TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.
(SOUTHERN EXTENSION OF W. G. & B. RY.)

Trains leave Listowel Station daily as under:

For Kincardine and intermediate points—Mixed, 8.25 a.m.; Express 2.10 p.m.; Express 8.19 p.m.

For Palmerston—Express at 6.59 a. m.; Express 1.00 p.m.; Mixed, 9.15 p.m.

PORT DOVER AND STRATFORD & HURON RAILWAY.

GOING SOUTH.

	a.m.	p.m.
Leave Listowel at	6.00	and 1.20
" Millbank	6.07	and 1.57
" Milverton	6.45	and 2.10
" Stratford	7.25	and 3.05
" Woodstock	8.50	and 4.45
" Burgessville	[illegible]	and 5.15
" Norwich	[illegible]	and 5.25
" Otterville	[illegible]	and 5.39
" C. S. Crossing	[illegible]	and 6.00
" Simcoe	[illegible]	and 6.30
Arrive at Port Dover	[illegible]	and 7.00

GOING NORTH.

	a.m.	p.m.
Leave Port Dover at	6.20	and 2.30
" Simcoe	6.40	and 3.00
" C. S. Crossing	7.20	and 3.33
" Otterville	7.42	and 3.53
" Norwich	7.54	and 4.10
" Burgessville	8.03	and 4.19
" Woodstock	8.35	and 6.10
" Stratford	9.50	and 7.30
" Milverton	10.31	and 8.15
" Millbank	10.39	and 8.27
Arrive at Listowel	11.10	and 9.00

A "mixed" train, with passenger car attached, leaves Listowel Station every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.40 a. m.; returning, arrives at Listowel Station every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6.35 p. m.

LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1878.

"PRICE-ING" them will probably be the popular Grit slang in the coming campaign for bribing the electors.

CANADA'S battles—if she ever has any—are not to be fought by the white man alone. A company of colored volunteers has recently been formed in St. Catharines; the Six Nation Indians are also ready to defend our country against the invader.

THE canvass goes bravely on in Mr. Hesson's behalf, and from present appearances the Conservative majority will be extremely large in Wallace and Elma, while in Listowel political feeling is undergoing a marked change. Mr. Hesson's visit lately has almost magically strengthened his prospects. Electors in both parties are most favorably impressed with him.

THE Quebec Government have met and elected Mr. Turcotte, M. P. P. for Three Rivers as Speaker by one vote, the latter voting for himself. Price of Chicoutimi is reported as having turned traitor to his party. The Speaker elect declares himself to be a firm Conservative. And thus "bribery and corruption" are put down. O tempora! Surely this seduction by the Liberals of Quebec will open the eyes of the country at large to the hypocrisy of the so-called purists.

WITH Mr. David Glass for East Middlesex, Mr. Greenway for South Huron, Mr. John Macdonald for Centre Toronto, Mr. James Brown for West Hastings, Major Walker for London, and many more of the like ilk, the "great Reform party" are carrying out the cardinal principles of anti-coalition, and "elevating the standard" of political morality in a most peculiar style, yet the mode is truly Grittish—partaking largely of that unselfish (?) honesty characteristic of the "pairty of purity."

HALDIMAND Conservatives have unanimously nominated Nicholas Flood Davin for the Commons, and Mr. A. W. Thompson for the Local Legislature.—At a large convention of Liberal-Conservatives recently held in Durham, Mr. Geo. Jackson was chosen standard-bearer. Hon. Edward Blake has declined the nomination for South Bruce, and the Reformers of that constituency have called another convention for to-morrow, 8th inst., to see what they are going to do about it. The strong hold which the Opposition candidate, Mr. Shaw, has upon the people is evidently a cause of serious trouble in the camp, particularly since Edward has gone back on them.—In South Ontario Hon. T. N. Gibbs is again the worthy representative of the Conservative party.

IN answer to the question, "who pays the duty?" the Guelph *Herald* submits the following, which will apply to all parts of Canada with equal force. Farmers should ponder it carefully: "Last year the price of wool on the Guelph market was about 30 cents, and a few cents more for extra lots. At the beginning of this season, a couple of weeks since, Mr. Brill was paying 28 cents, for ordinary lots. Lately the American government has put on a duty of 10 per cent. on wool imported into that country, and what is the result? Wool to-day is 22 cents on the Guelph market, and the very best lot that has been offered this year only brought 23 cents. This is a practical illustration, and would seem to be one which can be grasped by the most ordinary mind."

THE main question of the hour is, "Shall we decide for Free Trade or Protection?" It is an old French proverb that you cannot make a good bargain in the purchase of bad articles. Free trading may at times enable the purchaser to buy a little cheaper, but the theory encourages the importation of inferior articles. Philosopher Mills, the leviathan Grit—Free Trading—Ann Arbor—constitutional M. P. for Bothwell tells us many absurd things concerning the importance of his Free Trade doctrine, but men give away nothing so liberally as their pet theories. Mr. Fisher is a Free Trader. His interests, being a professional man, are not identical with those of farmers and manufacturers. Mr. Hesson, the Conservative candidate, being a practical man in all matters affecting the general electorate of North Perth, should in itself be a sufficient reason for rejecting Mr. Fisher.

No doubt the ambitious M. P. P. for North Perth concurs with Rochefoucault in thinking that "we seldom find any persons of good sense but such as are of our opinion." Mr. Hay does not lose sight of old attachments simply for the purpose of making new connections. "Me and mine must have drunken our capacity before I will permit outsiders to taste any of the emoluments of Grit patronage," seemingly appears to be the predominant sentiment enveloping the modern "Family Compact" whose head quarters are at Listowel. If the corporation has any roads to gravel, sidewalks to build or general labor to be performed, what more natural, what more advantageous to the individual members of the aforesaid compact than that the contract be given one of "ours?" If a railway agency is to be created why should "we" not take possession of it? So moralize the noble progenitors of our disciplined Town Compact. They recognize the injunction that "a house divided must fall," and so long as the Town exchequer holds out it apparently is not the intention of the Compact Government to fall to pieces. Even in our town there are many acts constantly being repeated which are not positively prohibited by the Town by-laws, but which our townsmen nevertheless stongly condemn.

THE EASTERN QUESTION

A Congress decided upon—To meet at Berlin on 13th June—All the Powers accept the invitation — Britain's Representatives appointed — The whole question to be submitted—A peaceful solution looked for.

On Monday the Marquis of Salisbury, in the House of Lords, and Sir Stafford Northcote, in the Commons, announced that Germany had issued the invitations to a Congress, to meet at Berlin on June 13th. They also confirmed the announcement that Great Britain would be represented by Lords Beaconsfield, Salisbury and Odo Russell. The Liberal leaders in both houses congratulated Parliament and the Government that the Treaty of San Stefano was to be discussed by the Powers, but censured the choice of representives on the ground that it would be inconvenient to have both the Premier and the Foreign Secretary absent from the country at the same time. This objection, however, was not pushed to any issue and the matter was allowed to drop. Strange to say the selection of Lord Beaconsfield is viewed with satisfaction at St. Petersburg. The invitation proposes that the signatories of the Treaties of 1856 and 1871 shall meet in Congress to discuss the stipulations of the San Stefano Treaty, Germany guaranteeing to England the free discussion of all its contents. Turkey's representatives have not yet been chosen, but it is expected Safvet Pasha will be one and that a Christian will be the other. Roumania is said to be irrevocably resolved not to cede Bessarabia, and to be depending on the good offices of England to enable her to keep her resolution. Greece is greatly disappointed at the Anglo-Russian agreement, expecting the annexation of Thessaly, Epirus, and Crete. In her resentment at the supremacy secured for the Bulgarians, it is said she may resort to desperate measures, and that the Greek army may even enter Thessaly again.

THE LATEST.

All the Powers have excepted the invitations. Some distrust in the result is felt at St. Petersburg, but the Russian Government shows no indications of wavering or desire to retreat. The *Times* declares great credit is due to the Home Government for adhering to their principle of a free discussion of the San Stefano Treaty, and approves the selection of representatives. A great burden has been taken off the public mind by the assurance that Congress will meet, and yesterday consols touched the highest point within twenty years. General Todleben has made a fresh demand for the evacuation of the ceded fortresses, but the reply of the Turks is not known. The Constantinople Ministry has undergone another shuffle. Ruchdi and Mahmoud Damad Pashas drop out, and Safvet Pasha becomes Grand Vizier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Phosphore Mustapha Pasha Minister of War. The Ministry is advised by the Imperial fiat making the changes to maintain tranquility and to cultivate friendly relations with foreign Powers.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

The Emperor of Germany again fired upon—He receives a charge of shot—The Assassin a Socialist Doctor—His Majesty severely wounded—Great consternation in Berlin.

Berlin, June 2.—While the Emperor was taking a drive, at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, some shots were fired at him. The Emperor was wounded in one arm and one cheek by buckshot and small shot. The would-be-assassin is Dr. Nobeling, occupying apartments at No. 18 Unter den Linden. When his door was forced open he fired upon and wounded the hotel-keeper and tried to commit suicide, but was secured. The Emperor's personal attendant jumped into the carriage and supported the Emperor until the carriage reached the palace. The Emperor was conveyed to bed and several grains of shot extracted, causing great loss of blood. The Emperor suffered great pain, but never lost consciousness.

The following is official: Nobeling fired twice with a double-barrelled gun. The Emperor received about thirty small shot in his face, head, both arms and back, but by 6 o'clock this evening his general condition had already improved in a satisfactory manner. An immense crowd from all parts of the city thronged into the Avenue Unter den Linden on the news becoming known. The assassin is named Karl Edward Nobeling, a native of Kulno, near Biarbaum, aged 32. He is a resident of Berlin, doctor of philology, agriculturist, and an *habitue* of the Democratic Social Clubs. A quantity of arms was found in his apartments. He fired on the persons attempting to arrest him with ready-loaded revolver and then inflicted severe wounds on his own head. A strong escort of police barely sufficed to protect Nobeling from the mob. Nobeling confessed that he cherished the murderous design eight days, because he considered the Emperor's removal would be a public benefit.

Berlin June 4.—An official bulletin, issued at 10 o'clock, says the Emperor has been free from pain this evening. During the day he repeatedly slept calmly, and took nourishment with some appetite.

When the enraged populace broke into Nobeling's apartment at Unter den Linden he discharged two chambers of a revolver at them. Herr Holtfeur, an inn keeper, was severely wounded. The crowd seeing the latter bleeding, supposed he was the assassin, and fell upon him with great fury. His life is despaired of. After his second shot Nobeling was instantly placed in a prison van. As the driver drove rapidly through the archway, at the entrance of the house, his head struck against the archway with such violence that his neck was dislocated, and he died.

Nobeling, the would-be assassin of the German Emperor, has admitted that he is one of an extensive conspiracy, and that he was chosen by drawing of lots to commit the terrible deed. The police have visited the residence of the editors of the Socialist *Berlin Free Press*, and have confiscated various documents. They are also searching for a man who stated on Sunday morning that an attempt to assassinate the Emperor would be made that afternoon. At a meeting of the Cabinet, over which Prince Bismarck presided, it was decided to await the result of the Emperor's wounds before deciding on the measures to be adopted against the Socialists. The wealthy classes at Berlin are uneasy, and fear trouble.

The very latest despatches report the Emperor progressing favorably.

THE CATERPILLAR PEST.—A Zorra farmer adopts the following method to kill the caterpillars in his orchard and which he has found to work most satisfactorily. Take a mallet and tap each branch of the tree affected sharply, which will cause all the caterpillars on the tree to fall to the ground. If left alone however they will find their way up the tree. To prevent this he takes a tarred cord and ties it round the trunk, and when the caterpillars reach the cord it proves a barrier in their way and they are unable to proceed further. When they have collected in considerable numbers take them off and kill them. A warm day when the tar will not harden is most suitable for this experiment. By this simple process an orchard can be cleared of the caterpillars in a short time.

TERRIBLE COLLISION.

Two German Iron-Clads collide in the English Channel—One Vessel sinks—Nearly 300 Lives lost.

Dover, May 31.—The German squadron, consisting of three iron-clads, the Preussen, the Gosser Kurfurst, and the Kœnig Wilhelm passed Dover this morning for Plymouth, whence it was expected to sail for Gibralter. When the squadron was off Ludgate, about five miles from the shore, one of the ironclads was observed heeling over on her beam ends and the men were seen crowding on the bulwarks. In about five minutes the vessel went down on her side, the boilers blowing up as she sank. Boats from the other ironclads were launched. A number of fishing smacks near by hurried to the spot. The Folkestone life boat arrived too late.

London, May 31.—The South Eastern Railway Company's steamer just returned from the scene of the disaster, reports that the Kœnig Wilhelm was able to proceed down the channel, probably for Portsmouth. The Preussen remains on the spot. Nothing is to be seen of the Grosser Kurfurst. The captain of a fishing boat states:—"My boat, with other fishing vessels, was returning to Folkestone, when we noticed three ironclads coming down. A bark was fetching off shore. The Grosser Kurfurst ported her helm to clear the bark, the Kœnig Wilhelm pulled hard-a-port and struck the Grosser Kurfurst forward of her mizzenmast. The Kurfurst went over on her broadside and sank in five minutes. She went down in fifteen fathoms. All hands jumped overboard. Our boats searched the spot directly and rescued twenty-seven men, including three officers. The other boats rescued a number of the crew, all of whom were transferred to the Kœnig Wilhelm. Captain Batoch, of the Grosser Kurfurst, went down with his ship. The boilers did not explode, but the escaping steam must have scalded many persons in the water. The Kœnig Wilhelm had her bows stove, but the leak was stopped with hammocks. The collision was undoubtedly caused by the Kœnig Wilhelm porting her helm too suddenly."

The First Lord of the Admiralty, in his statement in the Commons to-day, confirms the report that the collision occurred while the Grosser Kurfurst was endeavoring to avoid the merchantman. He said the dock was preparing at Portsmouth for the reception of the Kœnig Wilhelm.

Two of the men who were rescued died from exhaustion on board the Preussen. Eye witnesses of the disaster say the Preussen did not lower any boats, and that nobody was visible in the water half an hour after the Grosser Kurfurst foundered.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* says: Of the 500 men on the Grosser Kurfurst, about 210 were saved, including 13 officers and the captain. The Kœnig Wilhelm, which was leading the squadron, put her helm hard about to avoid a Norwegian bark crossing the steamers bows. The Grosser Kurfurst also ported her helm, but not sufficiently hard; hence the disaster.

PERTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

COURT HOUSE, Stratford, June 4th.

The June session of the municipal Council of the County of Perth opened here to-day, the warden, Mr. Davidson, presiding; present, all the members except Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Jones and the Messrs. Hay. The Warden said that they met upon the same day as another important body in another Province, but the labors of this council would not be so onerous, as their business would be of the ordinary routine character. The grant had been made to the northern gravel road upon certain conditions which had been complied with by the interested municipalities. He referred feelingly to the demise of the late Mr. McCulloch, County Solicitor, and suggested some expression of condolence with his bereaved family. On motion, the Reeves, or in their absence the Deputy-Reeves, were appointed a Committee to equalize the Assessment. A petition was presented from the ratepayers of Dublin (Carronbrook,) praying that a by-law be passed to set the village apart as a police village.—Adopted. The trustees of S. S. No. 10, Gore of Downie, prayed for a grant of $200 to aid in erecting a school house. A number of accounts were referred to the Finance Committee. The Sheriff called attention to the want of drainage in the jail premises, and to the need of a new fence around the grounds. The report of the auditors set forth that the Treasurer's account had been found correct, and asked for increased remuneration.—Referred to the Finance Committee. A communication from the Deputy Minister of Education stated that the apportionment for public schools would be the same as for 1877. On motion of Mr. Trow, a resolution of condolence with the widow and friends of the late James McCulloch, Esq., was unanimously passed, and a copy thereof ordered to be transmitted to the bereaved lady. The Perth Rifle Association prayed for a grant of $50, in aid of prizes.—Granted. Council adjourned until 10 a. m. on Wednesday.—*Herald.*

NORTH WALLACE.

For the STANDARD.

The weather lately has been very favorable for finishing the seeding. Crops of all kinds promise well; the late frosts appear to have done but little damage, except to the plumb blossoms, which appear to be altogether blasted. Apple blossoms seem to have sustained little injury.

The utility of drainage is also beginning to attract the attention of the farming community in these parts, and several parties are now about to improve lands which hitherto have been almost entirely useless; but which with proper drainage will in time be the most valuable part of their farms.

The late warm weather has developed the mosquito *ad libitum*, to the great discomfort of those who wish to indulge in a morning slumber or a woodland walk.

A petition, signed by many ratepayers of Wallace and Minto, is about to be presented to the councils of Perth and Wellington, paying those corporations to assist in graveling the boundary line west of Palmerston. As this road is much traveled and in spring and fall is almost impassable, it is hoped that the desire of the petitioners will be granted.

FOR MANITOBA.—On Saturday last a number of parties, formerly residents of Wallace, Minto and Howick, left Palmerston station bound for the prairie province. A large number of their friends and acquaintances assembled at the station to bid them farewell and wish them success in their new homes.

BRICK YARD.—Mr. Cordingly, of the 10th con., has recommenced the manufacture of brick, which will be a boon to those in this vicinity who contemplate using the material.

NEW BARN.—Mr. Moore, on the boundary, has a gang of men at work erecting the mason work for a new bank barn, which when finished will be one of the largest in these parts.

HOME AGAIN.—Mr. Wm. Briggs, of Minto, who has been several years in California, has lately returned to his former residence, which he intends making his future home.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Rev. P. L. Spencer of Palmerston, has commenced a Sunday school in the school house, section No. 9, which is well attended by the children of that section.

BRUSSELS NEWS.

FIRE PROTECTION VOTED.—The voting on the by-law to purchase one of the Ronald's steamers took place on Monday. The town was divided into two polling divisons. The result was almost unanimous, there being only four against it. The excellent work done by the steamer at the late fire was the cause of the result.

MARYBOROUGH.

Brodie's new mill in Moorefield is up and ready for the machinery.

FIRE AT MOOREFIELD.—The store and dwelling owned and occupied by John C. Robinson, general merchant, was totally destroyed by fire on Saturday last. Loss, $300; no insurance.

LARGE BARN.—Mr. Alex. Allen, on the Maryborough boundry line, has been engaged for some time past in moving his barn to a new site. He intends to build an addition to it, and also a new wing some 60 feet in length, the whole to be underlaid by a stone foundation nine feet high, to enclose stables, driving sheds, &c. When completed it will be one of the largest farm buildings in the county.

ACCIDENT.—A young man by the name of Wm. Dixon, son of Mr. Wm. Dixon of the south-west corner of this township, received a very serious kick below the floating ribs from a horse on Wednesday, 29th ult. After receiving the kick he succeeded in getting about half-way to the house, when he found himself unable to go any further. He was discovered soon after and conveyed to the house. Medical aid was immediately called, but the injury is of such a serious nature that little could be done to relieve the sufferer. He is at present in a very low condition and there are little hopes of his recovery.

PALMERSTON.

NEW FOUNDRY.—On Saturday the frame work of a large building intended for a foundry was erected in Palmerston.

FOR MANITOBA.—Forty-three persons left this station on Saturday afternoon *en route* for the great loan land. They are from Wallace, Howick and Minto, and take with them farm stock and implements.

RUNAWAYS.—Mr. Thomas Commerson's horse ran away from the front of Touchborn's store on Saturday last, breaking the buggy in pieces. Another team ran away on Sunday, being scared while crossing the railway track on Main street. This rig was also demolished.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.—The District Sabbath School Convention in connection with the German Evangelical Association commenced on Wednesday at the church on 6th line of Wallace. A large number from different parts of the district are present, including Elder Umbach.

DOMINION DAY.—The birth of our Dominion is to be celebrated here in style. The usual preparations are being heartily gone into, and a good time may be expected.

Rev. J. G. Scott of Listowel, preached in the Canada Methodist Church last Sunday evening.—The G. W. R. employes lately under the charge of Mr. Smith, track inspector, presented that gentleman with a handsome tea and coffee set and a French clock under a glass shade, previous to his departure for the London division.—Fire protection is the all-important topic with Palmerstonians just at present. It is high time some system was adopted to lessen the danger of a repetition of the late disaster.—A number of brick stores will be erected this summer on the site of the recent fire.—On the 20th inst., the freeholders are to decide whether or no this town shall grant a bonus of $15,000 to the Georgian Bay & Wellington Railway scheme.—Mr. McDowell has purchased the interest of Mr. McBain in the grist mill.—Services in connection with the Baptist church will be held in the Palmerston town hall every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

HOWICK.

Scarlet fever is alarmingly prevalent in Gorrie. The last issue of the *Enterprise* says: "All the deaths in our paper this week are from this dreadful malady, and a great number are expected to succumb to it sooner or later, being now in a very low state."—A. J. McColl, Esq., of Brussels, has opened a law office in Wroxeter.—The Howick Mutual Fire Insurance Company is progressing. Seventy-five policies were issued during the past month, covering insurance to the amount of $71,400.—A new cheese factory has been erected and put in operation upon the farm of George Gregg, Esq., in the vicinity of Lakelet. The factory has been established upon a joint stock system.—The temperance cause is in a very prosperous condition in Wroxeter.—A base ball tournament is to be held in Wroxeter on Dominion day and the day following.

WALLACE.

The gravel road, north of Listowel, is now having a heavy coating of gravel laid upon it. Other roads in this vicinity also need improving in the same way.

POLITICAL.—The ratepayers of Wallace are very anxious to know when the general elections will come of, nearly all are unanimous in their determination to support their local C. C.; even the easy-going Teuton evinces an interest in the matter. They say that they have been deceived by parties from Listowel who call themselves "Reformers," and that they will give their worthy Reeve a chance.—COM.

GENERAL NEWS.

An Armstrong 100 ton gun costs $80,000.

A movement is on foot to supply Strathroy with gas.

The Wimbledon team leave for England on the 15th inst.

A grand Fireman's picnic is to be held in Strathroy early in July.

David Clapp, of Stratford, is a candidate for a Wellington school inspectorship.

Mr. T. C. McMurray, a widely known and highly respected citizen of Orangeville, died very suddenly on Wednesday last.

The ratepayers of Clinton, will on the 8th of June, vote on a by-law to raise $4,000 for the purchase of a steam fire engine.

The sentence of murder passed on Duncan McLeod at the late Huron assizes has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

PROLIFIC GEESE.—Mr. Geo. Masters of East Zorra has two geese which have laid this season already 84 eggs, and show no signs of stopping.

The exports of the United States during ten months ending April 30th, exceeded the imports by about two hundred and twenty-nine million dollars.

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the World, I. O. G. T., closed its annual session in Boston last week. The lodge meets at Liverpool next year.

WINGHAM.—A by-law for the purpose of buying a site for the market place was submitted and voted on last Monday, resulting in favor of the by-law by 28 votes.

The Hon. D. L. Macpherson, Senator of the Saugeen district, proposes addressing his constituents at Kincardine on Monday and Tuesday the 17th and 18th inst.

The manager of Baldwin's Theatre, San Francisco, has just closed an engagement with Rev. Henry Ward Beecher to deliver ten lectures in California for $10,000 and expenses.

BONUS CARRIED.—A by-law granting a bonus of $25,000 to the Georgian Bay and Wellington R. R. Co., was submitted to the ratepayers of Durham on Saturday and carried unanimously.

After July 1, two mails each way per day will be distributed along the line of the G. W. R. Heretofore, Harriston and Walkerton were the only points north of Fergus that received two mails daily.

The Pope is said to be physically unwell and mentally distressed by the opposition to the reforms he proposes. It is even stated that he contemplates resignation. The Jesuits and Cardinal Franchi are at loggerheads.

The Harriston cheese factory is now in full blast. They are manufacturing an average of fifteen cheese a day. This speaks well for the present management. Messrs. Eakins Brothers & Johnstone are the managers for the season.

Hon. Wilfred Dorion, Judge of the Superior Court of Quebec, and brother of Chief Justice Dorion, died suddenly at five o'clock Sunday evening in Montreal. He was on the street in his usual health on Saturday. He had been on the bench nearly three years.

The young man Farmer, the member of the Queen's Own who was shot in the face with a blank cartridge at the volunteer review at Montreal on the 24th is a native of Woodstock. His people reside there now. It is feared the injury to his sight will be permanent.

The Minister of Education has issued an explanation of the law relating to the use of the Bible in public schools. It may not be expounded, but the meaning of the words may be explained. Children whose parents object will not be compelled to take part in the lesson.

The first interment in the Stratford cemetary for five weeks took place on Saturday. This speaks well for the sanitary condition not only of Stratford, but the immediate vicinity, as Avondale cemetery is availed of to a considerable extent by residents of the surrrounding townships.

British Columbia had a general election for its Local Legislature, and the result is that the Opposition are victorious. The Premier is defeated—so is his Speaker. It is the general expectation that the Pacific Province will go solid for the Opposition in the Commons election.

The traffic receipts of the Great Western Railway for the week ending May 24th, 1878, were:— Passengers, $31,589.64; Freight and Live Stock, $48,943.86; mails and sundries, $2,682.84; Total, $83,136.34. Corresponding week of last year, $77,019.59. Increase $6,116,75.

The inquest as to the cause of the death of Timothy McCarthy, the Moncton tavernkeeper, alleged to have been murdered by the Osborne family at Shediac, was concluded on the 3rd inst., the jury disagreeing as to the guilt of the prisoners but agreeing that the deceased had been murdered. The inquest lasted three weeks.

ACCIDENT AND FORTUNATE ESCAPE.—On Sunday morning last, while early Mass was being celebrated in the R. C. Church, Galt, the large centre piece in the ceiling of the building fell with a crash on the seats below. Very fortunately, the seats were comparatively empty at the time, and only one or two worshipers received any injury.

PRIMITIVE METHODISM.—At the Primitive Methodist Conference, the following draft of stations for the Guelph district was read: Guelph, H. Harris; Peel, J. E. Lidstone; Hawkesville, T. Auger; Minto R. Hazzard; Brant, E. Crompton; Kincardine, J. W. Gilpin, one to be sent; Wingham, J. Smith; St. Helen's, T. Bryant; Arthur, A. Knapp; Gray, P. Flint.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT AT BLYTH.—Last Friday Thos. Seale, of Morris, entered the butcher shop of J. H. Thompson, to see him on some business about which they had disputed. Thompson dealt Seale a blow on the head with a meat axe, felling him to the floor, leaving a fearful gash over six inches long and an inch and a half deep, fracturing his skull. Dr. Carder dressed the wound.

Stratford goal has eleven prisoners, nine males and two females, committed—1 for contempt of court, 2 for larceny, 1 for wife-beating and 7 for vagrancy. The nationalities are:—Irish, 4; English, 1; American, 1; Scotch, 2; German, 1; Canadian, 1; French, 1. Governor Nicol utilizes their labor, and the county owes him an acknowledgement for the taste he has shown in beautifying the grounds that surround a most unsightly building.

THE TWELFTH IN MONTREAL.—Thursday a deputation comprising Ald. Tizard, Messrs. Edward F. Clarke, Joseph Campton, Alfred Medcalf and John Irwin waited on Premier Mackenzie in Toronto, to urge on him the necessity of protecting the Orangemen of Montreal in their parade on the 12th July. Mr. Mackenzie pointed out to the deputation that he had no power to call out the military for their protection without a requisition from the civic authorities.

THE POTATO BUG NUISANCE.—From what we can learn up to the present it would seem that potato bugs are likely to be as plentiful as ever this season. A farmer of large experience, who has thoroughly tested nearly every so-called potato bug exterminator known, pronounces the following the most effective that has been brought to the attention of the public:—Five pounds of copperas, five pounds quicklime, slacked, to which add twenty gallons of water and sprinkle the composition on the potato vines with a whisk broom. In every instance where tried it has been attended with the most excellent results.

REDUCTION IN THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY WORKSHOPS.—The Hamilton *Times* says: On Saturday some three hundred men in the Great Western workshops along the line were notified that their services, at all events for the present, would not be required, and the remainder were asked to choose whether they would accept a reduction of one-third wages or work four days in the week? They chose the latter alternative. It is stated that on each of the track sections a man has been dismissed, and that over the whole road the dismissals in all the departments will reach nearly four hundred persons. The engineer and carpenter shops in this city have been closed for the present.

For boots and shoes, ready-made clothing, and suits made to order, go to D. D, Campbell, next door to Scott's bank, Wallace street.

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

LONDON CHEESE MARKET.

At the cheese market on Saturday last, thirteen factories offered 3,808 boxes on the board. No sales were recorded, but it is more than probable that sales were made after hours, as was the case last week. Seven cents may be considered about the present value.

UTICA CHEESE MARKET.

June 3.—Eleven thousand boxes of cheese changed hands here to-day. Extreme prices, 7¼ to 8¼c; average 8c; leading, 8¼c. Thirty-nine hundred commission.

LITTLE FALLS CHEESE MARKET.

June 3.—The market is the dullest of the season. About 6,000 boxes of factory cheese were offered, for which there appeared no demand. Sales were made at 7½ to 8c. 7½ to 7¾c being the prevailing prices; some lots brought 8¼c; 470 boxes of farm cheese sold for 7c to 7½c, mostly at the latter figures. Butter, 16c to 19c, 18c to 19c being the ruling prices.

INGERSOLL CHEESE MARKET.

June 4.—Seventeen factories offered 5,075 boxes of May make. Several factories were represented, which did not register. No sales reported. Rumors of sales at 7c to 7¼c. Cable at 11.30 a. m. 48s; 1.30 p. m., 47s. 3d.

MONTREAL WOOL MARKET.

The business being done in wool here is trifling. The only movement reported at all is in Canada pulled, which is nominal at 25c to 26½c. The small demand for wool from manufacturers here is due to a considerable extent to the low price at which English shoddy goods are being laid down in the Canadian market. These have a flashy appearance and take the public eye, although not nearly so cheap in the long run as Canadian goods manufactured from material which will wear. Our manufacturers have been obliged to reduce their operations in cheap goods, and they consequently do not enter the wool market to the extent they formerly did. The low price of Canada wool has checked the consumption of foreign wools in which there is really no business being done. Cape is held at 17c and Abudia at from 17c to 17½c. Australia is simply nominal.—*Witness.*

THE CHEESE BUSINESS.—The very low price to which cheese has fallen has been the cause of much despondency among producers. It is evident that owing to the early appearance of spring weather, and the luxuriant state of the grass, a far larger quantity of cheese can be made this year than on any previous occasion. Yet owing to the price having fallen to seven cents there is little encouragement to go on with the enterprise. In this dilemma the suggestion comes that it would be well to cure at least one-third of the entire make to keep for the whole season. By this means the out-put would be restricted, while stocks would accumulate, and the price maintained in a manner which could not possibly be done if the large make of the season were to be forced upon an already glutted market. The continued favor which Canada cheese enjoys in the English markets is assuring as to the future, and it only requires a little union of purpose in withholding the entire product in the way spoken of in order to avoid something of the appearance of a "panic." The rapid growth of the population of Great Britain makes it a matter of certainty that the demand for Canadian dairy products must continue to increase, and at prices which will ensure an excellent profit to our producers. But as in every other enterprise, tact must be used in order to meet the exigencies which the market presents.—*London Free Press.*

Don't forget to call on D. D. Campbell in his new shop next door to Scott's bank, Wallace street.

Sam Carney, of Illinois being refused premission to visit Miss Cullentine, cut her throat, shot her, stabbed her mother, shot her father and wound up by cutting his own throat.

MORE PROTECTION.—The Medical Profession throughout the Province of Ontario are organizing an Association to protect themselves from the class of patients who go from one place to another and avoid paying their Physician when abundantly able so to do. The Physicians propose to report the names of such, which list will be printed and a copy furnished to each Physician, for mutual protection.

LISTOWEL MARKETS.

June 6, 1878.

Wheat, fall, per bush.,	$0 95	to 0 00
Wheat, spring, "	0 80	0 80
Barley, "	0 30	0 35
Peas, "	0 50	0 00
Oats, "	0 28	0 29
Potatoes, per cwt.,	3 00	0 00
Oatmeal, "	2 75	3 00
Cornmeal, "	2 00	2 25
Butter, per lb.,	0 12½	0 00
Eggs, per dozen,	0 09	0 00
Potatoes, per bush,	0 30	0 40
Beef, per cwt.,	4 00	5 00
Pork, per cwt.,	4 50	5 25
Wood, per cord, long,	1 50	2 00
Wood, " short,	1 00	0 00
Apples, per bag,	0 00	0 00
Hay, per ton,	7 00	8 00
Hides, per cwt.,	5 00	0 00
Sheepskins, each,	0 75	1 00
Wool, per lb,	0 21	0 22

STRATFORD MARKETS.
PER DOMINION LINE.

June 6, 1878.

Wheat, Red, per bush.,	$1 02	to 0 00
Wheat, spring, "	0 90	0 95
Barley, "	0 40	0 42
Peas, "	0 60	0 62
Oats, "	0 30	0 32
Flour, per brl	5 00	5 25
Potatoes, per bag,	0 75	0 85
Butter, per lb.,	0 11	0 12½
Eggs, per dozen,	0 08	0 09
Hides, per cwt.,	0 50	0 00
Hogs,	0 00	0 00
Hay, per ton,	8 00	9 00

TORONTO MARKETS.
PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGONS.

June 6, 1878.

Wheat, fall, per bush.,	$1 06	to 1 05
Wheat, spring, "	0 90	0 95
Barley, "	0 45	0 55
Oats, "	0 33	0 34
Peas, "	0 63	0 63
Rye, "	0 60	0 60
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs.,	5 50	6 00
Beef, hind qrs. "	0 00	0 00
Mutton, by carcase "	6 25	7 00
Butter, lb. rolls,	0 12	0 14
Butter, large rolls,	0 11	0 13
Butter, tub, dairy,	0 00	0 00
Eggs, fresh, per dozen,	0 10	0 11
Eggs, packed, "	0 00	0 00
Apples, per brl.,	0 00	0 00
Potatoes, per bag,	0 60	0 65
Hay, per ton,	11 00	17 00
Wool, per lb,	0 23	0 00

MITCHELL MARKETS.
PER DOMINION LINE.

June 6, 1878.

Wheat, fall, per bush.,	$1 00	to 1 05
Wheat, spring, "	0 85	0 90
Barley, "	0 40	0 45
Peas, "	0 55	0 58
Oats, "	0 30	0 31
Flour, per 100.,	2 50	2 75
Potatoes, per bag,	0 60	0 70
Butter, per lb.,	0 10	0 12
Eggs, per doz.,	0 08	0 09
Pork, per 100 lbs.,	0 00	0 00
Cheese, per lb,	0 00	0 00

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