The total debt of Toronto amounts to $3,100,000.

Parliament will very likely be prorogued to-day.

A Canadian Centennial is proposed by the York Pioneers, to be celebrated on Dominion Day.

The Pacific telegraph is now working to Battle River, six hundred miles west of Fort Garry.

A Grand Trunk brakesman named Bailey was accidentally killed on Wednesday evening, at Danby, by falling under the cars.

The site for the new public building has been fixed where the Wellington Hotel now stands on Wyndham street.

Speaking of dancing, a clergyman hits the nail on the head with the remark that "people usually do more evil with their tongues than with their toes."

Two parties named Gilbert and Fortune, of McGillivray, were committed for trial on Friday for uttering spurious money, being one dollar bills changed to five.

Wm. Steel, driver on passenger special, ran from Granton to Allen Craig, a distance of 12 miles, in sixteen minutes. This is the fastest time on Grand Trunk record.

Brockville papers charge and are paid for insertion of Council proceedings. We are inclined to think that short speeches will be appreciated by the ratepayers of that town.

Robert Campbell, son of Alex. Campbell, while chopping in the woods near Lawrence, on Wednesday, was struck on the head by a limb from a falling tree and killed.

A horrible case of baby farming is reported in Saturday's *Witness*. The child was from an American family, and it is alleged given by Grey Nuns to a French Canadian woman, who did the work.

The meanest kind of a mean man left Toronto last week, after robbing a man, who had kept him gratuitously during the winter, of some clothing, jewelry and money.

In the case of Mr. Martin, M. P. P., charged with an indecent assault upon the little girl Mills, tried before the Assize Court at Ottawa last week, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Unknown parties effected an entrance into the office of the *Echo de Bull*, of Ottawa, at an early hour Wednesday morning, and sacked the office throwing away the type and doing much damage. The perpetrators of the outrage have not been found.

J. E. Douglas, of Quebec, threw himself out of a window in the third story of the Mansion House, Toronto, on Sunday and came down with a crash on to the pavement below, fracturing his skull and inflicting other serious injuries.

A dastardly outrage was committed on the Egremont road, near London, a few days ago on Mr. A. A. Hicks, who was on his way to deliver a temperance lecture. He was overpowered by three ruffians in masks and made to swallow about a pint of whiskey.

On Saturday afternoon a fire broke out in the Roman Catholic Bishop's palace, at London, caused by a defective flue as in a similar case during the winter. The alarm was given and the fire brigade were promptly on hand. After a few minutes' hard work the flames were extinguished after burning a considerable hole in the roof.

As a Canada Southern freight train, No. 15, due at 9:30 a. m., on Saturday, was coming into Ridgetown yard, a brakeman named Wm. Clark, of St. Thomas, fell from the top of the train, the wheels instantly passing over his legs, badly mangling them, from the effects of which he died fifteen minutes after the accident. He was nineteen years of age and unmarried.

On application, Judge Burnham, of Oshawa, ordered the assignee to reconvey the property to the Hall Company, and it is now in the hands of Mr. Glen and his friends, and the works was opened on Monday. There was great rejoicing on Saturday at this result. Church bells were ringing, steam whistles blowing, and bonfires burning.

H. F. Hills and wife, of Ottawa, were returning home from a party on Thursday night, and had reached their own gate when they were encountered by three men, who tripped him up, grabbed his watch and chain, and attempted to rifle his pockets for money. Mr. Hill called for assistance, and a neighbour came to their aid. Two of the robbers were afterwards discovered, but the stolen property was not found on them.

Correspondence is going on between Mr. Wm. Rennel, of the Agricultural Warehouse of Toronto, and Mr. Wm. Crozier, farmer of Long Island, N. Y., with a view to getting up next fall a grand international ploughing match between Canadian and United States ploughmen. In the meantime a match is to come off at New York Fair, in Rochester, next September, for one hundred dollars a side, between a representative ploughman of Canada and one of the United States.

Mr. Thomas Baxter, an old and much respected resident of Wellington Square met with an untimely end on Thursday morning. He left his house about 7 a. m. to inspect an under-drain which emptied into a creek on his farm. While on his knees examining the mouth of the drain, it is supposed he became dizzy and fell into the creek and was drowned.

William Thurston, a blacksmith, resident at Appleby's Corners, was found dead in the ditch alongside the railway about one mile and a half from Burlington Square station, Thursday morning, by the same parties who found the body of Mr. Thos. Baxter. He is said to have been a steady, industrious man. No marks or contusions were found on his body. Cause of death unknown.

The meanest man in the County of Oxford, lives in Blenheim. His latest mean act was to whip his child, an infant twenty months old. Of course the provocation was great, the baby having had the wickedness to cry for some apples with which its precious papa, along with some other shining lights, was amusing himself one Sabbath afternoon recently! According to the physician in attendance, the child is disabled for life, its spine having been injured.

Messrs. King & Brown, of Toronto, have got up two splendid pairs of slippers to be sent to the Centennial. After the exhibition one pair is to be presented to Lord Dufferin and the other to the Prince of Wales. Both pairs have the arms of Canada beautifully worked in frost, but on the heels of those intended for His Royal Highness a maple leaf is entwined with the Prince of Wales feathers, and on His Excellency's a maple leaf is wreathed with a shamrock. The value of the slippers is estimated at about one hundred dollars a pair.

On Thursday last the house of Christopher Ward, in the township of Caledon was destroyed by fire. On the day mentioned, a neighbor was surprised at the appearance of Ward, in perfect nudity save the socks upon his feet. The cause of the alarm was immediately explained by his information and the spectacle of the burning house about one hundred and fifty yards distant. The excited man related that he had made his escape from the fire in that conditionf and had barely got off with his life. An alarm was at once given among the neighbours, and the first who arrived were horrified to find that Ward's wife had perished in the flames. When the fire was quenched the body was taken out, and it was found that the legs were burnt off to about the knees; one hand was found nearly entire, but the arms were fallen off and the head also, which in the search could not be found at all. An inquest was held, and the suspicion was prevalent that Ward, who has shown indications of an unsound mind and who has not treated his wife very well, was the principal cause of the accident. After a hearing of two days the inquest was concluded. The evidence heard implies that Ward first murdered his wife and then set the house on fire, the verdict returned by the jury being that she came to her death by his act.

Grand Trunk Railway!

TRAINS WILL LEAVE GODERICH AS FOLLOWS:

No. 1 Express, 7.00 a. m., for Toronto, London and Buffalo.
No. 7 Mixed, 9.15 a. m., for Stratford.
No. 3 Mail Express 12.20 p. m., for Toronto, Buffalo and Detroit.
No. 9 Mixed, 3.00 p. m.,

TRAINS WILL ARRIVE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 8 Mixed, 11.30 a. m., from Stratford.
No. 2 Mail Express 2.30 p. m., from Toronto, Detroit and Buffalo.
No. 10 Mixed, 7.00 p. m., from Stratford.
No. 4 Express, 10.15 p. m., from Buffalo.

E. & N. W. R.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE G. T. R.

Goderich,	leaves 7.00 a. m.	12.30 p. m.	
Caledonia,	" 11.42 "	7.22 "	
Hamilton,	arriv 12.30 p. m.	8.20 "	
Hamilton,	leaves 7.45 a. m.	12.50 "	
Caledonia,	" 9.23 "	2.35 "	
Goderich,	arriv. 2.30 p. m.	10.15 "	

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Canvassers wanted.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, APRIL 12, 1876.

The Duty on Petroleum.

Too late in the present session of the Dominion Parliament to effect any alteration, a motion was offered to the House with the purpose of securing a reduction in the customs duty on petroleum from 15 cents to 7½ cents per gallon. The Government confessed that the duty was very heavy, and the assurance was given that the matter would receive the consideration which this opinion called for, although not at the present time.

In not adopting this resolution, the Government, in view of the policy adopted by them in opposition to Sir John A.'s "all round protection" policy, lays itself open to the imputation of inconsistency, but the assurances given, and the fact that none of the changes proposed in the tariff have been made, is sufficient evidence to the contrary. The question is one which needs attention, for consumers of coal oil in Canada have become heavy losers by the tariff which leaves the market here wholly in the possession of our producers. It is not so long since the price of coal oil was about one-half of what it is at present, through the effects of competition, but the producers have managed the business in such a way as to be able to demand their own prices. A few years ago a ring was formed and all the Canadian oil refineries were got under its control. As a consequence there is no competition at home, and the interest is so well protected from foreign competition that they monopolize the trade. Some of the subsidized refineries are closed all the year round, whilst their proprietors enjoy a neat income from the ring whilst doing nothing. The consumer, consequently, becomes the supporter of this ring.

One of the results of this high protective tariff is to induce smuggling, and notwithstanding all that is said to the contrary there is a good deal of it done. Where our frontier is convenient to that of the United States the revenue is very often cheated by this means, and even in Goderich opportunities offer themselves, and are taken advantage of, to bring in American coal oil. Under the circumstances, there is ample justification for such conduct in those who are not scrupulously law-abiding and who consider it a right which they possess to purchase in the cheapest market without paying a tax for the privilege.—By reducing the tariff the benefit would be two-fold. The consumer would not be so heavily taxed, and while the Canadian producer would be sufficiently well protected an impulse would be given to American competition which would give an increased revenue to the Government and do away with much of the present existing illicit trade in petroleum. If the monopoly which at present exists could be broken up there would no reason to complain, but the favors which have been shown to the refineries have been abused and they have taken such an advantage of the advantages thus placed at their disposal as to place themselves at enmity with the interests of the public. It has been estimated that the country loses annually, through this high tariff, the sum of $1,100,000, and when we consider all the facts of the case we can readily conceive the statement to be not very far from right. There are good reasons why the matter should be dealt with in the interests of the public, and it is to be hoped it will be done at the earliest opportunity.

As an evidence of the growth of a sentiment opposed to the customs of public drinking bouts, it is pleasing to announce the fact that the Intercolonial Railway will be formally opened by the Government authorities on strictly temperance principles. An event of this kind is usually marked by the most lavish demonstrations, and the young enterprise is baptised with wine or some less aristocratic liquor. Such an occasion certainly calls for a season of rejoicing, but, in view of the growing temperance sentiment, the out-pouring of wine and guzzling thereof in celebration of the consummation of any public scheme seems like the lingering fashion of a less civilized age. A scheme which has been carried out through the exercise of determined skill and perseverance, certainly deserves a nobler introduction to a place among the world's improvements than through the scenes which attend the inaugural banquet. The opening of the Intercolonial Railway will set a new example, however, which will be a worthy one to copy.

SIR A. T. GALT's second pamphlet upon the question of "Church and State" is an interesting document, dealing with the position of the Catholic church in Canada. In Ontario, and the maritime provinces the church "confines itself to its proper functions of teaching piety and morality," but in Quebec an aggressive spirit is manifested, where the church has a controlling influence. He arrives at the conclusion that in that province the church extends its demands to the assertion of its superiority over civil authority; to interference with voters and candidates in elections; to the exercise of prescription against the press and condemnation of freedom of speech. Such sentiments being opposed to the safety of the country, Mr. Galt points out a course to be followed. He recommends the co-operation of rival political parties, and an organization composed of "Catholics and Protestants, irrespective of creed, nationality or political party, for the maintenance of the civil rights of the people." These should make a declaration to the Quebec Hierarchy that their interference must cease, and were this done unitedly, the writer is positive their principal object would be carried.

CANADA possesses many good ploughmen, thanks to the efforts which are made to encourage skill in this respect; and in competition with other countries, she could easily hold her own. Scotch and English ploughmen have many times been made aware of this fact, and our American neighbors, some of whom have evidently heard these victories lauded, are desirous of testing their skill by the side of our best men. Negotiations have been opened with the Alnwick Society of having an international ploughing match, to take place at the New York State Fair in September next, at Rochester. The proposition is that one man from Ontario and one from the above State be chosen, the prize to be a purse of $100; but as such a contest would incite very great interest, it is very likely that before arrangements are accomplished the number of participants in the trial will be increased.

A CANARD proclaimed by a newspaper correspondent, to the effect that Lord Dufferin desired to visit the Centennial this summer and in order to do so cheaply requested the Premier to place $75,000 in the estimates for that purpose, created some little stir in Montreal last week. This offensive charge against His Excellency has been fully disproved.

CHANGES in the *personnel* of the Ministry have been frequently announced by the Opposition within the past few weeks, but these rumors are all emphatically denied.

Chancery Court.

The spring sittings of this Court, at Goderich, commenced on the 4th inst., before the Honorable Vice Chancellor Blake. The following cases were disposed of:

Martin *vs* Ross—Boyd, Q. C., for plaintiff; McLennan, Q. C., and Cameron & McFadden for defendant. Bill to set aside a deed from plaintiff to defendant, for fraud.—Consent decree.

Coleman *vs* Ross—Boyd, Q. C., and McCaughey & Holmested for plaintiff; McLennan, Q. C., for defendant. Decree declaring the property to be charged with the amount of a mortgage which had been lost before registry, and fixing the amount. Each party to pay his own costs.

Buchanan *vs* Holmes—McLennan, Q. C., and Cameron & McFadden for plaintiff; Boyd, Q. C., for defendant. Bill filed for specific performance of an agreement to convey to plaintiff six acres of land defendant had purchased without notice of the agreement. Decree made dismissing plaintiff's bill with costs.

Jenkins *vs* Hasske—McLennan, Q. C., and Cameron & McFadden for plaintiff; Garrow for defendant. Bill to set aside a tax sale of lands in Bayfield to defendant. By consent a decree was made for conveyance of the lands by defendant to plaintiff, McGregor, on payment of $100. Each party to pay his own costs.

Hutchison *vs* Morris—Cameron & McFadden for plaintiff; Garrow for defendant. Consent decree in a mortgage case.

Cook *vs* Morris—Boyd, Q. C., for plaintiff; Cameron & McFadden for defendant. Bill to set aside a deed as fraudulent against creditors. Consent decree.

Troyer *vs* Wilson—McLennan, Q. C., and Cameron & McFadden for plaintiff; Boyd, Q. C., for defendant. Decree for giving plaintiff a lien on lands for balance of purchase money. Plaintiff to pay the costs of the suit, except the costs up to and including filing the bill, which defendant is to pay.

Attrill *vs* McKenzie—Garrow for plaintiff; Bethune, Osler & Moss for defendant. Bill filed by Mr. Attrill against the Dominion Government, in respect of damage done to his property by the Goderich harbor works. The case stands over to be heard in Toronto, at a time to be agreed on.

British Power in Africa.

A WARLIKE MOVEMENT AGAINST THE KING OF DAHOMEY — WILL THE QUEEN'S TROOPS FIGHT FEMALE WARRIORS?

In the House of Lords on the 24th of March, Lord Cottesloe called attention to an outrage said to have been committed at Whydah upon the European agent of an English house. He asked the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department if he could give the House any information as to the expedition which Commodore Sir William Hewitt was stated to have undertaken in Her Majesty's ship Active with four gunboats, and accompanied by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Gold Coast, for the purpose of punishing the authorities at Whydah, and as to other offences said to have been committed by the Dahomeyans against Englishmen. The expedition was a very important matter, and he hoped that it would not turn out that another little war had commenced, The King of Dahomey was a very warlike and powerful Prince, and next to the King of Ashanteo, he was the most powerful sovereign in that part of Africa. A telegram had also been published mentioning an outrage on two Frenchmen. The army of the King was composed to a very large extent of female soldiers, who were said to be well trained, efficient and as brave as the men; and the effect on the British soldiers might be unusual if they found themselves opposed to an army of women. (Laughter.) He believed the King was well disposed to this country, but these matters were not without their danger.

The Earl of Carnarvon had received very little information on the subject, and neither the telegram nor the noble lord, had reached him. The outrage would probably turn out to be of little consequence, and he saw no reason to apprehend a little war.

What a picture of degradation this is, as reported by the Toronto *Globe*: On Friday, as a woman named Hornoby was attempting to cross Hope street, she fell heavily. At the part of the street where she fell the mud is at least a foot deep, and as Mrs. Hornoby is a heavy woman, she sank down to the street; and being also somewhat under the influence of liquor, she could not extricate herself. As no one seemed inclined to go to the rescue the poor woman was left floundering in the mud for a considerable time. It happened, however, that Sergeant-Major Leith came along, and noticing the sad plight the woman was in had two constables sent to the spot. By this time a crowd had gathered, but as no one felt inclined to have a suit of clothes spoiled, she might have been left to flounder in the mire long enough. The two constables bethought them of a plan, however. Procuring a rope they succeeded in getting it hitched on to the prostrate woman, and by this means got her pulled out of her awkward position. The appearance she then presented was most ludicrous, and seemed to excite the risibility rather than the pity of the bystanders.

Alexander Turacy Stewart, the New York merchant, died on Monday afternoon from inflammation of the bowels. He was 73 years of age. He came to the United States in 1823 with little capital, but with that energy which made him the largest merchant and one of the most extensive property-holders in New York.

It is said Mr. Brown gets $70,000 for Bow Park and all its buildings and stock.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

IMPROVEMENT. — Messrs. Miller & McQuarrie have added a new planing machine, to the stock of machinery in their factory.

OPPOSITION.—It is stated that the proprietors of the Star Line, of Saginaw, will run two boats to this port in opposition to the *Benton* and *Burdic*. The *Sherman* (formerly a revenue cutter) and the *Holland* are to compose this opposition line.

NEW DEPARTURE MONTHLY.—The April number of this periodical contains a portrait of the late Rev. George McDougall, who recently perished in a snow storm in the North West Territory, whilst prosecuting his missionary duties.

REBUILDING.—Mr. R. J. Whitely has been busily employed repairing his workshop, and wiping out all traces of the recent fire. The fire interrupted Mr. Whitely's business for a short time only, the lower story being uninjured, and by obtaining the use of an adjoining building where the painting is being done, work has been going on as usual.

PERSONAL.—The annual examination of students attending the Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, was concluded on Wednesday. Among those who were awarded the diploma of the Council of the Agriculture and Arts Association, we notice the name of Mr. Harry C. Dean, of Rodgerville. Mr. J. T. Dean, of Goderich, was appointed on the Board of Examiners.

—J. S. Sinclair, Esq., Q. C., has been elected a Bencher of the Law Society at Toronto.

THE CLUB DODGE.—An effort is being made to establish a club in town, on the same plan the saloon-keepers in Toronto have adopted. The members of the club pay a certain membership fee, and a party is employed to attend to their rooms and look after their refreshments. Of course this person keeps the cellar stocked with liquor, and is properly speaking selling liquor in a manner to escape the provisions of the law. The effort does not succeed very well.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—The following is the list of officers of Huron Division, No. 139, Sons of Temperance, appointed at the last regular meeting: Bro. H. W. Ball, W. P.; Sister Annie Reid, W. A.; Bro. J. Wilkinson, F. S.; Bro. D. Reid, Treas.; Bro. Rev. C. Fletcher, Chaplain; Bro. Geo. Newton, R. S.; Sister Jane Hamilton, A. R. S.; Sister M. A. McKeag, Con.; Bro. W. Agnew, A. Con.; Bro. Walter Campbell, I. S.; Bro. Jamieson Reid, O. S.

EXTENDING BUSINESS.—Messrs. Buchanan, Lawson & Robinson are making preparations to erect a new planing mill, opposite to Secord, Cozzens & Co.'s lumber yard, in order to secure better facilities for shipping dressed lumber, &c. The dimensions of the mill will be 24 x 46, and the Goderich Foundry is at work preparing the machinery and boiler. Should this venture prove successful, the whole force employed at the present factory will be moved to the new site, and the business carried on on a much larger scale.

SOMETHING NEW.—There is nothing which will more readily chill the fervor of romance, than the sight of a pair of feet encased in shoes the soles of which form angles of 45 degrees in contact with the sidewalk. It seems impossible for some people to prevent their shoes from "turning over," and taking a most ungainly shape. Lyon's patent metallic stiffener, however, is a preventitive and any who are annoyed with this "waywardness of the feet" should procure a pair of these instruments at E. & J. Downing's shoe store.

CANADIAN METHODIST MAGAZINE.—In this periodical for April there are three beautiful Easter hymns, a paper by Dr. Farrar on the Passion of Our Lord, and a touching Easter meditation by the editor. There are also an able critical paper on the new Wesleyan Hymn Book; a sketch of the life and works of George Peabody, and a remarkable narration of fact, "The Chariot on Fire," by P. Le Seuer, Esq. "My First Sermon" is a capital Yorkshire sketch. Of especial importance during the present Temperance revival will be found the thorough and critical examination by the editor of the relation of the Bible to the Temperance Question.

NAVIGATION.—During the approaching season a second boat be placed upon route which the *Benton* last year plied upon. The new boat, which is considerably larger than the *Benton*, is named the *Burdic*, and will be under the charge of Capt. G. W. McGregor who last year managed the *Benton*, which latter boat will be under the captancy of Capt. Wm. McGregor. This new arrangement will prove a great convenience to the people of Goderich, Detroit and Saginaw, and no doubt the advent of visitors to this summer resort will be greater than ever. The *Benton* will be used to reach Goderich on her first trip, on the 20th of May.

BODY FOUND.—On Saturday forenoon a lad named Michael Davis, whilst gathering wood near the Maitlandville bridge, noticed a dead body floating in the water. He drew it to the shore, and having brought his father to the spot, the remains were recognized as those of Charlie Proudfoot, son of Mr. R. Proudfoot, who was drowned, as our readers will recollect, on the 19th of February last. The friends were at once notified, and the body taken to Mr. Proudfoot's residence. The body was much swollen, and one side of the face was badly bruised by rude contact with the ice. When found the lower portion of the body had apparently been constantly under water and the head was covered with mud. The funeral, on Sunday, was largely attended.

IN REPLY.—A correspondent of the *Star* accuses us of blundering in our reports of local events. We don't profess to be infallible in the matter of reporting, but in the cases which the gentleman refers to he proves himself to be the one who blunders. He states that we were in error in saying that Caudle and Stiles were sentenced to nine months' imprisonment in the Central Prison. As both these men are now in the Central Prison, "Idler" (the correspondent referred to) must be mistaken. He also takes us to task for our report of the Zent affair. We obtained our information from a reliable source and are prepared to say that our report is in the main correct. As to the document which Mr. Crabb directed to Mr. Campaigne with reference to the custody of Zent's child, we do not know why it should not be called an order, signed as was by "C. Crabb, J. P.," and stating that the woman was the proper guardian. "Idler" should take the trouble to make enquiries before attempting to correct newspaper reports and not, in his indolence, assume to read lessons in industry to others.

THE HARBOR MILLS.—At present the Goderich Harbor Mill is idle, owing to the bungling of Waterous & Co., of Brantford, who had the contract for building the engine. For about a year Messrs. Ogilvies & Hutchison have been subjected to exasperating annoyances through the failure in the engine, and after two attempts to remedy their mistake, the Waterous Co. has failed to fulfil its contract and has removed their engine. The proprietors are now busy making preparations to receive a new engine manufactured in Providence, R. I., and for this purpose the engine room is being enlarged and the bed of solid masonry upon which it rests is being extended. Instead of driving the main shaft direct from the engine as before, the motion is first to be communicated to a fly-wheel of twenty-four tons weight, connected with a four ton fly-wheel on the shaft by an immense leather belt. This will give a much steadier motion than heretofore, and render the miller's work more agreeable. Mr. Runciman is putting domes upon the boilers, which the Waterous Co. omitted to do, and is preparing the necessary gearing. Messrs. Ogilvies & Hutchison must lose heavily through these unfortunate delays, and we think they are entitled to recover heavy damages from the Waterous Co.

THE POST OFFICE will be closed on Good Friday, according to the usual custom.

HARBOR WORKS.—Operations on the harbor improvements will be resumed by the contractors to-day.

NO FLOOD.—The river Maitland has made a free source for itself to the lake, and the fears which were entertained of a serious ice jam are past. The ice along the banks is rapidly melting away.

THE CENTENNIAL.—Twelve entries of horses were made at this office up to Saturday last, for the centennial exhibition. These entries have been submitted to the Ontario Advisory Board for acceptance, when we shall announce the names of those who will be exhibitors.

M. F. MCLAGGAN, M. D., principal of the London Medical Institute of London, Ontario, will be at the British Exchange Hotel, on Saturday the 15th inst. His high position is an excellent guarantee of ability to successfully treat all serious and inveterate diseases. Those requiring his services should call and see him. He makes no charge for consultation.

CEMING.—Agents having a small amount of capital will hear of something to their advantage by writing with particulars to F. L. HARVEY, Albion Hotel, Goderich, who will shortly be in town appointing agents for Huron County, for one or two fast selling specialities. Energetic men will do well to look after this as the opportunity is first-class. 1831a

SENTENCED.—On Monday Judge Toms gave judgment in the case of Wm. Hunter, charged with obtaining goods under false pretences, and sentenced him to 18 months' imprisonment in the Central Prison. "The way of the transgressor is hard," and the sentence in this case was well merited. For a long time the prisoner has practiced sharp dodges on farmers, who had been supplying him with wood and have come out of the small end of the horn.

ODDFELLOWS' CONCERT.—The fifty-seventh anniversary of Oddfellowship will be celebrated by the members of that body in Goderich, by a grand concert on the evening of the 26th inst. Elaborate preparations are being made, and we believe that among the singers who will be present Mr. Tom. Taylor, of Guelph, will be a prominent one. The affair promises to be a magnificent one. The proceeds will be handed over to the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

PIGEONS.—Large flocks of wild pigeons have been fluttering through the air in this vicinity, for the past few days, almost continuously. As a consequence the "bang, bang" of the fowling piece is heard in the land. Large numbers of our amateur sportsmen are making elaborate preparations for shooting excursions on Good Friday, and no doubt there will be rich harvests for the reporter. We hope nobody will be killed or hurt; and as for the pigeons,—they are safe enough.

THE REVIVAL.—The interest in the special religious meetings continues unabated, and in the North Street Church the services are attended with gratifying results. In Knox church the attendance is exceedingly good, and the noon prayer meetings in the Y. M. C. A. rooms have proved very successful, and the number of persons attending daily increases. Rev. Mr. Hamilton, of Fullarton, will conduct the services in Knox church during the present week.

BUSINESS AT THE STATION.—During the past few weeks the business at the station has improved considerably, by shipments of cattle, lumber and salt. Mr. Wm. McLean, on Monday last, shipped four car loads of fine fat cattle, 98 heads in all, for Black Rock, and a few days previous shipped for the same point five car loads. Large quantities of lumber have been shipped by both our lumber firms. Messrs. Williams & Murray on Monday shipped 10 cars, the greater portion of which was intended for Brantford; and the same firm has 10 cars loaded ready to be dispatched. Messrs. Secord, Cozzens & Co. have also shipped large quantities. In salt a good deal is being done. During last week the shipments amounted to about ten car loads, and on Tuesday the International Salt Co. loaded two cars for eastern points, and the Dominion loaded four cars for Newcastle, Ont.

EDITORIAL THANKS.—There are some pleasures in the desert of editorial life, and during the past week our line fell in a pleasant place. Mr. Jas. Vivian, on Monday, presented us with a very handsome hanging basket, filled with three very handsome specimens of the foliage plant familiarly known as "Aaron's beard;" Mr. Geo. Swanson, also presented us with a quantity of Scotch vegetable seeds, which he secured while in the old country last summer; and lastly, our jovial assessors have presented us with a document (assessment notice) which, if not pecuniarily beneficial to us, is a flattering assurance that we are worth something. We appreciate these favors, and hope our friends may long live—to be the friend of the editor.

SUSANNAH EVANS.—This talented oratress on Monday evening again appeared before a Goderich audience, and her reception on this occasion was a splendid one, the church being well filled. Col. A. M. Ross, M. P. P., occupied the chair, and, after the formal opening of the meeting, introduced the speaker in a few well chosen remarks. Miss Evans occupied forty-five minutes in the delivery of her address, and was listened to with the closest attention throughout. The lecture was a polished and exceedingly eloquent one, and the musical utterances of the lady and her graceful gestures rendered it all the more pleasing. Her subject, "New York: its Fashions and Foibles," was of a character to excite interest, but it was rendered doubly so in her hands; and the descriptions given by her of the eccentricities of fashionable business and the lower life of New York, "the most magnificent, intelligent and degraded city of the new continent" were vivid with artistic colorings and delineations. Treating the discourse as a word picture of the state of society generally in this metropolis of the New World, the lecturer assured her hearers that they would do the people of that city an injustice, as the majority were as high minded and intelligent as those whom she had described were servile in fashion and gold and ignorant. At the close of the lecture Venerable Archdeacon Elwood in his usual happy manner moved a vote of thanks to the lady lecturer, at the same time stating that a slight prejudice which he had previously entertained towards lady lecturers had been dispelled whilst he was listening to the discourse. Sheriff Gibbons cordially seconded the motion, and Col. Ross, before putting the motion to the audience, paid a high complement to Miss Evans who had aroused in him a still stronger conviction in favor of "Women's Rights." The motion was carried amid loud applause, the lecturer in few words returning her thanks. Afteraisging the Doxology, Rev. Mr. Bowers pronounced the benediction and the meeting closed. During the evening the church choir sang several pieces of sacred music, to the great satisfaction of the audience.—About $60 were realized after paying all the expenses connected with the lecture, which sum goes to the benefit of Brock street church.

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

S. S. No. 1.—The following are the names of the pupils that took the greatest number of marks in their respective classes during the month of March:—4th Class—John Hincks, Charles Hincks, Jane Porter, Mary Hunter, 3rd Class—Geo. Porter, Mary Orr, Bertha Andrews and Robert Johnson equal. 2nd Class—Peter Edward, Esther Orr, James Edward, Sarah Orr. 1st Class, senior—Nellie Salkeld, Jas Johnston, Maitland Gibson, Elizabeth Gibson, 1st Class, junior—Alice Andrews, Ida. Salkeld, James Curwen, Samuel Tackaberry.—COM.

DOINGS IN COUNCIL.—Council met at Holmesville, on April 3rd, pursuant to adjournment. Members all present, except Mr. Joseph Whitely, absent through sickness. Moved, seconded and carried, that Thomas Harrison be pathmaster in room of David Stirling, and Alex. Fraser in room of John Fraser, resigned. The letter of the inspector of bridges for South Huron, laid over from a former meeting was considered. It was moved, seconded and carried, that no money be granted to purchase prizes for a competitive township examination, as we consider that the annually increasing expenses of common schools are already beyond the resources of the country. Moved, seconded and carried, that Gabriel Elliott be appointed Inspector to examine and certify to the improvements made on the several school houses from the amount voted to each of the surplus fund. (Note—when the work is completed trustees should at once notify Mr. Elliott, and the money will immediately be procured.) No. 8 school section was refunded $8, being amount retained for laying special school rate in 1874-75, township discharging it. The Clerk read the bond from John Kirkpatrick to township council relating to timber on side line, 1st con., between lots 10 and 11, and finding that his term of occupancy has long since expired, rescinded their motion passed at previous meeting, and ordered the Clerk to notify him to cease cutting timber anything further off said line. The 20th day of May present year was appointed for Court of Revision, to commence at 10 o'clock, a. m. Wm. Collins was granted $15, he being in indigent circumstances. The following sums were paid: Inspector of taverns, $6; Assessor's salary, work being completed, $90; Jas. Cox, repairing culvert, 1st con., $1.50. Moved, seconded and carried, that the scale for regulating the statute labor for this township be as follows:—If assessed at $750 or under, 2 days labor; $750 and not more than $1500, 3 days; $1500 to $2500, 4 days; $2500 to $3000, 5 days; $3000 to $3750, 6 days; $3750 to $4500, 7 days; $4500 to $5250, 8 days, $5250 to $6000, 9 days; $6000 to $6750, 10 days; $6750 to $7500, 11 days; $7500 to $8250, 12 days; $8250 to $9000, 13 days; $9000 to $9750, 14 days; $9750 to $10,500, 15 days; $10,500 to $11,250, 16 days; $11,250 to $12,000, 17 days.

The Council adjourned to meet again on the first Monday in May.

JAS. PATTON, Clerk.

BAYFIELD.

A TESTIMONIAL.—On Monday evening, 3rd inst., a deputation of the Scotch Church, Bayfield, paid an unexpected visit to their minister, the Rev. John Moffat. Miss Wilson, of Stanley, then read an address on behalf of the ladies, thanking Mr. Moffat for his defence of the "Church of their fathers," and his disinterested exertions to promote the welfare of the Scotch congregations of Bayfield and Varna, asking him at the same time to except an elegantly wrought plaid scarf, which they had made for him as a token of their appreciation of his services among them. Mr. Moffat, who was quite taken by surprise at the visit, expressed himself highly satisfied by such sentiments of the esteem of the ladies of his congregation, and the very handsome gift they had presented to him, and assured them that he had no greater pleasure on earth than to defend the "Church of their fathers," and promote in particular the cause and welfare of the Scotch Churches of Bayfield an Varna.—COM.

COLBORNE.

LEBURN CHURCH.—A social will take place in this church, under the auspices of the young men, on Tuesday evening, 18th inst. An attractive programme is in preparation. Tickets, 15 cents.

LOG BROKEN.—On Friday last Jas. Dean, head sawyer in Mr. Richard Jewell's saw mill, had the misfortune to break the small bone of the right leg near the ankle. He was endeavoring to pull a log from the carriage by using a cant hook, and the strain broke the hook causing him to fall heavily with the result mentioned. The fracture was set as speedily as possible, and Mr. Dean is recovering rapidly. This is the fourth case of leg breaking near this mill during the past winter.

EDUCATIONAL.—The following is the result of the examination held in school section No. 1, Colborne, at the close of the winter term: Fifth Form—marks obtainable, 492—Mary Morris, 329; Barbara Morris, 271, Emily Sterling, 261. Fourth Form—prevented from attending by sickness and the bad state of the roads. Third Form, marks obtainable, 306—Ellen Green, 194; Harvey Howell, 192; William Old, 150. Second Form, marks obtainable, 242—William Carroll, 168; George McIntyre, 146; Annie Young, 138. First Form, second reader, marks obtainable 134—Christiana Birnie, 128; William McIntire, 124; Willis Glen and Eliza Howell 122. First Form, part second class, marks obtainable 105—Andrew Sharkey, 100; Joseph Reid, 98; William Green, 95½. First Form, part first class, marks obtainable, 50—Edmund Hogan, 48; Margaret Tiffin, 45; Colquhoun Stewart, 38.—COM.

SEAFORTH.

FINANCIAL.—The expenditures of this municipality for 1875 amounted to $11,559.01, the receipts to $11,856.31, leaving a balance of $297.30.

PROF. LINDER, the mind reader lectured here on Saturday last.

PERSONAL.—We are pleased to notice the return of Captain T. R. Jackson, of the Northwest Mounted Police. Captain Jackson has obtained leave of absence, and is now visiting his friends in this County, all of whom will be glad to welcome him home once more.

LEVANTED.—Madam Mansfield, a fortune teller, who has been prosecuting her avocation in Seaforth for a couple of weeks, took her departure quietly on Tuesday of last week, forgetting to settle her hotel and other bills before leaving.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS.—Mr. Jas. Shaw, shipped two car loads of cattle last week, one to Montreal, and the other to Toronto. The price paid was $50 a head for one lot, and 4½ cents per lb. live weight for the other.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—There are now in the institute library over 800 volumes. Over 200 new books have been added during the past year. In addition to the library, there is a reading room, supplied with the leading periodicals and papers, which is kept warm and lighted, and is open every day from 3 to 10 o'clock, p.m.—*Expositor.*

CLINTON.

IMMIGRATION.—A meeting of the Huron Immigration Society will be held at the Rattenbury House, on Saturday, April 15, at 2 P. M.

GETTING READY.—On Saturday last, Mr. P. Straith removed the boiler, yats and other appliances used in the Clinton Cheese Factory, to Blyth, where he intends carrying on the manufacture of cheese.

REAL ESTATE CHANGES.—Mr. John Copeland has purchased the "Brewery farm"—14 acres, with small orchard and house—for $830. An exchange of properties has been made between Mr. Jas. Mahaffy, of the London road, and Mr. R. M. Racey; the former giving his farm in Tuckersmith for the Huron flour and oatmeal mill belonging to the estate of the late J. B. Racey.

One day last week, a lady, resident of a place not far from here, had occasion to take a trip on the Grand Trunk Railway. Arriving at the station she was bound for, she alighted and started to walk up town, but had only proceeded a short distance when she found it necessary to step into a house close by. In less than ten minutes after leaving the train, she became the mother of a fine healthy child, which appeared to be none the worse of being born under such unfavorable circumstances.

SAD ACCIDENT.—On Friday, 31st ult., a most lamentable and fatal accident occurred in Clinton by the running away of a team belonging to Mr. Geo. Miller, of Goderich township, and resulting in the death of an old and esteemed resident of Tuckersmith. It appears the team at first started near the station but were stopped, and then while making some arrangements about the sleigh they became unmanageable, and again started, getting free from the sleigh with the whiffletree attached. As they were passing the post office, a sleigh belonging to Mr. John Munroe, in which was himself, wife and son, the son and wife sitting in front and himself on a stove, the son driving, was going in the opposite direction, and the youth, seeing the team approaching, attempted to get out of the way by turning his horses to the right, but unfortunately one of his