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Co. require two new mail-boats, each of 3,000 tons and 600-horse power, and tenders to build these were sent in both from Poplar and the Clyde. On the opening of the tenders it was found that the one submitted by the Messrs. Caird, of Greenock, was more than £20