XMAS PRESENTS

Novelties in Silver Ware,
Novelties in Fancy Goods,
Novelties in Bohemian Glass,
Novelties in Dressing Cases,
Novelties in Writing Desks,
Novelties in Work Boxes,
Novelties in Knicknacks,
Novelties in Books,
Novelties in Xmas Cards,

NOVELTIES INNUMERABLE,

AT VERY LOWEST PRICES, AT

Moorhouse's.

Goderich, Dec. 11th, 1877.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH. DEC. 27, 1877.

The Salt Trade.

The people of the Western States have long felt that the salt duty was an injustice to themselves, but they have submitted to it because those interested in maintaining the duty were fully organized and possessed a strong influence on the legislation of the country. A few journals have pointed out the injustice and the fact that the duty was equivalent to a bonus to the salt manufacturers, and lately they have had reason to speak more strongly since the salt men formed combinations and did away to a great extent with competition. This sentiment last week found expression in a more emphatic way at a meeting of the Dairymen's Association in Chicago, which was attended by leading dairymen from all parts of the States. A discussion arose on home and foreign markets, and one delegate referred in terms of high approbation to the fact that American cheese was admitted duty free into England, after which the following resolution was submitted:

"*Resolved*, That the dairy products of our country having become articles of export, and in their sale must compete in the markets of the world, it seems unjust and impolitic to burden this industry with a tariff tax on salt, and throwing obstacles in the way of our getting a superior article. We, therefore, do urgently demand that in the proposed revision of the tariff salt shall be placed on the free list."

The resolution was warmly received, and carried unaminously. Coming from so influential a body, this opinion will have considerable weight with the Government. The dairy business is very extensive, and, as the above resolution declares, the free admission into the States of such superior brands of salt as that produced in Goderich is very important to its welfare. In considering the readjustment of the tariff the Government will have to give due consideration to this fact, and it would be a relief to them to consider it in conjunction with the further fact that, since the American salt manufacturers produce that article much cheaper than it is produced in Canada, the imported article would only be bought by those who wanted the superior article and were willing to pay accordingly. The Canadian manufacturers are not in a position, even if the duty was done away with, to compete successfully with the Americans in price— the only advantage they have is in quality. It will thus be seen that the American salt trade, by the granting of the demand of the above resolution, would only suffer to the extent of the demand for a superior quality of salt, and the question for the Government to decide is whether this injury would not be compensated by the benefit which would result to the dairymen by the withdrawal of the duty. The extent of the dairy business, and the unanimous character of the demand should be a satisfactory answer to the question. One other fact is important to the case, and that is, that the carrying trade would naturally be increased between the two countries. The returning vessels would bring coal or wheat and other grains, to suppiy the increasing demands of trade here, with very obvious benefits to important American industries.

From present indications the course of two years will so affect the sentiment among Western people upon this question, that Government will be compelled to do away with the duty. When the Manhattan salt shaft is completed, and the pure article is put on board vessels, as it will be, at about one-half or one-third of the present cost, the people of the West will not submit to pay what the American manufacturers will consider a duty sufficient to protect them from foreign competition. The promoters of the Manhattan mine have every confidence in the ultimate success of their scheme, and, as there are no serious engineering difficulties in the way of reaching the purest bed of rock salt in the world, the expectation is grounded on the most substantial reasons. This sentiment is entertained by others, and the International Salt Company is seriously considering the question of sinking a shaft. A representative of the company has recently returned from making an examination of the coal mines of Pennsylvania, and the result is that the cost of constructing such a shaft as would be required here has been found to be much less than was anticipated. It is altogether likely the company will put the scheme in force, and that a second shaft will be in course of construction here at no distant period. The successful issue of this scheme will be the salvation of the salt trade at this point, and give Goderich the prominence which its underground wealth warrants.

Municipal Matters.

Since our last issue the discussion of municipal affairs has taken more definite shape, although only a few changes have taken place in the candidacy. Mr. B. L. Doyle has declined to permit himself to be placed in nomination for the mayoralty, and the contest promises to be narrowed down to an issue between Messrs. S. Pollock and H. Macdermott. The requisition to the former, which appears in another column, is signed by many influential citizens, and augurs a successful issue to his candidature.

For first Deputy-Reeve Mr. F. W. Johnston is in the field. Mr. Wm. Pinning[illegible] has been requested to contest the honor with the latter's claws, and a pair of tire [illegible] gentlemen [illegible] I will be able to [illegible] Watson is also spoken of in this connection, and if he permits himself to be nominated, his many sterling qualities would win for him a strong and influential support.

Three candidates are in the field for the second Deputy Reeveship, namely, Messrs. Wm. Smaill, W. G. Smith and Elijah Martin. Mr. Smith addresses the public in another column, and presents the claims of long citizenship and the fact of his having a large stake in the town's interests. He has had considerable experience in municipal affairs. The other two candidates are substantial citizens, who have served terms in the council. Mr. Smaill is well supported, and his past municipal record will commend him strongly to public support.

Very little attention has been made in the candidacy for seats at the Council board. In addition to those named last week, the name of Mr. John Acheson is mentioned as one to be placed in nomination in St. Patrick's Ward. The friends of Mr. H. H. Smith are desirous of bringing him out in St. George's Ward, and as he is a popular and energetic gentleman, would stand a good chance of election if he consented to be put in nomination. Mr. M. Hotchison will again be brought out in this ward, and will make a good run. Only three candidates are in the field in St. David's Ward, Messrs. Dancy, Strachan and McFadden, although the nomination day will likely see a couple more in the field.

WHEN Mr. Simmons came to our office in his canvass for the School Trusteeship, he asked "can I *solicit* your vote?" We did not doubt his physical ability to do so, and when he was courteous enough to ask us for the small privilege we as courteously assented Now that he writes to his own journal, charges us with being inconsistent and answers to himself by declaring that we gave our *pledge to vote* for him, and support him also, we are in doubt whether to charge the error to his gross ignorance of English or a penchant for garbling or misconstruing. Mr. Simmons remembers well how we opposed his last re-election, and cannot expect that he has done anything in the meantime to secure our confidence in his ability to fill the position. The fact of his putting such a question, and accepting the answer as a promise to vote, is evidence of itself that he lacks the intelligence to fit him for the position of School Trustee.

Christmas Examination

THE HONOR LIST.

On Saturday afternoon the attendance at the Central School was very large—much more so than usual. C. Crabb, Esq., occupied the chair and made a short speech, and the children were also addressed by Rev. Jas. Preston, Mr. J. R. Miller, I. P. S., and Mr. Samuel Gibson, of Wawanosh. The proceedings were enlivened by music furnished by the children, under the leadership of Mr. A. E. Annis. Mr. W. R. Miller, Principal, read the examination report as follows:

ST ANDREW'S WARD SCHOOL—Miss Longworth Teacher.

No. on roll 44, present at examination 41. Promoted 80% 6.

HONORS—General Proficiency—1st J. McDonald, 2d A. H. Read, 3rd E. Moss. Reading—1st R. Williams, —Spelling—1st J Brophy, T. Brophy, R. Baxter, A. McPhail,—Writing—1st A. H. Read, 2nd M. Armstrong E Moss. Geog.—1st D. Murray, 2nd E. Moss, 3rd D. Read. Arith.—1st A. McPhail, D. Read, J. McDonald, A. H. Read.

Promoted in order of merit—J. McDonald, A. H. Read, E. Moss, A. McPhail, H. Williams, D. Read.

JUNIOR DIVISION—Miss Williams, Teacher.—No on roll 78, present at examination 63. Promoted 10.

St. David's Ward—Miss McMahon, Teacher.

No. on roll 46, present at examination 42. Promoted 80%, 10.

HONORS—Reading—1 L. Vanderlip, 2 J. Williams, 3 M. Moorhouse.—Spelling—1 B. Walter, 2 J. Webb. Writing—1 M. Elliott, 2 M. Moorhouse, 3 J. Williams. Geog.—1 M. Elliott, W. Mose, F. West. Arith.—1 J. Sharman, L. Vanderlip.

Promoted in order of merit—L. Vanderlip, J. Sharman, J. Webb, W. Mose, B. Johnston, M. Elliott, J. Williams, M. Moorhouse, W. Murray, G. Black.

ST. PATRICK'S WARD—Miss Oliver, Teacher.

No on roll 38, present at examination 35. Promoted 80%, 9.

HONORS—Gen. Prof.—1 S. Bowen, 2 A Thompson, 3 J. Penrose, H. Savage. Reading—1 J. McKown, 2 A. Thompson, 3 W. Pasmore. Spelling—1 A. Sharman, 2 M. Grant, S. Bowen. Writing—1 S. Bowen, J. Halliday. Geog.—1 H. Downing, 2 A. Sharman, 3 C. Smith, Arith.—1 H. Savage.

Promoted in order of merit—S. Bowen, A. Thompson, J. Penrose, H. Savage, A. Sharman, W. Downing, B. Miller, C. Smith, T. Nairn.

JUNIOR DIVISION—Miss Breckenridge, Teacher.—No on roll 88, present at examination 57. Promoted 7.

CENTRAL SCHOOL,

SEVENTH DIVISION.—Miss Dickson Teacher.

No. on roll 73, present at examination 57. Promoted with credit 80 % 7, without credit 75 % 9. Total 16.

HONORS—Gen. Prof. 1 M. Rusk, 2 F. Worden, 3d E Johnston. W. Read.—Reading—1 M. Rusk, 2 F. McLean, A. Dever. Spelling—1 M. Rusk, L. Vidran, C. Crabb, Writing—1 M. Wilson, 2 R. Elliott, 3 W. Read. Geog.—1 M. Rusk, 2 A. Dever, 3 W. Read Arith.—1 F. Worden, M. Rusk, 2 W. Read, 3 E. Johnson.

Promoted with credit in order of merit—M. Rusk, F. Worden, E. Johnson, W. Read, S. Caldwell, E. Read, C Crabb.

Without credit—M. McEwen, G. Wilson, F. McLean, E. Hopper, S. Wright, E. Bell, A. Waddell, L. McBrien, M. Sinclair.

SIXTH DIVISION.—Miss Helyer, Teacher.

No. on roll 74, present at examination 71. Promoted with credit 75 % 14, without credit 70 % 13. Total 17.

HONORS—Gen Prof.—1 J. Dickson, 2 M. Sharman, H. Watson. Reading—1 J. Walker, 2 M. C. Miller, 3 M. Yates. Spelling—1 S. Campbell, 2 M. Sharman, F. Ashton. E. Acheson. Writing—1 R. Murray, 2 J. Christian, 3 A. Tisdale. Geog.—1 J. Dickson, 2 Miller, 3 G. Stewart. Arith.—1 P. Andrews, 2 T. Cowherd, M. Sharman.

Promoted with credit in order of merit—J. Dickson, M. Sharman, H. Watson, P. Ashton.

Without credit — T. Cowherd, H. Smith, A. Smith, P. Andreas, J. Christian, E. Hilyer, M. McQuire, S. Cantelon, E. Dever, W. Hunter, J. Thorburn, E. Acheson, C. Bates.

FIFTH DIVISION—Miss Robinson, Teacher.

No. on roll 60, present at examination 57. Promoted with credit 75 % 18, without credit 70 % 13. Total 31.

HONORS.—Gen. Prof.—1 J. Swanson, 2 A. Manson, 3 N. Noble. Reading—1 E. Wiggins, 2 A. Manson, 3 J. Wilkinson. Spelling—1 L. Preston, 2 G. Lawrason, 3 J. Wilkinson. Gram.—1 A. Manson, L. Preston, A. Breckenridge. Geog.—1 G. Lawrason, 2 E. Wiggins, 3 L. Preston. Writing—1 A. Thompson, 2 A. Buchanan, 3 H. Reid. Arith.—1 J. Swanson, 2 J. Watson, 3 A. Carey.

Promoted with credit in order of merit.—J. Swanson, A. Manson, N. Noble, E. Wiggins, J. Wilkinson, M. Seegmiller, A. Carey, A. Thompson, [illegible] Williams, A. Cornell, [illegible] Pridham, M. Swanson, M. Kirkpatrick, K. McLean, W. Murray, M. Salkeld.

FOURTH DIV.—Miss Donogh, Teacher.

No. on roll 46, present at examination 35. Promoted with credit 75 % 18, without credit 70 % 5. Total 23.

HONORS.—Gen. Prof.—1 S. Williams, 2 M. Robertson and J. Williams. Reading—1 N. Street, S. Williams, 2 M. Watson. Spelling—1 S. Williams, 2 N. Street, 3 M. Cooke. Writing—1 M. Cooke, 2 N. Street, 3 O. Cook Geog.—1 N. Gordon, N. Street, 3 A. Caldwell Arith.—1 M. Robertson, S. Williams, 2 A. Papst. Composition—1 S. Williams, 2 J. Williams, 3 E. Preston. Gram.—1 S. Williams, 2 M. Robertson, 3 W. Beale.

Promoted with cred in order of merit—S. Williams, M. Robertson, J. Williams, J. Wilson, N. Street, A. Papst, A. Ferguson, A. Caldwell, M. Worden, J. Acheson, N. Mann, W. Heale, M. Watson, E. Preston, N. Gordon, C. Cook, H. Donogh, W. Cox, G. Moore.

Without credit—J. Breckenridge, E. Whitely, C. Thompson, R. Swaffield, D. Breckenridge.

THIRD DIV.—Miss Trainer, Teacher.

No. on roll 41, present at examination 34. Promoted with credit 75 % 15, without credit 70 % 11. Total 26.

HONORS.—Gen. Prof.—1 J. Swift, 2 E. Walker, 3 M. Salkeld. Reading—1 J. Swift, 2 L. Cooke, 3 R. Shannon. Spelling—1 A. Dickson, 2 L. Cooke, 3 J. Swift. Writing—1 L. Cooke, 2 J. Addison, 3 M. Breckenridge. Geog.—1 J. Elliott, 2 R. Shannon, W. Wilson. Arith.—1 H. Pinkerton, 2 R. Shannon, 3 J. Writing. Com.—1 J. Swift, 2 M. Street, 3 L. Cooke. Gram.—1 M. Street, 2 J. Johnston, 3 K. McKay.

Promoted with credit in order of merit—J. Swift, E. Walker, M. Salkeld, A. Dickson, J. Elliott, J. Wright, L. Cooke, R. Shannon, N. Kerr, M. M. Thompson, H. Pinkerton, W. Wilson, K. McKay, L. Wlaker, M. Street.

Without credit—M. Breckenridge, A. Wilson, R. Bates, M. Thompson, C. Ruak, J. Addison, T. Kirkpatrick, J. Johnson, A. Baumstock, J. Gooding, G. Bates.

SECOND DIV.—Mr. Annis, Teacher.

No. on roll 49, present at examination 33. Promoted with credit 8, without credit 8. Total 16.

HONORS.—Gen. Prof.—1 M. Wilson, 2 B. Halcrow, 3 E. Moore. Reading—1 L. Dickson, 2 M. McKay, 3 L. Lawrason. Spelling—1 B. Andrews, B. Halcrow, M. Watson. Writing—1 B. Halcrow, 2 A. Cooke and W. Edard.—Geog.—1 M. Wilson, 2 B. Halcrow. B. Andrews. Arith.—1 A. Hays, 2 M. Wilson, E. Moore. Com.—1 B. Halcrow, 2 E. Moore, 3 T. Andrews.—Hist.—1 B. Halcrow, 2 B. Andrews, M Wilson. Gram.—1 B. Halcrow, 2 M Wilson, 3 M. McKay.

Promoted with credit in order of merit—M. Wilson, B. Halcrow, E. Moore, B. Andrews, M. McKay, B. Fulford, H. Johnston, E. Hosker.

Without credit—T. Andrews, M. Watson, L. Dickson, N. Hosker. M. Young, R. Jenkins, A. Cooke, L. Lawrason.

FIRST DIV.—W. R. Miller, Principal

No. on roll 37, present at examination 32. Promoted with credit 23, without credit 7. Total 30.

HONORS.—Gen. Prof.—1 T. Graham, 2 W. Worden, C Edwards. Reading—1 T. Williams, A. Wallace, N. Seegmiller, M Woodcock. Spelling—1 E. Gibson, 2 T. Williams, 3 J. Williams.—Gram.—1 A. Currie, 2 R. Wilkinson, 3 W. Worden. Comp.—1 M. McLaren, 2 W. Worden, A. Runciman, 3 J. Hutchison. Hist.—1 W. Worden, 2 W. Trainer, 3 J. Mann. Geog.—1 J. Thomas, 2 R. Wilkinson, 3 W. Worden. Arith.—1 G Meyer, 2 A. Runciman, 3 C. Edwards, T. Graham. Writing—1 T. Graham, 2 J. Thomas, W. Trainer, J. Cooke.

Promoted with credit in order of merit—T. Graham, W. Worden, C. Edwards, E. Ralph, H. Thompson, W. Trainer, A. Runciman, R. Wilkinson, J. Hutchison, A. Campbell, J. Thomas, N. Seegmiller, J. Mann, E. Morris, J. Buchanan, G. Meyer, A. Currie, J. Williams, M. Robinson, M. McLaren, M. Woodcock, H. McKenzie, J. Cooke

Without credit—A. Wallace, M. Moorhouse, W. Ferguson, E. Gibson, W. Neibergall, T. Williams, T. Rutson.

The first four on the "with credit list" in each department received prizes. On Friday all the teachers were presented by their pupils with handsome presents, and very pleasant and agreeable sentiments were interchanged.

Entrance to High School.

Of the forty-nine candidates for entrance to the High School, the following obtained the necessary marks to pass: Goderich Central School—Annie J. Campbell, Jennie E. Cooke, Mary A. Currie, Ellen Gibson, Mary McLaren, Hannah McKenzie, Ellen M. Morris, M. M. Moorhouse, Agnes M. Runciman, Margt. Ann Robinson, Ellen Ralph, Nettie Seegmiller, Mary Woodcock, James Buchanan, Ed. J. B. Duncan, Chas. B. Edwards, Willie D. Ferguson, Jas. A. Hutchison, Geo. R. Meyer John C. Mann, Wm. Neibergall, Joshua Thomas, Wm. E. Trainer, Herbert Thomson, Wm. H. Worden, Jas. R. Williams, Robt. P. Wilkinson, Tho. C. Graham. No 2 Goderich Tp.—John H. Shaw, Jos. Whitely, John E. Whitely; No. 6 do—Emily Johnston. John E. Johnston, Thos. Johnston. No 2 Ashfield—Wm. J. Long; No 8 do., Wm. McKay; No 10 do., Wm. McLean. No 2 Wawanosh—John R. Owens, Edward W. J. Owens; No 3 do—Jas, Murray. Goderich town—Mary E Duncan. No 4 Colborne—Minnie Kernighan; No 5 Wm. Clinton. No 4 Stanley—Wm. J. Armstrong.

Town Council.

The regular meeting took place on Friday evening, the first Deputy Reeve in the chair, and present the second Deputy Reeve and Councillors Hutchison, Dancy, Watson, Seymour, Mitchell, Bingham, McKay, Sloan and Savage.

Communication from M. C. Cameron with his opinion regarding the liability of the corporation to open sewers and keep them in repair. Not having had all the facts before him the matter was referred to Mr. Watson, who was asked to consult with Mr. Cameron and report to Council.

Communication from the Secretary of the School Board requesting leave to hold Board meetings in the Council Chamber. Mr. Savage, moved seconded by Mr. Seymour, that such leave be granted. Mr. Watson moved seconded by Mr. McKay, that the matter be referred to the new council, Carried

Moved by Mr. Seymour, seconded by Mr. Savage, that the resolution passed in April, 1872, granting the use of the Driehead to the Curling Club be rescind ded and that the Club be allowed to occupy the shed on sufferance. Carried.

Report of Finance Committee was adopted.

Report of Capt. T. N. Dancy recommending that $15 be allowed to Mr. Phillips for the use of part of the market house for the hand engine and hook and ladder waggon, as there is not sufficient room in the Engine House. Adopted.

Report of the Street Inspector giving expenditures during the year as follows: Public works $4042.09; Fire department $1743,73; Cemeter $48.50; Watering streets, $600—total, $6334.32.

Petitions from Mrs. Alsworth and Philip Nunn asking for a remission of taxes. Referred to Relief Com.

Letter from R. Caraswell offering copy of consolidated statutes for $1.50 Clerk instructed to order a copy.

Letter from C. O'Reilly asking for a guarantee of 40 cents a day for the support of Wm Craigie, who is in the General Hospital, Toronto. Referred to the Mayor for explanation.

The following accounts were sent to Finance:—Thos. Weatherald surveying [illegible] P. Nolan, blacksmithing [illegible] N. Davis oil, $8.87; J. Reid, work on engine room, $57.87.

Communication from the Mayor, regretting his inability to be present at the meeting and thanking the Council for courtesies and co-operation in municipal matters. Mr. Seymour moved, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the thanks of the Council be presented to his worship and regrets in losing his services.

NOTICE.

As New Years' Day falls on Tuesday next, the day on which we usually go to press, our next issue will not appear until Thursday morning, instead of Wednesday as heretofore. We hope our readers will pay more strict attention to this notice, than to the one last week, wishing at the same time that 1878 will be A HAPPY NEW YEAR to one and all.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

DON'T forget the Y. M. C. A. annual meeting at North Street church this evening. Admission free.

MATRIMONIAL.—On Wednesday last four newly wedded couples, from this vicinity, left by the morning train on their bridal tours.

HELD OVER.—Several reports of presentations, school examinations and socials have necessarily to be held over until next week.

PERSONAL.—G. J. Abbot, Esq., U. S. Commercial Agent of this place, started for Cincinnatti, on Saturday to spend Christmas and New Years' Day with his friends.

FOR THE POOR.—At 2 p.m. on Friday the teachers of the Gelic Sunday School will be in waiting, at St. Andrew's church, to receive contributions of clothing for distribution among the poor children attending the school.

PROPOSED BRIDGE. — The Grand Trunk engineer was in town last week making surveys for a bridge which it is proposed to construct across the mouth of the river, from the breakwater to Attrill's Point. It will be used in connection with the railway.

FARM SOLD.—On Saturday last J. C. Currie, auctioneer, sold lot 3, 7th con., E. D. Ashfield, containing 100 acres, 30 cleared, to Wm Pierce who resides on the next lot, for $2,020. There are no buildings on the property.

BIBLE READINGS, in the Y. M. C. A. rooms Sunday evening, Dec. 30, commencing at 8 o'clock. Subject—Invitations and encouragements to prayer. All are requested to bring their Bibles with them, and be prepared to take part in the service.

SELECT PRIVATE SCHOOL.—As will be seen by advertisement, Mrs. O'Beirne purposes opening a private school if she can secure 30 pupils. She is well known here as Miss Lundy, when ably filling the position of assistant in the High School. Later she had charge of the ladies' department of the Galt Colligiate Institute, and possesses excellent qualifications for her profession.

CONCERT.—A large number of tickets has been sold for the concert in Oddfellows' Hall this (Thursday) evening, under the auspices of the pupils of St. Joseph's Academy, and the affair promises to be very successful. The programme arranged for the evening is a *recherche* one, including vocal and instrumental music, dramas, readings and recitations. Admission 25 cents.

DEATH OF RORY MUNRO.—On Tuesday last Rory Munro, of Port Albert, the victim of the assault last spring, died as is alleged from the effects of his wounds and bed-sores, having been in bed since the assault. Dr. McLean, who at his own expense attended Munro throughout his illness, held an inquest yesterday afternoon. Dr. Worthington of Clinton made the *post mortem* examination.

VICTORIA PRECEPTORY.—At the regular meeting of Victoria Royal Black Preceptory No. 315, the following Sir Knights were elected and installed as office bearers for the ensuing year, by the G. C. M. S. Niblock:—W. H. Murney, W. M.; J. Wilson, D. M.; R. Gordon, Chap.; Jas. J. MacMath, Reg.; J. Reid, Treasurer; E. Gibson and J. B. Edward, Lecturers; R. Johnston and J. Rusk, Censors; J. S. MacMath and J. Maugh, Standard Bearers; R. Armstrong, Pursuivant; W. Shepard, W. Stothers, J. Johnston, Sam'l Hagen, J. A. Stuart, G. Hawkins, W. Lasham, Committee.

HAMILTON'S OPERA CO.—This talented company gave two successful entertainments in Oddfellows' Hall, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. On Friday evening an "old folks' concert was given in the Temperance Hall, which was poorly attended. The members of the troupe are all talented vocalists, particularly Mr Hamilton, who has a voice of exceeding richness and great compass. The contralto and soprano voices were admirable. We believe the company will visit us again in about six weeks, when we are sure they will have very large houses.

OPEN WEATHER.—On Christmas Day one of our young citizens rowed up to the Point Farm, and played a game of croquet. As an evidence of the peculiar weather this is worth mentioning. We have received several sprigs of lilac, alder, &c, in some cases just blooming and others well budded. Lettuce, parsnips and spinach are growing nicely in some gardens. Mr. Wm. Jordan, of Wingham, with a friend made a trip down the Maitland from Wingham to Goderich, on Tuesday, leaving the former place at 5 a. m., and reaching here in the evening. The trip was made without trouble.

HURON S. S. CONVENTION.—At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the County of Huron Sabbath School Association, in Clinton, on Saturday, it was arranged that the annual convention should be held in the Bible Christian church, Clinton, on Thursday and Friday, 7th and 8th February next.—An excellent programme has been arranged. Intending delegates should notify Rev. E. E. Courtice, of Clinton, of their intention to be present, not later than February 2d, so that preparations for billeting may be made. Special prayer is asked in all the churches and schools of the county, on Sunday, February 3, for the Sunday School work. Circulars will be issued in a few days giving all particulars.

F. G. WIDDOWS.—The ex Franciscan monk, F. G. Widdows, lectured to a fair audience in Oddfellows' Hall on Friday evening. Rev. Mr. Peirce of Seaforth occupied the chair. The speaker occupied about three hours and a half with his remarks, the audience being unwearied throughout. He has a fine presence, is theatrical in his style of delivery, fluent and eloquent, is a good musician and vocalist and has an easy, conversational style in his discourses which is very entertaining. We have not space to review the remarks, but we must say that several of the anecdotes related, though they may have been true, savored too strongly of burlesque of religious forms and sounded unpleasant to the ears of some. The references to the Catholic church, on the whole, were temperate.

TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.—The convention of temperance workers at Blyth, on Thursday last was well attended. Mr. R. Adams, of Blyth, filled the chair. Reports of a very encouraging kind were presented by several delegates from Goderich, London, Varna, Seaforth, Wingham, Blyth, Kinburn, Manchester, and Lucburn. Resolutions were adopted requesting the Secretary to communicate with the different associations in the temperance cause to secure their co-operation, also instructing the executive committee of the Huron Prohibitory Association at as early a date as practicable, to ask the Ontario Government to submit the Prohibitory Liquor Law to the people. [illegible] Speakers were present from Goderich, Wingham, Blyth, Varna, Seaforth and Clinton. [illegible] Meetings were held in the evening at Blyth and Wingham, which were addressed by the delegates.

LUMBER.—The shipments of lumber since Dec. 1st and up to Tuesday were 81 cars by Record, Dunsmuir &c., and 15 cars by Williams & Murray.

STOCK SHIPPERS.—A few days ago Mr. Wm. McClelland shipped to Black Rock from here 124 sheep and 24 head fat cattle.

GRAIN.—Within several days past 1600 bushels of peas were shipped from the station by G. Carter & Son, 1491 bushels barley by W. Marshall to Albany, and 365 do by Hilliard & Co.

PERSONAL.—Mr. A. Dickson, son of Jas. Dickson, Esq., County Registrar, has been appointed teller of the Bank of Commerce, vice Mr. H. Mackid, removed to Toronto.

FISH.—During the past three weeks the shipments have been 2,100 lbs by Chas. Howland, 17,400 lbs by D. Ferguson, 4,500 lbs by Jas. Clark, 450 lbs by Wm. Lee, 300 lbs by Hugh Bain and 9,600 lbs by W. Stitt.

XMAS CHEER.—Mr. Robt. McClain, butcher, sent a splendid roast of beef to the jail wherewith to regale the prisoners on Christmas day. It is needless to say the prisoners fully appreciated Mr. McClain's generosity.

PRESENTATION. — Last week Mrs. Robt. Henderson was presented by the pupils lately under her charge in the Maitlandville Sunday School, with a neatly framed photograph of the class, as a token of regard.

GIVE THE "DEVIL" HIS DUE.—Our newsboys will make their annual presentation to our patrons, on New Years' day, and claim the usual gift. They have been faithful to their duties, regardless of the inclemencies of the weather, and we are sure there will be a smile and a donation greet them at every household.

NEW YEARS DAY.—At a meeting of the Ladies Temperance Union, held in the Temperance Hall, on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 20th, it was unanimously resolved, "That they most respectfully request the ladies of Goderich to refrain from offering intoxicating drinks to their friends on New Years' Day.

GENERAL FREIGHT.—Since our last report, among the miscellaneous shipments from the station were the following: 4 bales sheep-skins by Sherlock & Chapman, 2172 lbs wool by Jas. McNair, 115 bales hides by M. Wortely, 12 bbls potash by A. W. Hazelton, 4 bbls fish oil by R. Proudfoot, 140 bbls salt by Wm. Campbell and 280 bbls salt by other parties.

KNOX CHURCH SOIREE.—This event, which took place on Tuesday evening of last week, proved a great success, the amount realized being $138. The night was very disagreable, and this result is the more satisfactory on that account. An excellent repast was furnished in the basement, and later in the evening the crowd assembled in the audience room, where Rev. Jas. Sieveright presided. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Musgrave of McKillop, who spoke of the necessity of greater sympathy between the church and Sunday School; Rev. J. B. Mullan, of Fergus, who spoke of the many circumstances connected with Knox Church, which augured great success in the future; Rev Mr. Fraser, who spoke eloquently of the growing unanimity between evangelical bodies, and who stated that twenty years ago he was a pupil under Mr. Sieveright's instruction; and Rev. J. C. Smith, of Guelph, who made an eloquent address touching the importance of the Sunday School work, the great responsibility of teachers and the duty which parents owed to their children and the schools. In referring to Mr. Fraser's remarks, he thought that the denominational distinctions were wise dispensations of Providence, for which we should be profoundly thankful. He was satisfied that a greatly advanced christian work. During the evening Knox Church Choir sang several anthems, and rendered some excellent music under the able leadership of Mr. J. G. Sheriff. "Rock of Ages," rendered by the Misses McKay and Ferguson and Messrs. Sheriff and Duncan, was beautiful and was greeted with great applause. Excellent solos were given by the above-named persons as well as Mr. Alex. Saunders. Miss Sieveright presided at the organ with her usual skill. On Wednesday evening the children of Knox and St. Andrew's churches were entertained, and enjoyed themselves very much. Mr. J. R. Miller aided in their enjoyment very materially by exhibiting the beauties of his magic lantern.

CHRISTMAS DAY.—On Monday the town was fairly busy, the demand for articles of Christmas cheer being very great, Messrs. S. Andrews, Robt. McLain and McLean & Loutit made magnificent displays of meats, fowl, &c.; their stands being the centre of attraction. Mr. Jas. Vivian did a rushing business, and his beautiful display of delicacies was greatly reduced before business closed for the day. The demand for presents was not so large as usual, The crowd at the station to greet friends arriving by the last train Monday was very large, and the crowd seemed a highly gratified one when the train reached the station, judging from the hearty greetings, kissings and exclamations. Christmas was dull, rainy and slightly chilly—a veritable "green Yule"—but very favourable to indoor enjoyment, and consequently the day passed off quietly. Services were held, in the morning, in St. George's and St. Joseph's churches both of which were beautifully decorated with evergreens, mottoes and banners. In the former sacrament was dispensed, the alter being beautifully trimmed with evergreens and holly berries. At the jail special provision was made for the prisoners, 18 in all, and they discarded "skilly," dry bread and water for roast beef, plum pudding, tea and cake, enjoying themselves hugely. During the afternoon the Silver Cornet Band played several pieces of music on the Square, and serenaded several citizens. In the evening the Arcadian bell ringers appeared before a fair audience in Oddfellows' Hall, and the I. O. G. T. gave an excellent entertainment in the Temperance Hall. The attendance was large, and the affair passed off very successfully. Major Thomson occupied the chair, and presented an excellent programme. Rev. C. Fletcher opened the proceedings with prayer. After a very pretty instrumental duett by Miss Mellish on the organ and Mr. B. Armstrong on the cornet, the Misses Trainer gave an excellent duett. Solos were sung by Miss Barnes and Miss B. Trainer, and readings were given by Messrs. E. F. Moore and Walter Jamieson. A fine quartette was given by Misses A. Smith and Thomson and Messrs. Mann and Thomson. Messrs. S. P. Halls and H. Howell gave an interesting magic lantern exhibition, after which voting took place on the question of presenting a gold ring to the most popular lady, Miss Isabella Thompson receiving a majority of votes. The sum of $11.40 was realized by this means. The proceeds of the entertainment were very satisfactory.

Legal Notes.

STEALING TURKEYS. — On Monday evening two turkeys were stolen from the store of Mrs. John McIntosh, jr., East St. Three lads named Thos. Noble, Peter and David Drennan were captured by constable Yule shortly after, having the turkeys in their possession, and were incarcerated in our apology for a lock-up over night. On Tuesday they were committed to jail to await trial, the two former pleading guilty to larceny and the latter to receiving stolen property.

BURGLARY.—Some time on Sunday night, one of the express cars at the station was broken into and the trunks belonging to a newsboy were rifled, about $200 worth of candies, books and fancy goods being stolen. One case was carried into one of the old salt blocks adjoining, broken open and the best of the books therein taken away. The newsboy had just been started in business by his uncle, and feels his loss sorely. On Wednesday one of the night workmen in the machine shop was arrested on suspicions, and brought before C. [illegible], Esq., but was acquitted as no [illegible] was proven against him. A decree [illegible] at present working up the [illegible]

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

EXAMINATION.—The scholars of No. 5 were examined on last Friday. The teacher, Mr. Hodgins and visitors, who were present were much pleased with the progress shown by the children.

FARM BOUGHT.—Mr. Walters has bought the Canada Company's farm on the lake shore, formerly known as Chapman's corners, paying about $20 per acre.

BOGUS MONEY.—The tax collector received from some one of the ratepayers recently, in making his collections, a $1 bill the figures and letters of which had been altered to make it a $4 bill. Not knowing from whom he received the bill, the collector is out just $3.

BAYFIELD.

FRUIT FESTIVAL.—A very pleasant fruit festival was held in the Methodist Church here on Wednesday evening. A. Rutledge, Esq., occupied the chair and presided giving general satisfaction. Miss Margey Irvin presided at the organ with great acceptability. Both the vocal and instrumental music was of a high order. Excellent readings were given by Misses Bro'oy, Stanbury and Weir. Revs. Mr. Jamieson and Danby gave us excellent speeches, and on the whole we had a good time generally. Thanks were given to the chairman, the waiters, the ladies, Miss Irwin and the choir, also to the committee of management, viz: Misses Rutledge and Irwin, and Messrs. Bacon, Rutledge and Barker. Mr. Switzer, an old and respectable resident of the Township of Goderich, also gave us a very humorous speech, claiming that nearly all the good that had been accomplished during the present half century had been accomplished by himself. He also intimated that he was going be run for South Huron as an M. P., and that, if elected, would bring in a bill to abolish the liquor traffic, and repeal—well I dare not tell you what, were I to do so I am certain he would lose the election.—Com.

COLBORNE.

A BIG RATE.—H. Y. Attrill, Esq., pays this year the sum of $127, school tax, to the Maitlandville school section.

COULDN'T SPARE HIM.—Since our last issue the people of Colborne have so strongly protested against Mr. Wm. Young's retirement from public life and have been so urgent in the demand that he should continue to act as Reeve of the Township, that he has finally consented to come out again. He doubtless will be re-elected by acclamation.

MASONIC—On Wednesday evening last, the annual election of officers in Morning Star Lodge, Smith's Hill, took place with the following result: Andrew McDonald, W. M; Jas. Young, S. W; Wm. Bailey, J. W; John Tiffin, Chaplain; R. B. Scott, Treasurer; Jos. S. Habkirk, Secretary; Samuel Oake, Tyler. At the close of the business the large gathering present partook of an excellent repast at Martin's Hotel. The installation will take place this (Thursday) afternoon.

HORSE STOLEN.—On Tuesday night of last week a thief entered Mr. John McDonagh's stable, Smith's Hill, and stole a valuable mare. The animal had been fed at about eight o'clock, and the door was left unlocked. Mr. McDonagh had been attending the Knox Church tea meeting in Goderich, and when he reached home at about 12 p. m., the horse was gone, and had apparently been stolen about an hour before. No trace of the thief has been found. The mare, which is in foal, is worth about $150.

[Since the above was in type, we learn that the mare was found on the road near Glen's Hill.]

Special line of Ulster Overcoats, for Men and Boys—very cheap. B. CROFTS, late Crofts & Johnston.

REMEMBER THIS.—Now is the time of the year for Pneumonia, Lung Fever, Coughs, Colds, and fatal results of predisposition to Consumption and other Throat and Lung Diseases. BOSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP has been used in this neighborhood for the past two or three years without a single failure to cure. If you have not used this medicine yourself, go to your Druggist and ask him of its wonderful success among the customers. Two doses will relieve the worst case. If you have no faith in any medicine, just buy a Sample Bottle of Boschee's German Syrup for 10 cents and try it, regular size bottle 75 cents. Don't neglect a cough to save 75 cents. 1610

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—Some $25,000 have been spent in Clinton this year in building operations.

—Little interest is manifested in the municipal elections, in Clinton.

—Thos. Crocker has opened a new tin shop in Blyth.

—None but employees are permitted to walk on the L. H. & B. track.

—Mr. Geo. Baird, jr., has been re-engaged for S. S. No. 10, Stanley, at the salary. of $500.

—A singing class has been started in Holmesville, by Prof. Salter of Wingham, with about forty papils.

—Mr. Jos. Grigg, of the 16th con., Goderich township, has in his possession a crown piece of the date of 1707.

—Mr. Irwin, of Clinton, has presented an organ to the Presbyterian Sabbath School there.

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