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GODERICH, ONT., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1884.

McGILLICUDDY BROS. PUBLISHERS. $1.50 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

New Advertisements This Week.

Strayed—Samuel Piatt.
Dressmaking—Miss Haley.
To Debtors—Mrs. C. H. Girvin.
Harper's Bazar—Harper & Bros.
Wood Wanted—McGillicuddy Bros.
Came on the Premises—W. C. Potter.
Harper's Young People—Harper & Bros.
Piano Forte Tuning—Montagu Raymond.
Travelling Guide—Grand Trunk Railway.

Travelling Guide.

GRAND TRUNK

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Goderich	Lv.	7:00 a.m	12:20 p.m	3:15 p.m
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Goderich	Ar.	10:20 a.m	3:15 p.m	9:45 p.m

Dentistry.

M. NICHOLSON, L.D.S, SURGEON Dentist. Office and residence, West Street three doors below Bank of Montreal, Goderich 1752

The People's Column.

PIANO FORTE TUNING—MONTAGU RAYMOND, piano forte tuner, for MESSRS. MASON & RISCH, Toronto, also holding certificate from JNO. BROADWOOD & SONS, London, Eng., will be in town next week, to tune and repair pianos. Orders will receive attention on his arrival, if left at WHITELY'S drug store, or at this office. 1971-

DRESSMAKING—CHANGE OF BUSINESS—The undersigned has purchased the business carried on by Miss MORRIS, cor. North street and Square, and hopes, by turning out strictly first-class work, at reasonable prices, to merit the continuance of the patronage so generously accorded to Miss M. by the ladies of Goderich and vicinity.
1971-1t MISS HALEY.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS.
All accounts on my books not settled by the 18th December, will be placed in the hands of a solicitor for collection, as I wish to close the business shortly after that date.
1971-3t MRS. C. H. GIRVIN.

WOOD WANTED—OFFERS WILL be received at this office up to Dec. 13th, 1884, for fifteen cords of wood—ten dry and five green, to be delivered during the months of December and January. McGILLICUDDY BROS.

FURNITURE SALE—1 DINING table, 2 sideboards, 1 bookcase, 2 chandeliers, dinner set, and other articles, at SMAILL'S Auction Mart. Cheap for cash. 1970-2

LOST—ABOUT THE LATTER PART of September, a note for $30, made by Samuel Burke, in favor of George A. Masson or order. The public are hereby cautioned against negotiating said note, as payment has been stopped. THOMAS YOUNG, agent, Goderich, Ont. 1970-4t

NOTICE—THE COUNCIL OF THE Corporation, of the County of Huron, will meet in the Court House, in the town of Goderich, on Tuesday, the 2nd of December, next. All accounts against the Council, must be presented before the second day of meeting. PETER ADAMSON, Co. Clerk. 1970-2t

GODERICH HIGH SCHOOL.
The next entrance examination will be held at Goderich and Exeter, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 23rd and 24th of Dec. Candidates must notify the Inspector or Head Master not later than the 1st of Dec. For further information apply to H. I. STRANG, Head Master.
1970-2t

NOTICE—ALL PERSONS INDEBTED to the estate of the late Henry Cooke by note or book account, are hereby notified to call and pay the same at once. All persons who have claims against said ertate are requested to forward them to the undersigned or payment.
1963-tf HENRY DEACON.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT GEORGE BRANFORD COX, of the Town of Goderich, in the County of Huron, and Province of Ontario, Gentleman, will apply to the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, at the next session thereof, for a Bill of Divorce from his wife, EMILY COX, formerly of the said Town of Goderich, but now of California, in the United States of America, on the grounds of adultery and desertion.
Dated at the said Town of Goderich, this 23rd day of August, A. D., 1884.
CAMERON, HOLT & CAMERON, Solicitors for the said Petitioner, GEORGE BRANFORD COX. 1958-6m

Strayed Animals.

STRAYED FROM THE MAITLAND falls reserve pasturage:—1 steer, 2 years old, red, with white spots on face and body, very heavy horns, wide spread. Also, 1 heifer, 1 year old, red, with white spot on face, and a good deal of white on body. Also, 1 heifer, 1 year old, dark red, small. Information leading to their recovery will be rewarded by SAMUEL PLATT. 1971-4t

CAME ON THE PREMISES OF W. C. POTTER, lot 8, con 10, Colborne, about the 1st of Nov., a yearling heifer, red, with white on belly. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expences, and take her away. 1971-4t

SHEEP STRAYED—STRAYED from the premises of subscriber, on or about the 22nd of October, 14 sheep—9 ewes and five ewe lambs—all white. Information leading to their recovery will be suitably rewarded. JOHN McLEAN, Dungannon. 1970-2t

HEIFER STRAYED—FROM THE premises of Drysdale and Imrie's farm, Huron road, on or about the 1st of September, a red yearling heifer with horns turned in. Information leading to its recovery will be suitably rewarded, by William Bullman, Goderich. 1969-2m

CAME ON THE PREMISES OF the subscriber, about the 1st of August, a red steer about a year old. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses, and take it away. Address, D. LAWSON, Dunlop, P. O. 1969-4t

Auctioneering.

H. W. BALL, AUCTIONEER FOR the County of Huron. Sales attended in any part of the County. Address orders to Goderich P. O. 1885.

JOHN KNOX, GENERAL AUCTIONEER and Land Valuator, Goderich, Ont. Having had considerable experience in the auctioneering trade, he is in a position to discharge with thorough satisfaction all commissions entrusted to him. Order's left at Martin's Hotel, or sent by mail to my address, Goderich P. O., carefully attended to. JOHN KNOX County Auctioneer. 1887-tf

INSURANCE CARD.
BRITISH ASS. CO'Y, TORONTO—Established 1833
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Risks taken in the above first-class Office at the lowest rates by HORACE HORTON.
The undersigned is also Appraiser of the CANADA PER. LOAN AND SAVINGS CO. of TORONTO.
Money to Loan on first-class security, from 7 to 8 per Cent.—Charges moderate.
HORACE HORTON
Goderich Sept. 10, 1880

For Sale or to Let.

FOR SALE OR TO LET—THE house and two lots situated on the corner of Britannia road and Gibbons street, Goderich. The house is in first-class repair, contains eight rooms, closets, pantry and cellar, while the garden is well stocked with the choicest fruit, including apples, pears, peaches, plums, grapes, currants and gooseberries. Apply on the premises or address, W. R. MILLER, Goderich, P. O.

FARM TO LET—FOR A TERM OF years, Lot (5) five, in the Maitland concession, of the Township of Goderich, apply by letter to J. S. LIZARS, Stratford. 1960-tf

FARM FOR SALE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HULLETT—The administrator, of the Estate of the late Simon Shetler, offers for sale, the East Half of Lot Number thirty-eight, in the 12th concession of the Township of Hullett, containing 50 acres, about 40 acres of which is cleared, the balance 10 acres, hard wood timber. Frame dwelling house. It is about 4½ miles from the village of Londesboro, and about 6 miles from the village of Blyth, both on the London, Huron and Bruce Railway. There will be 10 acres of fall whea sown on the farm.
For further particulars apply to GEO. C. WOOD, Administrator, Lot 33, Con. 11, Hullet, or to Londesboro P. O., Ont.
P. S.—The other half of said Lot, also can be bought at the same time, for this apply to ABRAHAM SHETLER, Londesboro P. O.
Hullett, 11th Sept., 1884. 1950-

FARMS FOR SALE—LOTS 8 AND 9, first concession, township of Goderich, two beautiful farms adjoining, containing in all 279 acres; about 2½ miles from Goderich, on Lake Huron; well watered. A. M. SMITH, London, Ont. 1948-tf

Medical.

T. E. CASE, M.D., C.M., M.C.P.S., Ont. Physician, Surgeon, Accoucheur, &c. Office—That formerly occupied by Dr. Hutchinson) Dungannon. Night office—Martin's hotel. 1931-

J. B. WHITELY, M.D., C.M., PHYSICIAN, Surgeon, Accoucheur, etc., M. C.P.S., Ontario. Office—The Square, 2 doors East of Wilson's Drug Store, up stairs. 1963t

DR. McLEAN, PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, Coroner, &c. Office and residence Bruce Street, second door west of Victoria Street. 1751.

H. G. MACKID, M. D., PHYSICIAN, Surgeon and Accoucher, Graduate of Toronto University. Office opposite Cameron & Cameron's Bank, Lucknow. If not in office, enquire at the Bank. 1762-y.

DRS. SHANNON & HAMILTON, Physicians, Surgeons, Accouchers, &c. office at Dr. Shannon's residence, near the gaol Goderich. G. C. SHANNON, J. C. HAMILTON 1751.

Legal.

SEAGER & LEWIS, BARRISTERS, Goderich.
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R. C. HAYES, SOLICITOR &c., Office corner of the square and West street, Goderich, over Butler's bookstore. money to lend at lowest rates of interest.

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CAMERON, HOLT & CAMERON, Barristers, Solicitors in Chancery, &c. Goderich and Wingham. M. C. Cameron, Q. C. P. Holt, M. G. Cameron, Goderich. W. E. Macara, Wingham. 1751.

Loans and Insurance.

WE ARE LENDING MONEY AT 6 (six) per cent. Private funds.
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Goderich, April 17th, 1884. 1939

$500,000 TO LOAN. APPLY TO CAMERON HOLT & CAMERON, Goderich. 1759.

MONEY TO LEND.—PRIVATE funds—on freehold security. Apply to Geo. Swanson, Goderich. 1876-6m.

MONEY TO LEND.—A LARGE amount of Private Funds for investment at lowest rates on first-class Mortgages. Apply to GARROW & PROUDFOOT.

$20,000 PRIVATE FUNDS TO LEND on Farm and Town Property at lowest interest. Mortgages purchased, no Commission charged. Conveyancing Fees reasonable. N. B.—Borrowers can obtain money in one day if title is satisfactory.—DAVISON & JOHNSTON Barristers, &c., Goderich. 1751

R. RADCLIFFE, FIRE, MARINE, Life and Accident Insurance Agent. Representing first-class Companies. Also agent for the CANADA LIVE STOCK INSURANCE Co. Money to lend on Mortgage, either in Town or Farm Property, in any way to suit the borrower. Office—(up-stairs) Kay's block Goderich

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To lend on farm and town property, at lowest interest. Mortgages purchased. No commission charged agents for the Trust and Loan Company of Canada, the Canada Landed Credit Company, the London Loan Company of Canada. Interest, 6, 6½ and 7 per cent.
N. B.—Borrowers can obtain money in one day, if title satisfactory.
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THE TORONTO GENERAL TRUSTS CO'Y are prepared to loan money at 6 per cent., payable half yearly, on
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Agents for the Toronto General Trusts Co'y.
Messrs. CAMERON, HOLT & CAMERON have also a large amount of private funds to loan on first-class farm security.
Goderich, Oct. 4, 1883. 1911-tf

Bishop Baldwin's Coming.

The Lord Bishop of Huron will preach in St. George's church on Sunday next, both morning and evening, at the usual hours of eleven and seven. During the morning service he will administer the rite of confirmation to thirty-two candidates. The seats in the church will be entirely free, and strangers heartily welcomed. There will be a collection at the close of each service, which will be devoted to the church building fund. Several hundred copies of the evening service are being printed in pamphlet form, and will be distributed among strangers, so that all may join heartily in the service. On Monday evening next at 8 o'clock, the congregation purpose holding a reception to his Lordship and Mrs. Baldwin in the school house. Special invitations have been issued to all the clergy, and the members of the press. Owing to limited accommodation it was found impossible to make this reception as general as was desired.

NEWS ABOUT HOME.

"A chiel's amang ye, takin' notes
An' faith he'll prent it."

TOWN TOPICS.

FARMERS ATTENTION.—Wanted at the Goderich tannery, hides, furs and skins, for which we will pay the highest cash price. W. F. & A. SMITH.

The question which is now agitating the minds of the people is, "Will the snow stay?" There is no second opinion expressed as to the staying qualities of R. Sallows, the people's photographer.

The georgeous sunset on Wednesday evening presented a beautiful picture to the student of nature, but if the student of art wants to see a fine picture, he should get a photo taken at G. B. Robson's studio.

Old Boreas' blustering breezes have no terrors for the man who gets his overcoat made at F. & A. Pridham's the fashionable tailors. Good material, good shapes, and good fits, are what they pride themselves upon.

Remember that Armstrongs keep first-class small iron pumps for sinks, drive-well pumps for gravelly soil, which require no well digging, Iron force pumps, and one of the best wooden suction pumps (hydraulic tested) in the Dominion; also cheap fanning mills, fanning mill sieves, cutting boxes, wheel-barrows, sinks, all kinds of tubing, etc. Custom logs bored; turning, woodwork and repairing done.

Wm. Johnston, tailor, is now in Exeter.

Engineer Wright now runs from Goderich to Toronto.

James Robinson has been visiting friends in Bright.

Miss Lizzie Dickson returned on Tuesday from London.

The Division Court will be held in Goderich on Monday next.

Miss Bertha Trainor left on Tuesday, to reside with her brothers in Chicago.

Mr. DePeudry has been confined to his house for several days by a severe cold.

Will Reid arrived from the north-west last week, on a short visit to friends here.

Rev. Fr. Lotz, of St. Peter's was recently called away by the serious illness of his father.

The merry jingle of the sleigh bell was heard in town on Tuesday for the first time this season.

Mrs. Ledrut, of Bay City, and three children are the guests of Elijah Moore, Mrs. L.'s father.

Ogilvie & Co. are to purchase two million and a half bushels of wheat in the Northwest this season.

Miss Haley has purchased the Dressmaking business, so extensively carried on by Miss Morris. See adv't.

Owing to the alleged mismanagement of the Hensall Salt Co. the works are now in the hands of the sheriff.

There were no services in St. Peter's church on Sunday last, owing to the absence of Fr. Watters in Hullett.

The Schooner M. S. Gordon with a cargo of fish from the fishing islands arrived in port on Saturday evening.

The tow barge Victor with coal for the Big Mill and Wm. Lee, was towed into harbor by the tug Jessie last Saturday.

Rev. T. M. Campbell preached missionary sermons in Owen Sound on Sunday last. He arrived home on Wednesday.

PIANO TUNING.—Montagu Raymond, piano tuner for Mason & Risch, Toronto, will be in town next week. See advertisement.

Major D. H. Allan returned to the Queen city on Monday. The gallant Major is one of the most pleasant of companions.

The Allan line winter sailings from Halifax have commenced. Full particulars are given in the advt. which appears in another column.

A. M. Polley shipped a carload of splendid heavy horses to Philadelphia on Monday. The veteran horseman accompanied the consignment.

The propeller Myles left on Thursday with 4,000 barrels of salt, for river and Lake Erie ports, consigned by Salt Association and Wm. Campbell.

Clinton is still imitating Goderich. It has now a horticultural society. We are glad to see that the people of Mudville are cultivating a taste for the beautiful.

Rev. James McLachlan, Methodist missionary at Victoria, N. W. T., returned to his home on the plains last Friday. At least he began the long journey on that day.

Miss Lawrence, who for some time taught in St. Patrick's ward school, but who was released from her engagement last spring, died in Hamilton recently of brain fever.

R. Crockett, the well-known artist who conducted classes here last spring and summer, will re-open a class shortly after New Years, of which further notice will be given.

An action for seduction, Kidd vs Ferguson, at the Brandon Autumn Assizes, resulted in a verdict of $160 for plaintiff. Both parties emigrated from Huron county.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Logan have returned from their wedding trip, and will be the guests of Mr. A. Kirkbride for a short time, and then leave for their Stratford home.

Capt. Ed. McGregor has arrived in town, where he will probably spend the winter. We understand that he has sold his business in Port Arthur, and will take a relaxation from mercantile cares.

TAMSUI CAPTURED.—The friends of Rev. Dr. McKay and Rev. John Jamieson, formerly of Goderich, will hear with anxiety that the French have bombarded and captured Tamsui, where the Canadian missionaries have their head quarters. Particulars are not yet to hand, but until further news comes we will hope for the best, as the British flag will shield them from personal harm.

John McKay, fisherman, of Goderich, has been appointed keeper of the new revolving light at present in course of construction on Lyel Island, near Stoke's Bay, at a salary of $450 a year. The island is four miles from shore.

We regret to learn that A. Hodge, the well-known lumber dealer of Lucknow, formerly of Dunlop, slipped one day last week, and had one of his legs broken. His niece, Miss Hodge, of Goderich, is now in Lucknow attending him.

The School Board will meet on Monday next. It is believed that the wrangle on the matter of inspections and promotions will be finally settled. The question will, we understand, be decided on the basis of a communication from the Education Department.

THE WORLD'S EXPOSITION.—We have received from New Orleans lithographs of the buildings which have been erected at immense cost for holding the World's Exposition which opens December 19th next. The pictures may be seen at our office. They are worth inspection.

The elevator of the big mill was badly damaged last week, but a force of men were at once set to work, and on Saturday the unloading of the propellor Miles was begun, the job being completed by Monday. The Miles had arrived on Thursday with 33,000 bushels of wheat.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Ronald, of Brussels, is now negotiating with the cities of Rome and Florence in Italy for the furnishing to them of his celebrated fire steamers in order to give them effective, powerful and modern fire apparatus, which they do not possess at present.

Shooting peas in the faces of people is a favorite diversion of the street youths of the present day. It will interest some of them to know that a lad named Joe Wilson, of Brantford, was fined $2 and costs or twenty days in jail, for assaulting a lady in the manner described. The youth went down.

Rev. Dr. Williams, St. Catherines, formerly of Goderich, and Rev. Dr. Gardner, Princeton, will represent the Canadian Methodist Church at the Centennial Methodist Conference at Baltimore. The doctor has been invited to the pastorate of Norfolk street, Methodist church, Guelph, for next year.

STRAYED.—The law requires that every person who takes in a stray animal must notify the township clerk of his municipality of the fact, in addition to advertising it, giving as minute a description of the animal as possible. The clerk is required to keep a list of all such animals. Persons failing to comply with this provision of the law, lay themselves subject to a heavy penalty, and besides cannot collect expenses for keeping, etc. $1 pays for the advt. in THE SIGNAL for a month.

Mrs Cathcart, mother of A. Cathcart and Mrs. J. E. Edwards, and for over thirty years a resident of Goderich, died in Jersey city, N. J., during a visit to her daughters. The remains arrived here by rail, and the funeral took place from the M. E. Church, of which she had been a member for over a quarter of a century. The church was draped in mourning. The body was accompanied by her daughters Mrs. W. Lyons and Mrs. D. Campbell and by Mr. Campbell, of Jersey City.

THE TEACHERS' RESERVE.—Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, has stated that the question of superannuation of school teachers will be re-considered at the ensuing session of the Local Legislature. It was proposed to make the payment of the sum ($4 annually) no longer compulsory, and to raise the amount of subscription for those (male) teachers, who still wished to take advantage of the superannuation which would require them to teach until they are sixty years of age. Those who have paid in, and do not wish to continue, will not get a refund of what they have paid. As the law now stands, teachers who send in their certificates will receive one-half the amount of their subscriptions without interest.

DR. MAY'S LECTURES.—We are sorry to say that the lectures with chemical experiments, given under the auspices of the Mechanics' Institute, by Dr. May, of the Education Department, were poorly attended. There was a small turn out on the first (free) night, and on the second night the price of admission scared all but forty from attending. The experiments were interesting, and the practical nature of some of them had an attraction for young and old. The doctor has some original views on the question of ventilation, which appears to be his hobby, and his diagrams were examined with much interest. His analysis of Goderich water was hurried and necessarily incomplete, but with the exception of one specimen secured beforehand by the lecturer, no very bad water was found among the half dozen samples analysed. The "manikin" exhibited was deserving of and received close study, as the doctor took the members of the "human form divine" apart. The lectures certainly deserved a larger audience, and the Government should continue them until such time as the people are educated up to a keener appreciation of a popular science course. During the evening Dr. May made a very eulogistic reference to two Goderich gentlemen, George Rice and S. P. Halls, who, the speaker said, were each able to successfully conduct a lecture on chemistry with appropriate and popular experiments. Although the audiences were not large, the doctor said that in Goderich he had found more scientific knowledge on the part of the directors, etc., of the institute than in any other town in the province.

MODEL SCHOOL EXAMS.—The county inspectors will examine the model class at Clinton on Tuesday and Wednesday next on the practice of teaching, and Goderich class will be examined on Thursday and Friday. The written examination takes place on the 8th and 9th of December all over the province.

The Goderich High School Literary Society, held its usual meeting on Friday evening last. The following was the programme:—Reading, Miss M. Strachan; Solo, Miss J. Thompson; Reading, Mr. J. Swanson; Duett, Misses Yates & Noble; Editress Selections, Miss Wiggins; Reading, Mr. S. P. Halls.

LOOK AT YOUR LABEL.—The little yellow address label on this paper will show you at a glance up to what date you have paid for THE SIGNAL. If you are behind, an immediate settlement is requested. We will charge only the regular cash rate of $1.50 a year to all in arrears who will square up at once. If we have to go to the trouble of a personal dun the credit price of $2.00 per annum will be charged. We give our subscribers in arrears a fair chance. Be wise, ye who have fallen behind, and pay up at once.

SELL YOUR WHEAT.—The Monetary *Times* says:—"There is nothing in the future outlook of wheat to affect prices this year; and low prices must almost certainly continue as the result of a superabundant if not unprecedented crop. Farmers are naturally suspicious of advice tendered to them by outside parties to sell; but that advice may with a good conscience and without the ingredient of a sinister motive now be given. We are firmly convinced that the farmers have nothing to gain by holding back their wheat; for though the price is unprecedently low, there are good reasons why it has fallen to the present level."

THE SUN AND THE COMING WINTER.—Judging from present indications of the activity of solar storms, says the Rochester *Democrat's* astronomer, the coming winter will greatly resemble last winter, although the changes will be less violent, and the severe storms less in number. During last winter there were hurricanes which did a great deal of damage. The sun storms which produced them were of great energy. But there has been a gradual slackening of the energy of these disturbances since last April, and there are evidences that we are gradually approaching a minimum period of solar activity. During minimum periods great sun storms occur, but at longer intervals.

ITS WEIGHT IN GOLD.—The aggregate production of gold in the United States of America, up to June, 1883, we have just been told on the authority of the *Times*, was 78,965,572 troy ounces. When we saw this particular weight of gold given as the accumulation of all preceding years, we were at once struck with the remarkable approximation of the weight given to what had just come to our knowledge was the output of Cocoa in this country by one firm (James Epps & Co.) for one year only, the last twelve-month, it being 86,403,333 troy ounces, or 2,645 avoirdupois tons, and, on the moment, we could not withstand recalling to mind the old adage—"Worth its Weight in Gold."

Literary Notes.

Canadian Methodist Magazine for December 1884.—Price $2 a year; $1 for six months; 20 cents per number. For sale at all book stores.

This number completes the 20th Volume of this popular monthly. It exhibits increasing vigour and progressive spirit. Its illustrated articles are Lady Brassey's "Voyage of the Sunbeam" (concluded); Dr. Meacham's "Sketches in Japan;" Dr. Withrow's "Francis Asbury," a Centennial Paper—a graphic account of a Pioneer Methodist Bishop, who travelled 300,000 miles, and crossed the Alleghanies sixty times, on $64 a year; and the New Orleans World's Fair, with 27 engravings in all. Miss Carnochan's excellent Paper on "The Carlyles" discusses what is again a live topic. The most striking article is that by Prof. Foster, M. P.—"The Temperance Question—What, and What Next?" He urges the passage of the Scott Act wherever possible, and the taking of a "Yes" or "No" vote of the people on the question of Total Prohibition. He considers the Government already pledged to give effect to the wish of the majority.

The exceptional success of the Christmas number of *Harper's Magazine* last year has led the editor and publishers to attempt this year to disappoint the public agreeably by giving them a still finer number. Announcement is made that the coming December issue will contain no less than six separately printed plates, besides several other full-page illustrations, the frontispiece being a reproduction, in the highest art of the wood engraver, of the charming picture of "The Boy Jesus in the Temple," by Professor Hofmann, of Dresden, one of the chief contributions of modern painting to religious art. The engraving is the work of W. B. Closson, from whose graver comes also in the same issue a reproduction of the "Flora" of Titian. The literary and artistic contents otherwise furnish an extraordinary and delightful variety of sketch, story, poetry, art, and music; while in the Easy Chair Mr. Curtis writes of "John Bull and Brother Jonathan at the Christmas Fireside;" and in the Drawer Mr. Warner has a pleasant prefatory word as to "The Universal Christmas Feast."

The Catholics of Windsor netted $800 by their bazaar last week.

COMMUNICATIONS.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents. Contributers to this department must confine themselves to public questions, and be brief.

Mr. Russell's Reply.

To the Editor of The Huron Signal

SIR,—In your issue of the 21st Nov., in an article called "A peculiar case before a church court in Goderich," permit me to correct a few inaccuracies. I charged Mr. Allan as being the writer of the smelting works letter on the following basis: 1st. The similarity of the handwriting of the smelting works letter and other two written in Allan's office, and others I have both finance and commerce pay a tribute to this. 2d. Allan's conduct to me, and himself on the great, the eventful day of the 6th of May, 1884. 3d. J. Shephard told me he would rather than $50 than he had not given Mr. Allan my charge on that day. 4th. Allan's inability to meet our joint friends on that day in his office as per charge. 5th. Shephard offering $100 to Hillier if he would deliver a letter to Allan in the curling rink, and say it was from me. 6th. The preposition in the session to burn said letters, marked 1, 2, 3. 7th. Said letters are now held by Dr. Ure or Mr. J. R. Miller, and against my right. 8th. Hillier's private examination. 9th. My inability to get from the Toronto P.O. my two answers to the smelting works letter, which proves confederacy and conspiracy against my purse and person, and that the smelting works letter was a fraud, a gross, vile, wicked insult to me and the leading citizens of Goderich and its municipality. With this proof, I would sign no papers as requested, and would not offer any apology to Mr. Allan in view of the cumulative evidence I hold against him. I have great respect, sir, for the gentlemen who were blamed as the writers of the Sherwood letter, including F. W. Johnston, Esq., Messrs. McGillicuddy, editors of SIGNAL, Mr. Campbell, town clerk, and myself, as a step to municipal or school board honors. As the session has not heard the evidence yet of Messrs. Johnston and Campball, or from Toronto P. O., the case was to be taken to to the next church court at Blyth. And I positively declined on the 19th November, and do now to make any apology to Mr. Allan, or clear him of the charge I made against him, as being the writer of the Sherwood letter. Under these circumstances I care no more for the censure of Knox church session, which was without a name, than I do for a snow-flake. This closes newspaper correspondence on the above. With thanks for your space, I remain a co-worker with God for justice and truth,

JOHN RUSSELL.

Goderich, Nov. 27th, 1884.

Rev. A. Andrews, S. S. Agent.

The visit of the above named gentleman, who came to Goderich under the auspices of the Conference of the Methodist church, was a profitable one to those who heard him. On Saturday evening Mr. Andrews had a practical chat with teachers in the lecture room of North Street church, and on Sunday he preached sermons in the churches. His discourse in the evening was a masterly one on "Christian Evidences." He spoke for an hour and a quarter, and kept the interest of his hearers until the close. The following is the outline of the sermon:

I. The Book is adapted to the race in its revelation of 1, God, 2, law, 3, destiny.

II. The acceptance given to this Book. 1. In early times. 2. Continuously. 3. Widening with the spread of Christianity and the increase of the race.

III. The characteristics—1. Variety, history, poetry, prophecy, biography, epistles, etc. 2. Harmony among its various writers. 3. Unity—a progressive revelation, the general theme, redemption.

IV. Harmony with existing localities and institutions.

V. Fulfilment of prophecy.

VI. The person and character of Christ.

VII. The candor of its writers in reporting things unfavorable to themselves, as well as favorable.

VIII. The purity of its teaching.

IX. The influence and effects upon mankind.

X. The experience of its numerous believers and followers.

On Monday evening he spoke to S. S. workers. He traced the development of the Sunday school idea, and afterwards described the tabernacle, as well as answering in a pointed and witty fashion some questions on practical work put to him by teachers present. He was helped during the evening by colored illustrations printed on linen. As the diagrams were spead out illustrative of the scenes of ignorance and rowdyism that moved the heart of R. Raikes, of Gloucester, to institute the Sabbath School 100 years ago, the dame who became his willing servant for a small premium to teach as many children as gathered, the ark containing the law, pot of manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, the High Priest in Pontifical robes,—the shew bread, the priest, washing the feet ere they proceeded to sacrificial offering, and a variety of other scenery in connection with the tabernacle and its worship,—all realized how greatly the skill of the artist aids the mind in realizing scenes of ancient time, and the advantage of illustrative teaching. A chronological chart, devised by Mr. Andrews, should be in every Sunday school.

The regular meeting of the town council will be held on Friday next.