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Shelph, F b. 18, 1868. SMITH & BOTSEORD.

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NEW LAW OFFICE.

McLAGAN & INNES, Publishers. expenditure, but to warrant him in en-OFFICE-Macdonnell Street, East of the Golden larging. With all sincerity we wish

> has been received from the Leonard Scott Publishing Co., New York. The contents are very attractive, and are as follows: Dangers of Democracy; Physiological Psychology; Two Temporal Powers; The Church in Scotland; Extradition The Origin of Electricity; Indian Wor thies; The Abyssinian Difficulty; The Land Tenures of British India; Contemporary Literature. For sale at the book-

THE ROCKWOOD CASE.-Mr. John Mc-LUNCHEON! Leod, merchant, Rockwood, who was on Saturday last arrested on a capius at the instance of a wholesale house in Montreal, was released on Monday. There is now a fair prospect that his affairs, which at time assumed an ugly appearance, will be satisfactorily settled. made an assignment, and we understand that the creditors are willing that the estate should be wound up as speedily as possible and a composition made with Mr. McLeod.

THE AGRICULTURAL BANK .-- A meeting was held in Hamilton, on the afternoon of last Saturday, to take into con sideration the means to be adopted for the organization of the new Agricultural Bank. A resolution was carried to limit the subscribed capital of the Bank in the first instance to \$250,000, in shares of \$50 each; but that power be obtained to increase the amount, as the legitimate ex-Barber SHOP.

IN THE BASEMENT OF

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STOCK SALES.—Mr. John Grieve last week bought a thorough-bred two year old heifer from Mr. J. Parkinson for \$116. A few days ago Mr. Joseph Kirby, near Milton, bought the through-bred young bull "Braedalbane"—eleven months old—from Arch'd Campbell, Esq., Warden of the County of Halton, for \$100. His girt round the heart is five feet ten inches. Mr. Wm Caulfield, of lot 18, concession S. Egremont, has procured at considerable expense a thorough bred Hereford bull, from the herd of Mr. F. W. Stone. This is the first of this fine breed, we believe, which has been brought north of the Grand River.

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Y Goods are all made of the best material, and under any over supervision, and having no class, and paper to first to the Chamber on Tuesday for organization, Wholesale Purchasers

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SMITH & BOTSEORD.

Chamber on Tuesday for organization, the Secretary, Rev. Mr. Torrance, presiding. Edwin Newton, Esq., was appointed to Chairman, and Rev. Mr. Torrance, Secretary. The first half yearly examination of teachers was fixed to commence on the 26th of May. Moved by the Rev. Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Innes, and resolved, that a committee be appointed to consider the whole subject of admission of pupils to the Grammar School, and report to the Board at its next meeting, the committee Ball, seconded by Mr. Innes, and resolved, that a committee be appointed to consider the whole subject of admission of pupils to the Grammar School, and report to the Board at its next meeting, the committee to consist of Mr. Peterson, the chairman, Rev. Messrs. Torrance, Kilgour and the mover. The Secretary was instructed to purchase for the use of the Board a complete set of the new national series of school books, and a copy of the national mensuration. The Board then adjourned.

Sabbath School Soiree.

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Just as I am, without one plea, b. Lamb of God I come to Thee." Wm. Weir was the last speaker, ot by any means the least. He kept but not by any means the least. He kept the audience in laughter at his "odds and ends," and upon drawing his speech to a close made some excellent suggestions in reference to the selection of books that should be made in order to of books that should be made in order to have a proper effect upon the minds of children of tender years. Mr. James Ferguson and Mr. P. Waterson brought the proceedings to a close by each delivering in excellent style appropriate recitations. The Cheir sang many beautiful pieces at intervals during the evening, and enhanced the interest in the meeting very much by their presence. Votes of thanks were proposed to the choir, chairman and the speakers, and after singing the National Anthem, the benediction was pronounced and one of the most pleasant meetings we have ever attended dispersed at about 11 o'clock, all being highly satisfied with the evening's entertainment. The proceeds netted about \$40.

To the Editor of the Mercury

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Sim—From a reliable source I have heard that it is the intention of our worthly Professor and now also assistant Commissioner of Agriculture, Mr Buckland, to pull up at Guelph for a day or two on his return from Huron next Saturday, for the purpose, if agreeable to the farmers of Wellington, of having communion with them on agricultural matters.

Now, Sir, it strikes me that the sooner this intelligence is publicly made known to my brother farm rs the better, as it will give them the opportunity of making arrangements to be present on such an interesting occasion. And as the much and justly respected, worthy Professor has, as I have read and heard, been received in those counties where he has, for a length of time, ocen lecturing, with the utmost cordiality and friendly hospitality. I trust the farmers of Wellington will not be behind had in extending the right hand of fellowship and hearty welcome which his undisputed worth, zeal, and position justly entitle him to, and which

Police Court.

BRUSHES. Cloth, Hat, Hair, Tooth, and Bath Brusbes.

JOHN HORSMAN.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Mr. Lander presented a report from the select committee appointed to inquire into the affairs of the Toronto General Hospital. The committee suggest that, in the event of a Parliamentary grant being made to the institution, the city of Toronto should contribute to such an extent and with such permanence as would seem to to should contribute to such an extent and with such permanence as would seem to be consistent with the special local advantages which that city obtains from the Hospital, and they are inclined to recommend that the Parliamentary grant should to some degree be made dependent upon such local contributions.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Hon Mr. Wood then made his financial statement. The estimated revenue of the Province of Ontario was made up as follows:—First there was the subsidy from the Dominion Exchequer of \$80,000 per annum; and 80 cents per head on the population of the Province according to the census of 1861. amounting annually to \$1,116,872.80; the two sums making together \$1,196,872.80. From Crown Lands the estimated revenue was \$745.064, which after deducting from this receipts on account of special funds, such as common and grammar school funds, would leave \$418,447. In addition to these, there were certain small revenues which did not vary much from year to year, judging from the Public Accounts for several years back. Education, \$26,010; Provincial Lunatic Asylum, \$4,500; Malden Asylum, \$400; Or Jila do., \$200; Reformatory, Penetanguishene, \$800; fines and forfeitures, \$2,770; tavern licenses, which were estimated at the amount received last year, deducting 10 per cent. for the collection, \$20,250. He did not include law stamps, as no revenue could be counted upon from that source, Taking these sums together, they gave a clear revenue, not subject to any doubt or contingency, of \$1,853,639.91. In this estimate, the Government, it would be observed, had entirely set aside any account of trust and special funds peculiarly belonging to Upper Canada. Deducting the estimated expenditure for the current year, and balancing up the account for the past half year, there would be about half a million of surplus. It was the intention of the Government, as already announced by the Premier, to bring down some supplementary estimates, but even allowing for these, there would still be a surplus of half a million on the statement he had now made.

But the statement he had given thus far, was the most unfavouable statement that could be made of the public revenue of the Province. The test three was the Common School Fund, the amount at the credit of which on the 31st 10 centred last, amounted to \$35,223 00, but of here

another source of revenue, which we had a right to take into consideration as belonging beyond question to Ontario—the revenue derived from Marriage Licenses, and amounting to \$24,000 per annum. This belonged in a two-fold sense to Upper Canada. It was a fund peculiarly derivable from Upper Canada, and by an Act of Parliament it was made to feed the Upper Canada Building Fund. Then, as regarded the revenue derivable from the Crown Lands Department, it would be observed that in the printed estimate, the special funds were excluded. The total estimate was \$745,004; deducting the suspense account of \$50,679, but leaving the special funds there remained \$694,385. Then there were the receipts from the Educational Department, the Lunatic Asylum, &c., which he had already enumerated, as found in the printed estimate, amounting to \$55,130, to which had to be added fees on Private Bills, and in Secretary and Ingistrar's office of \$3,000. The estimate of revenue would then stand thus:

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 Fees on Private Bills, &c.,
 3,000 00

 Subsidy.
 1,196,872 80

Total Revenue ... \$2, 194,141 90 He would now proceed to state to the House what he conceived to be the ordinary expenditure of the Government, and taking that from the estimated revenue, would show what margin remained for other purposes. The estimate for civil Government for the current year was \$174,683.29; of this \$6,753.29 were arrears for the service of last year, leaving \$167,930 as the ordinary expenditure for a year. The estimate for legislation for two sessions, was \$101,550. As ordinarily there would be only one session, he took the half of this, or \$55,775 as the ordinary expenditure under this head. Administration of justice was \$206,580.26. Deduct for arrears on 31st December, 1867, \$2,995.26, leaving as the ordinary expenditure for this head, \$203,585. A griculture would be, as in the estimate, \$66,450; Hospitals and charities, 169,488, 50; Reformatories \$23,013.37; Literary and Scientific Institutions \$3,600; Education, \$301,500; Inspection of Asylums and Prisons, \$3,000; Official Gazette, \$4,000; Fuel, gas, repairs,&c., of Government House, \$2,836; Fuel, gas, and other contingencies of Public Buildings, \$495;Unseen and unprovided for \$20,000. These various sums madea total ordinary annual expenditure of \$1,024,750 \$5 Annual revenue \$1,167,391.05

\$1,167,391 05 Mr Wood then entered into a lengthy explanation in regard to the various items after which the House went into Committee of the whole, when several items were passed, and the House adjourned at 12 o'clock.

A report is current in Ottawa, that none of the Nova Scotla members but three, who have given their ascent to Confederation, will return to the capital.

AWFUL TRAGEDY.

(From the Pembroke Observer.)
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Seldom does it fall to the lot of a Canadian journalist to have to chronicle an occurrence equaling in horror and magnitude that which we are about to faintly describe, and happy it is that such events are exceedingly rare in the history of the country. Murders, it is true, are only too common in this civilized age, among civilized people, but rarely is humanity shocked by hearing of the destruction of a family by the hand of a parent. In the Township of Alice, near the town of Pembroke, live, or rather lived, a German family named Webber. The family consisted of a father—a tailor, who earned his living by working round among his neighbours—his wife and six children. The father is said to be a peaceable and industrious man, and his wife had the reputation of being a kind and affectionate mother, though some years before she had exhibited symptoms of insanity; two daughters, the eldest about fifteen or sixteen years of age, and four sons, made up their family. On Friday last, the 31st ultimo, the father being out at work, the eldest daughter went out to milk the cows, but before she got through was called into the house by her mother. On reaching there she was startled to find her mother in the entrance with an axe, and refunking to her, 'They are all dead,' or words to the effect, but on looking into the house, the horrible sight of her younger sister and brothers lying around the room, gashed and bleeding met her eyes, and she fled in wild terror to one of the neighbours. It is said that the mother was making demonstrations to make her a victim also but she got out of her way in time to prevent it. Word of the horrible affair was but she got out of her way in time to prevent it. Word of the horrible affair was ventit. Word of the horrible affair was soon afterwards received in Pembroke, when Dr. McKenzie, coroner, repaired to the place, and held an inquest at once, after which the woman was conveyed to the jail in Pembroke, to await further proceedings on the part of the authorities. Three of the children were dead when the coroner arrived at the scene of the tragedy, another died while the inquest was being held. Four of them were buried on Sunday last.

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Insanity, as will at once be inferred, was the cause of this awful and unnatur-Insanity, as will at once be inferred, was the cause of this awful and unnatural act. About ten years ago, while yet in Germany, her husband tells of her killing a cow with an axe, while in a similiar frenzy. Up to Friday last, the derangement in her mind seems to have aleptas there appears to have been no danger apprehended by her friends, of violence on her part; on the contrary, those, who know her speak of the great amount of affection she always maifested for her children. On the morning in question, the children, it is believed from the circumstances gathered, had just got up out of bed, and were standing round the stove when the old domon of insanity returned with redoubled power, and urged the wretched woman to the committal of the most unnatural act the mind can conceive. The axe was seized, and rapidly the deadly blows descended on the heads of the poor children, cleaving their skulls and scattering their brains in a most horrible manner. Awful indeed must be the power of this unknown agency, which thus drove a mother, naturally tender, to the destruction of her nearest and dearest! It is strange that no screams or other noises were heard by the daughter outside, who was only a short distance from the house. The horrid work must have heen accomplished almost in a moment, with all the vehemence and cunning that insanity engenders, preventing alike any unusual noise

ers, preventing alike any unusual no and escape on the part of the children. The spectacle, on entering the seene of butchery, when the inquest commenced, is described as sickening and pitiable in the extreme. Three of the chitdren were already cold in death, and the other two burden is the control of the chitdren were already cold in death, and the other two the extreme. Three of the children were already cold in death, and the other two barely alive, were lying where they had fallen, with the ghastly wounds in their heads, precluding the possibility of recovery. One of those yet alive, had, in addition, part of one hand cut off, the little thing having probably, on the same principle that 'drowning men catch at straws' mechanically clasped its hand over its head to ward off the descending blow. Altogether it was a shocking sight, and taken with the cause and circumstances, it was no wonder that the strongest nerves were unstrung, and those accustomed to view death and suffering in every shape turned from the sight with shuddering. We will spare our readers from further details. After the inquest, the coroner, Dr. McKenzie, committed the woman to the county goal in Pembroke, where she now is waiting the further action of the legal authorities. Since her commitment, the wretched being has come to her usual senses, but save a few half meaningless expressions, has said very little in connection with the affair, and is not apparently disposed to speak at all on the subject. Her mental agony appears to be excessive, as evinced by constant moaning and rocking to and fro while the tearless eyes seem to d-not an extremity of inward suffering too great to be relieved by tears.

Since writing the above we learn that

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[A tolegraphic despatch from Pembrokes asys that on last Monday afternoon the unfortunate woman hanged herself to a grate over the cellar door, and when discovered was entirely lifeless. A few days since one of her former neighbours, a German, visited her in the gaol, and told her she was going to be hanged; and this, in connection with her other troubles, is supposed to have driven her to self-budy and the Wolczay Changle or Thurseless and the work of the Wolczay Changle or Thurseless and the work of the Wolczay Changle or Thurseless and the work of the Wolczay Changle or Thurseless and the work of the is supposed to have driven her to self-destruction.]

The English journals are showing that

is proved by certain statistical tables. In the year 1867 there were 64 persons In the year 1867 there were 64 persons and the year 1867 there were 64 persons in all parts of the country. In seven years ending in 1866, the deaths by railway in England were 297, of which 128 were palpably caused by the neglect of the sufferers themselves—the ratio Being one with the person of the sufferers themselves—the ratio Being one palpably caused by the neglect of the sufferers themselves—the ratio being one person in nine millions of those transport-ed by train, a far less amount of homicide than that produced by the apparently less dangerous mode of street travel.

BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

London, Feb. 18.—The examination of prisoners arrested on suspicion of being connected with the Clerkenwell explosion, has sterminated. All prisoners have been remanded to confinement, except Allen, against whom no evidence had been elicited, and he has been discharged. Bulletins in regard to the condition of Lord Derby reports he is improving.

ttion was small.
London, Feb. 18, evening—In House of London, Feb. 18, evening—In House of Commons this evening, Sir Stafford Northcote, Secretary of State, said that at request of the English Government, the Pasha of Egypt had agreed to recall his auxiliary force from Abyssinia, and reports which have since been received state that the Egyptians still remain in that country and were advancing with the British, have not yet been explained by any official despatches received by the Government. He also stated that the expedition no longer suffered from scarcity of water.

Midnight—In the House of Commons to-night, in committee of the whole, it was agreed to renew suspension of privil-ege of writ of *Habcas Corpus* in Ireland.

American Despatches.

Washington, Feb. 19—Dates from Crete to January 29th represent that the Turks have been defeated in several engagements of last, with severe losses. The Mussulman population are becoming more and more discontented, and troops have shown such a mutinous disposition that they were obliged on one occasion to be led back to head-quarters. The Sultan's grand Vizier's mission to Crete was a failure, and the island is now in a more successful state of revolution than ever. successful state of revolution than Arms and provisions continue to be sent into Crete from all quarters for the relie of the Cretan warriors. The women and children continue to flee from the island to Greece. The total number of Cretan

non-combatants in Greece at the present time is estimated at 63,000.

New York, Feb. 19th.—The **Irradd's Kingston, Jamaica, special says:—The American Consul has telegraphed to Washington demanding the services of a man-of war to obtain redress for the outrage committed on the American whaler Hannah Grant.

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The Times' Washington special says there is as yet no authority direct from den. Sherman tor any statement regarding the course he intends to pursue, except that he has respectfully declined the brevet tendered to him, and has expressed himself satisfied with his present com-

THE ROBBERIES AT NIAGARA.-The cave of the forty thieves at Niagara Falls otherwise known by a sign as the Table Sol Davis and his progeny is again a dan-gerous locality for strangers to venture in the vicinity of, and needs suppressing periodically. The American visitors, who are the favorite victims of the Davis banditti, complain greviously through the papers. Our neighbors who clamor so vigorously for the protection of their sub jects on incendiary missions to England little depredations of their fellow-citizen, Old Sol, who was naturalized by serving a term in the penitentiary of New York State, unless their peculiar code of international law can be expanded to cover the crimes of American citizens against other American citizens in foreign countries But really the Government should adopt some method of effectually exterminating been the terror of visitors at the Falls, without distincton, for many years past.—

Since writing the above we learn that one of the children is still living—the one with multilated hand—though it cannot recover, so dreadful is the wound inflicted.

Who constituted himself critic thereon, the Times has received a lawyer's letter theretening an action for damages. The are proving satisfactory to "Old Sol," who constituted himself critic thereon, the Times has received a lawyer's letter threatening an action for damages. The Times acknowledges the receipt of the legal gentlemans note in language more vigerous than polite, and tells Old Sol to come on.]

held in the Wesleyan Chapel on Thursday last, 13th inst., and was a complete the streets of London and other large cities pleasant tea the Superintendent read the are more fatal to human life than the report which showed the school to be in railway travelling of the country. This a very prosperous condition. Able ad-Mekars, Wilkinson, Brewster, Griffin and

The Silver Movement—Upwards of \$30,000 of silver have been shipped from Quebec, and \$50,000 more are ready for exportation.