## AGRICULTURE AND ARTS MILE ASSOCIATION.

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The Council of the Agriculture and Arts Association met in the Agricultural rooms, corner of Queen and Yonge streets, on Thursday.

Mr. Thomas Stock, President of the Council, occupied the chair.

The following gentlemen are present:—Mr. James Fraser, Kenyon; Mr. Ira Morgan, Osgoode; Mr. Andrew Wilson, Maitland; Mr. McKenzie Bowell, M.P., Bellewille; Mr. Samuel Wilmot, Newcastle; Mr. George Graham, Brampton; Mr. J. C. Eykert, St. Catharines; Hon. D. Christic, Paris; L. E. Shipley, Greystead; Mr. Stephen White, Charing Cross; Mr. W. Roy, Owen Sound; Mr. Charles Drury, Barrie; Mr. James Young, Mr. P. Galt, President of the Mechanics' Institute Association of Ontario; Rev. R. Burnet, London, President of the Priti Growers: Association; Mr. Geo. Buckland, Toronto, Professor of Agriculture in the University of Toronto; Mr. William Saunders, President of the Dairymen's Association of Mr. James T. Bell, Professor of Agriculture, Albert College, Belleville; Mr. D. McCrae, Guelph; Mr. Otto Klotz, Preston.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted.

A communication from Messrs. J. S. and W. B. Wyon, England, in reference to the manufacture of dies and medals for the Association was read.

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commodation than at that time existed doubts have arisen as to the assurances of the Mayor and members of the Council being carried out, be it resolved that the Toronto City Council be informed that this Association consider the present exhibibition buildings and grounds in that city are totally inadequate and insufficient for the purposes of the

of 1878. The meeting then adjourned. Second Day's Proceedings.

exhibitions of the Association, and could

BUILDING COMMITTEE'S REPORT. After routine business, the above mentioned re-

To the President and Council of the Board of Arts and Agriculture of the Province of On The Building Committee appointed by your Association beg leave to report as follows:

The Building Committee was called together by instructions from the President on the 11th day of Aprillast, at the city of Toronto, and was duly organized by the appointment of a chairman.

That your Committee, after due deliberation, concluded upon the necessity of having certain requisites for the proper accommodation for holding the next Provincial show at the City of Toronto in September next. All these requirements for the aforesaid purposes will be found enclosed in the report hereafter.

That your Committee had a conference with the ronto from the Dominion Government.

That upon inspection of the said ground (which is but a short distance from the old exhibition site), your Committee was highly pleased with the location in respect to its extent and general adaptability for exhibition surrose.

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Recommended that ample room should be provided for stoves, separate from the Palace; space required, 38 x 100 feet. Separate buildings are required for the following interests:—For dairy purposes, 38 x 100 feet, sport that the property of the following interests:—For dairy purposes, 38 x 100 feet, so the following interests:—For dairy purposes, 38 x 100 feet, the polity shed accommodation for 800 coops; two horse stalls 400 in number; cattle stalls, 250, each 10 x 12 feet; sheep sheds, 250, each 8 x 10 feet, covered; pig pens, 200, each 6 x 9 feet, covered; carriage house, 40 x 300 feet. Recommended that the offices of the Council be in a central position; necessary offices for Board, Treasurer, Secretary, and Superintendent; necessary troughs and appliances for the convenient feeding and accommodation of live stock, together with sufficient supply of living water for the above. The whole ground to be enclosed with a good and sufficient picket fence eight feet high, with such number of entrances to the grounds as may be deemed necessary by the Building Committee. A suitable horse ring and cattle rings, necessary stone houses for provender, etc. The plans submitted to the Committee by the city corporation for the main buildings be approved of.

The Committee will further require from the city corporation all such further accommodation as may be required for the convenience of the approaching

sary and are required to be carried out by the cor-poration of the City of Toronto.

Approved of by the Bhilding Committee unani-mously.

SAMUEL WILMOT, The report was adopted without discussion.

THE EXHIBITION BUILDING.

Moved by Mr. WHITE, seconded by Mr. Klotz,-hat the Secretary be instructed to ask his Worshi That the Secretary be instructed to ask his Worship the Mayor of Toronto what reply the corporation of the city is prepared to give to the communication sent by this Council yesterday in reference to accormodation for the exhibition of 1878.

Mr. White said it was necessary that an answer should be got at once so that the Association would know how to proceed. Carried.

CONTINUANCE OF THE EXHIBITION. Moved by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Wilson, that in view of the exhibition of 1878 being held in Toronto, the capital of the Province of Ontario, we try the experiment of continuing the show for four days longer than usual, with the understanding that live stock can be removed on Saturday of the first eek.
After short discussion, unfavourable to the motion

PLOUGHING. Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Wilmot, that that portion of the prize list granting \$300 to each of the four sections in the province for ploughing matches, be amended by striking off all after the word "sections" in the second line of said grant, and that the several committees appoint their own chairman.

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Moved in amendment by Mr. White, seconded by Rev. Dr. Burnet, that no ploughing match be held this year, and that we have a trial of implements.

Mr. Rykert was opposed to having an exhibition of implements. A ploughing match would attract more attention and would be far more satisfactory than such a trial. A friendly rivalry had sprung up among farmers in the matter of ploughing, and he thought that it should be fostered in every way.

Hon. Mr. Christie was of the same opinion as Mr. Rykert. ykert.

The amendment was put and lost, the original

Mr. Young submitted the report of the Printing Committee, recommending that the Association printing be done at the Globe office.

The report was adopted. report was adopted.
meeting adjourned until two o'clock.

After Recess. the presented the report of the Finance which read as follows: which read as follows:— unce Committee of the Agricultural and lation having examined the following ac-minend their payment:— W. C. Morrison silver medals ...

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A communication from the Secretary of the Mechanics' Institute, extending to the members of the Association the privileges of the Institute while in town was read.

A communication from Messrs. Inglis and Hunter, offering to furnish steam power to run machinery at the coming exhibition, free of cost, was read.

A deputation, composed of Aldermen Turner, Close, and Withrow, waited on the Association in reference to the exhibition buildings. A report of the interview will be found in another column.

The Committees of the Association were appointed as follows:—

Horses—Messrs. White, Shipley, and Morgan.

Cattle—Messrs. Drury, Christie, and Wilson.

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Implements and Poultry—Messrs. Morgan, Wilmot, and Rykert.

Judges and Delegates—Messrs. Christie, White, Bowell, and McCrea.

Arts Department — Messrs. Woung, Klotz, McCrea, Rykert, Bell, and W. H. Howland.

Agriculture—Messrs. Burnet, Roy, and Saunders.

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Mr. BowEll moved, seconded by Hon. Mr. BowEll manuel as when this Sasociation in September last decided to hold their annual Exhibition for 1878 in the city of Toronto, it did so on the assurances of his Worship the Mayor and the representatives of that city that better accommodation than at that time existed decided to Morgan.

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EXHIBITION ACCOMMODATION. Moved by Mr. WHITE, secended by Mr. Morgan, That the secretary instruct the solicitor to prepare a form of an agreement under the statute with regard to accommodation required by this Association for holding the annual exhibition, and have a small number printed with a view of having an agreement prepared to be executed at the annual meeting. Carried.

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Mr. Bowell said that he wished the people of Toronto to know that it was not the Agricultural and Arts Association that was asking for the grant to erect the buildings. The city had pledged itself, in the event of the exhibition being held here, to furds, and if it did so for \$10,000 nish the grounds, and it is that a second of the second of modation.

The meeting then adjourned until seven o'clock at which hour a reply from the Exhibition Commit

Evening Session. TIGRETS TO BE STAMPED. Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. McCrae, at the Secretary obtain a suitable stamping press r marking tickets for the exhibition, and that all enembers and other tickets used for admission the grounds be stamped therewith. Carried.

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.

That the request of the Patrons of Husbandry to have a small space on the exhibition grounds for a tent be granted. Carried.

Mr. Youne said that several citizens of the city wished to have special prizes for stock, and were prepared to pay half the amount. He was in favour of the Association devoting \$1,000, which, with what the citizens would give, would make \$2,000. This, divided into ten prizes, would be \$200 for each prize. PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY. prize.

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Mr. Youne moved, seconded by Mr. Bell, that if the citizens of Toronto raise \$500 for ten special prizes of \$100 each, to be given at the approaching exhibition, that a similar amount of \$500 be given from the funds of the Association.

Mr. Bowell said this looks like passing \$500 blindly. The Board should be satisfied what kind of stock was to compete for these prizes. It was an indefinite proposition. They were asked to give \$500 in prizes for certain articles, without knowing what those articles were. He moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. White, that the following be added to the resolution:—"Provided that before said prizes be published, the said \$500 to be contributed by the citizens of Toronto shall be first deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the Association in the Bank of Commerce, Toronto. The prizes to be awarded shall be as follows:—Thoroughbred, one horse and three mares, \$100; agricultural horses, one horse and five mares; purhams, one bull and five females; any breed for dairy purposes, ten cows; fat steers, ten steers; sheep (Cotswold or other lorg wools), one ram and ten ewes; Southdowns (Oxford or other medium wools), one ram and ten ewes; pigs (Berkshires or other breed), one boar and five property of the exhibitor."

Mr. McCrae's mendment to the amendment, seconded by Mr. Klotz, that three of the prizes of \$100 each be given to the manufacturing department, viz., for collection of agricultural implements, for collection of textile fabrics.

Mr. McCrae's amendment was voted down, and the original motion, with Bowell's addition, carried.

From the City Clerk.

FROM THE CITY GLERK.

To J. R. Craig, Esq., Secretary Agricultural and Arts Association:

SIR,—I beg to forward on the opposite page a copy of an order made by the Exhibition Committee of the City Council at its meeting held this day.

I am, etc.,

ROBERT RODDY,

City Clerk.

The order read as follows:—

City Clerk.

A communication from J. R. Craig, Secretary of the Agricultural and Arts Association of Outario, forwarding a copy of a resolution passed by the Association, asking for an answer to their previous communication, as to whether the city is prepared to furnish the necessary accommodation for the Exhibition of 1878 was read. Ordered that the Association be informed that this Committee regret most exceedingly that it is impossible to give an answer to their enquiry until the result of the vote on the by-law, which has been submitted to the citizens, is ascertained on Wednesday next, 22nd, inst.

mst.
Mr. Bowell moved, seconded by Mr. Klotz, tha in the event of the Corporation of the City of Toron in the event of the Corporation of the City of Toron-to falling to enter into an agreement with this council (on or before the 25th inst) to provide the necessary accommodation for the Exhibition of the are exhibition of council do resolve to hold the Exhibition of question at the City of Ottawa in event of the May and Corporation of the said city at once entering in to a binding agreement to provide the necessary moved in amendment. necessary accommodation fo Agricultural and Arts' Asso 1878, the council do resolve t

Accommodation.

Moved in amendment by Mr. McCaas, seconded by
Mr. Hopkins, that the town of Guelph be substituted
for the city of Ottawa as the place for holding the
next exhibition in case the city of Toronto cannot OTTAWA, May 17. Mr. Ira Morgan, Agricultural and Arts Associa ottawa will sceept Provincial Exhibition if Board so decide. Will provide and guarantee all necessary accommodation to make it a perfect success.

G. W. BANGS.

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Mayor of Ottawa.

J. SKEAD,

President of Ottawa Agricultural Association.

Mr. McCraz was in favour of having the Exhibition at Guelph should the citizens of Toronto refuse to yote the money for exhibition purposes.

Hon. Mr. Christin said that if the citizens of Toronto neglect to ratify the y-law hext Monday they would do a great wrong to the agricultural interests of this country and bring great disgrace upon themselves. He thought that the Mayor and City Goundl had done all in their power to bring about a satisfactory arrangement. He regretted that this Association did not decide last year to go to Guelph, but Guelph had not much more than a third of the accommodation that Ottawa had.

Mr. Mongan advocated strongly the claim of Ottawa. Ottawa.
Mr. McCaar's amendment was lost on division, and the original motion carried.
The Council then adjourned sine die.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Kingsron, May 16.—In the Presbyterian Synod to-day, an appeal against the decision of the Presbytery of Saugeen in a matter of dispute in Knox church, Mount Forest, was sustained, and a resolution passed requesting Mr. Martin to give up the deed of the ground on which that church was built and resign his position as trustee.

A strong protest was entered against the Ontario Registration Act, which requires clergymen to comply with certain require-TON, May 16.—In the P clergymen to comply with certain require-ments relating to funerals, and a commit-tee was appointed to interview the Ontario Fovernment.
The Synod adjourned to meet in Guelph

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA. MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

MONTREAL, May 16.—At the session of the Synod of the Presbyterian Churches of Montreal and Ottawa last evening, Rev. Mr. Burns read the report of the Committee on the state of religion in the Church. The report showed that in the Montreal district, 18 churches out of 35 had sent in returns to the Committee. had sent in returns to the Committee, in Ottawa district 20 out of 38; in Quebec 7 out of 16; Glengarry 10 out of 15; and Brockville was the only one which had sent in complete returns from every church within its radius. The report spoke of the paramount importance that family worship was to the success of the Church. It showed that from 40 to 75 per cent. of the members attended to their duty in this respect. The additions to the Church membership were 868 by profession, and 536 by certificate, and the decrease by removing or leaving was 772. The total number of or leaving was 772. The total number of communicants was 12,000. In the Sabbath schools there were 7,000 scholars and 1,600 in the Bible classes. With reference to the memorial praying for the formation of a new Presbytery in the Counties of Renfrew and Lanark, it was moved by the Rev. R. Campbell, of Montreal, and seconded by Dr. Jenkins, of Montreal:—

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"That the prayer of the memorial for the erection of a new Presbytery be granted, that it be called the Presbytery of Lamark and Renfrew, that it embrace the congregations and missions within those counties, together with the congregation of Kitley, in the county of Leeds, and the mission of Palmerston, in the county of Frontenac." The motion was carried. At the meeting of the Glengarry Presby-tery, held in Erskine church last evening, Rev. Dr. Jenkins was nominated as Moderator, to be confirmed by the General As-sembly, to be held in Hamilton in June. The Presbytery of Montreal held a meeting yesterday afternoon, at which Messrs.
J. Mitchell, J. S. Spence, and J. C.
Beckett were appointed Commissioners to
the Session of the General Assembly at Hamilton next month.

Three ex-Roman Catholic ecclesiastics, named Messrs. O. Camerle, A. Internoscia, and J. B. Sanguay having applied to be admitted to the Synod, it was resolved to recommend the Assembly to receive the first as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church, the second as a three years' student, and the third to be placed in a Presbyterian

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Bay of Quinte Conference. Passcorr, May 15.—The Bay of Quinte Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada men the M. E. church of the fown this morning at terms.

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Rev. A. CARMAN, D.D., in the chair, opened the Conference by reading the 1st and 2nd chapters of 2nd Peter, and giving out the 237th Hynn. Revs. E. Woodcock, J. A. Rodgers, and F. B. Stratton led the Conference in prayer, the Conference joining with the Bishop in repeating the Lord's prayer. The Bishop then delivered a brief but pointed and forcible address. He hoped every member would engage in the work of the present Conference in a spirit of humility and self-dexial, and with a single eye to the glory of God. Ministers were not to be self-seeking, yet should preserve a proper spirit of whilst they might advocate with warmth and earnestness their own views, all should loyally bow to the decision of the majority, and endeavour to carry out with vigour and effect the judgment of the Conference. He had never attended the Sessions of the annual Conferences with greater pleasure and satisfaction than those of the Niagara, and Ontario districts, which had just closed. Over 1,000 of an addition had been reported in the membership of the Church in those two Conferences during the present year. The financial aspect of the work in these two Conferences was on the whole very cheering. The brethren there had engaged heartily during the past year in the work of building churches and parsonages, and he thought they were being provoked to good works by the action of the Bay of Quinte Conference in the past few years.

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The Rev. A. Martin was chosen Secretary of the Conference The Rev. Wm. Blair, B. A. Journal, Secretary, and the Rev. W. Barrett, Statistical Secretary, and the Rev. W. Barrett, Statistical Secretary. A cordial vote of thanks was given the Rev. J. Young, the retiring Secretary.

The following reporters for the press were then appointed:—Rev. J. P. Wilson, B.A., for the C. C. Advocate, J. S. Bell for the Globe, B. F. Austin, B.A., for The Mail, Wm. Blair, B.A., for Brockville Recorder, F. B. Stratton, for the Witness and Citizen.

The nominations of standing Committees for the present year by the Mat. annual Conference were

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Revs. A. D. Traveller and W. G. Hudgins were appointed a Committee on Divine service. Revs. A. D. Traveller, T. W. Pickett, J. Mavley, W. Service, and W. Brown were appointed a Committee on camp meetings, with power to add to their number.

Rev. John Bills, who asked for his letter from this Conference a year ago, presented himself and asked to be reinstated again as a member, and on motion his request was granted.

The Conference then proceeded to ballot for the election of an Advisory Committee, which Committee, with the Bishop, selects the presiding elders for the coming year. The ballot resulted in the election of Revs. Joseph Young, F. B. Stratton, for Napanee district, and Revs. Wm. Service, and Thos. Pickett, for St. Lawrence district.

Mr. J. G. Robinson, Treasurer of Albert College, was introduced to the Conference.

The third disciplinary question was taken up—Who are received into full connection? Thomas Richards' character passed. He was not present for examination, but sent a letter asking to be continued on trial and allowed to attend college the coming year. The request was granted. Rev. J. W. Briggs' character passed, and he was continued on trial.

Rev. A. D. Traveller, presiding elder of the St. Lawrence district, preached the Conference sermon, the service commencing at 3.30 p.m. The text was in Proverbs, 11th chap., 30th verse.

The Conference resumed its session. Rev. Jas. B. Durham's character passed. He was admitted into full connection and elected to deacon's orders.

PRESCOTT, May 16.—The Conference opened at 9 a.m., Bishop Carman presiding. The Conference resumed the first disciplinary question, Mr. G. A. Bell's character was passed, he was credited with the examinations, admitted into full connection and elected to deacon's orders.

for excellence in special honourcourses, have already for excellence in special honourcourses, have already among the students. The increasing numbers of matriculants preparing for our university is an encouraging feature. The number preparing to matriculate in law and medicine encourages the hope that at no distant day law and medical departments may he established in the City of Belleville in connection with the University. The Commercial College is fully established. A class has already graduated, and a respectable class will receive diplomas at the close of the present academic year. Our people need no longer look elsewhere for a first-class training in commercial science and art. Alexandra College affords the highest facilities for the education of ladies. The same board of instruction, apparatus, and buildings furnish educational facilities to ladies as well as the gentlemen. The total number of students attending during the year, who are contemplating the Christian ministry is nearly thirty. The staff of professors and instructors continue to command the respect of the students and the public. The religious interests of the college are watched over as a matter of supreme importance. A revival spirit prevails much of the time in our halls. Our prayer is that it may increase yet more and more. The case of S. G. Briggs was reconsidered, and his examination was accredited. He was continued on trial and allowed to attend College.

Announcements were made for Sabbath services in the various churches, and the Conference Session closed with the benediction by Rev. Wm. Bird.

The Conference opened at 2 p.m., Bishop Carman presiding. Religious services were led by Rev. L. A. Belts.

Charles Howarth, a local preacher, was elected to deacon's orders. Rev. N. D. Peters was continued in a supernumerary position, On the report of the Committee in the case of D. Hoag, he was discontinued. Rev. J. W. Thrasher's relation to the Church continued as supernumerary. Rev.' A. D. Traveller, the presiding elder of St. Lawrence d cter was passed, he was credited with the examinations, admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders. W. Wilson's character was passed, he was credited with second year's examination, and continued on trial. W. Terwillegar's character was passed; he was continued on trial and permitted to attend Albert

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The second disciplinary question was then taken up. W. Weese's character passed, and his examinations were credited. He was continued on trial. P. Wager's character passed. He was continued on trial, and was permitted to go to school. S. G. Brigg's character was passed; he was continued on trial and permitted to attend school. J. S. Bell's character passed; he was credited with the examinapassed; he was credited with the examinapassed; he was created with the examinations and continued on trial. The Rev. E.
W. Hall's character passed; during the
past year he had been labouring
as an Evangelist within the bounds
of the Conference, having been authorized to do so at the last Conference. He was permitted to address the
Conference. During the year he had held
ten special services; nearly five hundred
had professed themselves seekers of religion in these services, and over three hundred had joined the Church upon the several charges. He had preached during the
last year three hundred times, had held
over four hundred prayer meetings, baptized seventy-one persons, and received for
his services, in free-will offerings, \$372.
He was continued on trial and given permission to continue his Evangelistic work
within the Conference. ions and continued on trial. The Rev. E.

The third disciplinary question was taken up. D. G. Bruce's character was passed, and his examination credited; he was admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's order.

The Rev. Dr. Stone, editor of the C. C. Advocate, and agent of the Book Room, submitted a financial report of the receipts and expenditure of the Book Room during the year ending March 1st, 1878. The report showed the receipts to amount to \$19,119.02, and an expenditure of \$17,201.47, showing a profit of \$1,917.55. The report was required and referred the store of th \$19,119.02, and an expenditure of \$17,-201.47, showing a profit of \$1,917.55. The report was received and referred to the Committee on Printing. The Secretary of the Book Room Committee then reported the report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Retiring.

Rev. J. Baylesworth, M. A., LL. B., presented his annual report as the presiding elder of the Napanee district. His character passed, as also did that of the following members in his district:—Chas. Hartley, D. D., David Wilson, E. W. Ladu, M. Davey, Alex. Shorts, John Ferguson, Sheldon Young, E. J. Badgley, M.A., LL. B., Wm. Bird, Gülbert French, Robert Shorts, J. Young, C. S. Eastman,

M.A., LL.B., Wm. Bird, Gilbert French, Robert Shorts, J. Young, C. S. Eastman, D. Brill, John Hill, Alex. Martin, J. H. Andrews, W. H. Snider, F. B. Stratton, T. W. McVety, and B. Smith.

In the case of Rev. M. Davey, an old and faithful servant of Christ and the Church, in feeble health, and nearing the close of his earthly pilgrimage, the Conference passed a resolution expressing deep sympathy and condolence with that brother in his ill-health and declining years.

At the hour of 3.30 p. m. a very interesting meeting to discuss the cuestion of the change.

Says the Cardwell Sentinel:—"Meresting meeting to discuss the cuestion of the Great Western and the Canada Southern railways, on Monday, 13th inst.

The Guelph School Board has voted to abolish forencon and afternoon recess within school hours, and there is much debate among both old and young as to the wisdom of the change.

Vice-Admiral Sir E. A. Inglefield, C.B., F.R.S., who is to take charge of the fleet on the Halifax station, arrived in the Nova Scotian recently, from England, accompanied by his lady.

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earnest and enthusiastic, and awakened a hearty response.

The Conference again resumed exexamination of character of its ministers. It following were passed:—Revs. Wm. Barnett, T. H. McDonald, W. H. Palmer, S. Ferguson, J. A. Rogers, N. H. Howard, J. P. Wilson.

The Conference closed at 5 p.m. with the benediction by Rev. A. Shorts.

Priscort, Ont. May 17.—Last evening the Rev. H. A. Phillips preached an excellent discourse to a large congregation from the text: "Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace."

Prov. 3, 17th verse.

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Rev. E. W. Hall led the Conference prayer meeting at the close.
The Conference opened at 9 o'clock this morning, with services led by Rev. N. H. Howard. The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted. Rev. Dr. James, President of Albert College, Belleville, and Mr. John Cooke, agent for Alma College, Belleville, and Mr. John Cooke, agent for Alma College, St. Thomas, were introduced to the Conference. The examination of ministerial characters was resumed. The fellowing ministers' characters was resumed. The fellowing ministers' characters were passed:——Ross, A. A. Orser, N. D. Peters, F. B. Knowlton, D. Brown, J. T. Clark, E. Orser, J. Cornell, Alex. Shorts, and J. W. Thrasher. At this stage of the proceedings Sheriff McLaughlin, of St. Thomas, was introduced to the Conference
Rev. A. D. TRAYELLER, the Presiding Elder of the St. Lawrence District, made his report, shewing the work under his jurisdiction to be in a healthy, flourishing condition. His character passed, as did also the characters of Revs. W. A. Phillips, B. F. Austin, B. A.; W. G. Hudgins, Wm. Brown, Henry Lane, Wm. Blair, Wm. Service, J. D. Bell, H. J. Allen, G. S. White, F. Chisholm, J. W. Andrews, E. Woodcock, E. S. Howard, H. McQuade, F. A. Duprau, J. E. Robeson, H. Seymour, W. H. Graham, D. Smith, J. Faull, L. W. Pickett, E. Sanderson, A. Maverty.

Rev. Mr. Davis, of the Canada Methodist. Church

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Rev. Mr. Davis, of the Canada Methodist Church, Rev. Mr. Davis, of the Canada Methodist Church, was introduced to the Conference.

A resolution of condolence and sympathy for Rev. A. H. Anderson and Rev. D. Wilson in their afficition was unanimously passed, they each having lost their estimable companion during the year.

Resolved—That the election of delegates be made the first order of business in the morning's session.

Resolved—That printed ballots be provided for said election.

Resolved—That printed ballots be provided for said election.

Resolved—That as Dr. Wright cannot be present to lecture before the Conference this (Friday) evening, as requested, we hold our annual educational meeting instead.

The Trasaurar, of Albert College, read a report of the receipts from the various circuits as college collections, amounting in the whole to the sum \$\$40,\$ and from the whole work throughout the three Conferences \$1,830. He also presented a report of the College endowment funds, showing the total amount rased by subscriptions up to the present time to be \$43,000. The interest derived from that fund during the year was \$2,154. Of this \$43,000 endowment fund subscription the ministers alone in the three Conferences have contributed the very large sum of the property of the courts and the matter settled.

In Montreal, on Good Friday last, Mr.

druggists.

Benediction by Rev. C. S. Eastman.

Prescort, May 18.—The Conference opened at 9 o'clock, Bishop Carman in the chair, with religious services conducted by C. S. Eastman. The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted. The Conference then proceeded to the order of the day, viz., the election of delegates to the ensuing General Conference. It was decided that this Conference is entitled to eighteen delegates, and, on motion, it was decided to elect five reserves. On motion, it was ordered that the eighteen members having the greatest number of votes be declared elected.

Irst in August.

The agent A Alma College, Mr. Cook, made a statement in reference thereto.

tion, it was decided to elect five reserves. On motion, it was ordered that the eighteen members having the greatest number of votes be declared elected. In case of any ties, a new vote will be necessary. On motion, it was ordered that G. A. Bell, J. S. Bell and, J. P. Durham act as scrutineers. The scrutineers retired to count the votes.

The Rev. Dr. Jacques, the President of Albert College, was introduced and addressed the Conference relative to the institution and its prosperity. He gave a very cheering account of the work and of the improvements made in the building and grounds. The attendance is steadily increasing. There were very nearly as many ladies in attendance as during any previous term, and more gentlemen than ever before. The total number of students for the term was one hundred and thirty-five. The building has not only been improved in appearance, but has had added to it a commodious lecture room, larger than any of the other rooms, except the chapel. This room was very much needed for the purposes of our new Commercial College, and is fitly named the Commercial Hall. The College chapel has been reconstructed, furnished with stained glass windows, and otherwise beautified until it is a thing of beauty and a joy to all the friends of the College. The high standard of the scholarship of the past is fully maintained and improving under the fostering care of our honourable Senate. The honour courses and the plan recently adopted of awarding gold and silver medals for excellence in special honour courses and the plan recently adopted of awarding gold and silver medals for excellence in special honour courses and the plan recently adopted of awarding gold and silver medals for excellence in special honour courses and the plan recently adopted of awarding produced and improving under the Tother the plan recently adopted of awarding produced and improving mong the students. The increasing numbers of marriculants preparing for our university is an encouraging feature. The recently preserved and a mean divers winks." Its present value is \$100 per ton.

300 cows has been secured for each of these establishments. In the United States some 300 butter factories have been established this spring, and it would seem that these factories are destined to become as popular, and somewhat more profitable—to both the producer of the milk and the manufacturer—than the chese factories.—Guelph Herald Mrs. Harriet beecher stowe has declared that her character of "Uncle Tom" was drawn, not after one particular original, but is a combination of several originals united in one. The Rev. Josiah Henson,

inhabitant does not remember herrings to have been so plentiful in the St. Clair as they are this season. The fish appear to be possessed with an insane desire to be caught, and bite at any kind of bait, or no bait at all, in some cases. More than fifty fishermen were counted angling off one dock the other morning, and the number of fish they caught defies computation. In consequence, herrings are adrug in the market, and the anglers find it much easier to catch their fish than to give them away after they are caught."

are not to be known to one another by name. Every member is to be known by a letter and figure attached, and the officers or serving brethren will communicate, signing their own numbers, and addressing the person to whom they are writing, by number.

IMPRESSIONS OF MANITOBA.—Mr. Ed. Schofield, a young man who left with the Balkwill party for the North-West, writes from Winnipeg to the Guelph Mercury. He states that he has found, as he ex-

are caught." LIABILITY OF TEACHERS. -At the Division

CANADIAN.

Every room in the Winnipeg emigrant sheds is occupied, or was at a recent date.

Oshawa reports 4,547 inhabitants, against 4,182 this time last year; increase,

Mr. Hope, an old settler of East Bolton, (P.Q.), claims to have killed 86 bears during Port Colborne counts I,661 population this year, an increase of 240 over the assessor's return in 1867. One night recently there were twenty-

one agents and commercial travellers gistered at a Brockville hotel. New time tables came into use on both the Great Western and the Canada South-

chants are warned against selling Paris green or hellebore, licensed druggists only being allowed to deal in them. Detectives

are on the war path." E. Merliham, of Guelph, presented her husband with three daughters at a birth, and a few days ago received the customary three sovereigns, sent by the Queen.

A petition is being circulated in Guelph on behalf of the unfortunate girl Louisa Sturdy, in order that she may be reprieved as to the rest of her term, and released

A Collingwood paper says in that place purchasers have to pay seventeen or eighteen cents for butter, not always of the best, while in Meaford good butter is plenty. at 121 cents, and wants to know why this

Says the Pembroke Standard :- "The water is rising very fast, probably owing to the recent heavy rains, and there seems little doubt that all the timber and logs drawn out on to the ice last winter will be gotten to market. Several raits and booms of logs have passed down the lake this

A Montreal grocer thus writes to the Herald :- "I cannot see how any Government can compel a merchant nothing a sample of his goods to an Inland Revenue officer for inspection. In Great Britain, an Inland Revenue officer has to buy the goods he wants for inspec-tion, and, I think it is a wise plan." A Western paper says that a white man

druggists.

The Oshawa Vindicator has these remarks:—"Medical men say that a mile winter generally presages a good deal of disease, and that extra precautions are necessary this spring to preserve the public health. A little care on the back premises now may save a good deal of sickness byand-by. There may be some saving in keeping a pig, but the profits of a village pen will not go far in paying a doctor's bill."

The Oshawa Vindicator gets off the followed. The Oshawa Vindicator gets off the following little joke:—" According to the Standard the Port Perry Council paid a bill of \$101 for crackers and cheese. The above item would be viewed with suspicion in these Dunkin times were it not too great. As period between the first 1 and the 0 will make matters right and prevent any slanderous imputations that those crackers and cheese had been ordered with

Asbestos has been found back of Sydenham, County of Frontenac, and various specimens have been sent to the Kingston News office. This valuable material, which is absolutely incombustible, is a mineral of fibrous structure, having the appearance of a vegetable, often of flax. It consists essentially of silica, magnesia and time. The flaxen kind is often called amianthus, and is sometimes manufactured into cloth. It is a non-conductor of heat, and as a coating for boilers it is invaluable.

Some twelve butter factories are to be started this spring in the country lying to the north of Wellington. Of these J. T. Brill, of Guelph, will start two—one each in Walkerton and Paisley. The milk from 300 cours her been seemed for each of the Nazarites of the Bible, and like them, the BROTHERHOOD OF NAZARITES. - A new Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe has declared

LIABILITY OF TEACHERS.—At the Division Court at Bobcaygeon, on May 14th, Miss Esther Davis sued the Trustees of School Section No. 3, Verulam, for \$42, the amount of municipal grant which the Inspector had kept back from the said section on account of the teacher neglecting to keep the daily register properly and make out the annual report, and which amount the Trustees had deducted from her salary. Judgment was given for the defendants, on the ground that the teacher had not fulfilled her contract. The case was tried before Judge Dennistoun, of Peterborough. Mr. Barron, on Fenelon Falls, appeared for the plaintiff.

A Kincardine correspondent writes us:

"A Liberal-Conservative Association was formed in the village of Ripley, township of Huron, on the 16th inst; sixteen names were put on the roll. In 1874 there was not a single Conservative in this section. Arrangements have been made to organize

an Association in the village of Lucknownext week. There have been already sixty-eight names of sound Conservatives secured, and their numbers are increasing daily. This village cast fourteen Conservative village cast fourteen Conservative in 1874; in 1878 it will roll up

We have a letter from Hamilton, the writer of which is of opinion that Canada, having a large commercial marine, should have also a few war vessels of her own for have also a few war vessels of her own for home defence, thereby contributing so much to the defence of the Empire general-ly. The same proposal has been made be-fore, but the task of showing how it would be practicable, and how existing colonial relations might be affected by it, has yet to be performed. Meantime we may feel sure that if occasion arises for Canadian sailors to fight the naval battles of old England, the ships and the guns will not be wanting. the ships and the guns will not be wanting. If war comes, then in no other way can we aid the Mother Country so effectually as by a contribution of men, and that we can

lo-as things are. The Exeter Reflector, a paper newly started there, with a strong leaning to the Grit side, says:—"The enterprising pro-prietors of the Exeter flax-mill inform us that their flax crop is looking remarkably well, and is far advanced for the season. They have about three hundred acres under crop, the harvesting and manufacture of which will bring in a large amount of money to the labouring community of the neighbourhood." Our contemporary is slightly in error as to the "manufacture On the 29th September last, Mrs. James
E. Merliham, of Guelph, presented her husband with three daughters at a birth, and a few days ago received the customary thern States. All the flax we produce goes to the States to be "manufactured."

three sovereigns, sent by the Queen.

Tree planting day at Collingwood, May 1, is pronounced to have been "a moderate success." From various towns and villages of Ontario we hear of considerable tree planting having been done this season.

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The Republicans fought hard to get other the same of Representatives has ended in a victory for the Democrats, who have carried their resolution for an investigation into the alleged election frauds in Florida and Louisiana.

The Republicans fought hard to get other the workings and success attending Murphy movement in that city. At Democrats, who have carried their resolution for an investigation into the alleged election frauds in Florida and Louisiana. The Republicans fought hard to get other States included, but were beaten, and now it remains to be seen what use the Demo-crats will make of their victory. President Haves must sit rather uneasily in his seat these days, with the prospect before him of having his title to it formally called in question. At the same time, only child-ish simplicity could believe that the frauds were all on one side, or that the Demo- of the movement. cratic hand had lost its cunning in manufacturing votes. However, the Democrats have scored an important point in their favour by getting the investigation limited

to the States mentioned. The "only religious" on Major Walker Measures not men, is the motto; and while ready to support the general policy of the Reform Government, which he believes to be honest, economical, and pure, he intends to preserve enough independence to judge every measure on its own merits," &c. The Major's obtuse idea of honesty, economy, and purity, the last named in particular, was well described by Chief-Justice Hagarty:—"I can as readily believe it possible for the respondent to named Miles Whiting is living as a hermit in Lobo. All winter his residence was a hut made of elm bark, his stovepipe was made of hollow bass wood. He seldom, if ever, stirs out, except at nightfall. He is quite harmless, and is said to wholl the seldom is quite harmless, and is said to wholl the seldom is quite harmless. means of corruption proceeding from his own headquarters, and from the hands of his confidential agent, could have been committed otherwise than with his know-ledge and eonsent."

Notwithstanding the check put upon the use of fireworks in recent years, youthful patriotism found opportunity last Fourth of July to do a vast amount of mischief. Somebody has been looking up the statistics, and they will be found interesting to underwriters, property-owners, and every ness and they frequently expend pity upon Alex. Alexander, one of the married team | towns and cities from which returns have Alex. Alexander, one of the married team at the grand shinty match, hurt his thumb somewhat severely, and afterwards applied chemicals to relieve the pain. These latter had the effect of poisoning his blood, and he gradually grew worse until his death on Sunday, April 28th. Deceased was in the service of Kerry Bros. & Co., wholesale 428, and the total damage amounted to \$261,417. The insurance on this property amounted to \$330,730. During the same month, and by the same cause, there were \$28 casualties, of which 31 were fatal and 106 "serious." Of the above town 1,023 had ordinances against the use of fireworks and fire-crackers, 82 have passed such ordinances daying the past two years and 528 nances during the past two years, and 528 enforced them on the 3rd and 4th of July last.—Boston Daily Advertiser.

Surely Mr. Mackenzie will admit that and Bismarck confesses himself a convert to a National Protectionist policy for Germany; surely he will admit that Wendell Philips is as able a man as Col. Skinner, and Wendell Philips confessed the other night at a Boston meeting that afte fifteen years of Free Trade benightednes he had become a Protectionist. And while the rich and great nations of the worldabandoning the policy of Free Trade, Mr. Mackenzie and his followers say that Protection is "a delusive fraud!" Well, it has deluded the United States, France, Germany, Italy and Russia into the ability Germany, Italy and roussia into the darkets to compete with England in all the markets of the world, of which twenty years ago, she had the virtual monopoly. It has enshe had the virtual monopoly. It has en-abled them to invade her home markets and undersell her manufacturers at their very doors. It is fast pushing her out of the great markets of the East, and driving her to her wits' end how to maintain he footing where once she was supreme. -Oxford Tribune.

society is of course derived from the Nazarites of the Bible, and like them, the members of the Biole, and like them, the members of the society will neither drink wine nor strong drink. The Nazarites will first help one another to keep their vows, and will then assist to save others who do not belong to the organization, and who are slaves to drink. Wherever the brotherhood is established, it is to be governed by three officers, to be called serving brethren, whose duty it will be to direct the rank and file of the Nazarites to that her character of "Uncle Tom" was drawn, not after one particular original, but is a combination of several originals united in one. The Rev. Josiah Henson, who lives near Chatham, Ont., who claims to be the original "Uncle Tom," and who probably contributed more reality to the author's ideal character than did any other single person, lectured a few days ago in Sarnia to a large audience, giving a graphic recital of the tribulations endured by the coloured race in the days of Southern slavery.

The Sarnia Canadian says:—"The oldest inhabitant does not remember herrings to have been so plentiful in the St. Clair as they are this season. The fish appear to aletter and figure attached and the officers.

from Winnipeg to the Guelph Mercury. He states that he has found, as he expected, many drawbacks, incident to a new country. The mud is about the most dis-

edy this state of affairs. The roads are remedy this state of affairs. The roads are said to dry very quickly. The writer thinks the people of Ontario ought again to be warned about emigrating to Manitoba, unless they intend to farm, have some capital and are endowed with energy and patience. Clerks and mechanies, who are unwilling to work at anything but their trade, are at a discount in Manitoba.

WEST END RINE CLUB CONCERT. A

very pleasant entertainment was given by the above club in St. Andrew's Hall on Saturday evening. The attendance was very large, and the programme submitted pleased all. During the evening Mr. Rine addressed the audience at some length, the chief topic of his remarks being the division that exists at present among the Rine clubs. In referring to the pledes Rine clubs. In referring to the pledge card, he said it had been rumoured abroad that he (Mr. Rine) had the first club organ-ized named after him for his own aggrandizement. This statement he characterized as false, and went on to show that on his arrival in Toronto a year ago, a meeting of Temperance workers was held in th remperance Hall, when, by a unanimous vote, it was resolved to organize under his name. He assured those present he fel-grateful for the honour conferred upon m, but considered it unnecessary to say that it was not of his seeking. In speak ing of the division in the ranks, he said, that to heal the breach and work in solid phalanx, to overcome the giant evil of in temperance, he had suggested a few nights ago that the name be changed to the "Gospel Temperance Movement (inaugurated by D. I. K. Rine in 1877)." If this met the views of the majority, such would be the heading of the pledge card here after. He trusted that such compromis would be accepted by the malcontents but, sink or swim, he would not agree t Murphy movement in that city. A close a large number came forward signed the pledge card. A meeting representatives of the different throughout the city will be held in bert Hall, on Thursday evening, to di

## COMMUNICATIONS.

THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY.

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the present situation, prin

To the Editor of The Mail. SIR. -The calls upon the St. George Society for assistance to obtain food an lodging by well educated, respectable looking young Englishmen are painful i the extreme to meet : will you the allow me to request, through your column that any one, but especially English p or any purpose, will send me word, so the I also wish to make known that I have eceived a letter from Dublin, making enquiries whether a Mr. Robert Eustace i ring in Toronto; he is a medical man, and any information respecting him will be thankfully received. Yours, &c.,

7 Louisa street, Toronto, May 15th. AN EXPLANATION WANTED.

To the Editor of The Mail. Our so-called "Free Traders." are fo of asserting that Protection means dearlabouring under artificially high prices. Yet I often come across statements in the Ministerial organs which directly contra-dict this theory. For instance, in the Globe of Monday, 13th inst., I notice a editorial stating that a certain manufac curtorial stating that a certain manufac-tured article which would cost \$12,000 in Oshawa could be purchased for \$10,000 in Buffalo. Again I know from personal ob-servation that the people of such places as Prescott and Windsor make it a practice to cross to Ogdensburg and Detroit to buy great many articles of daily use. Now, the Ministerial theory were correct, the sort of thing would be absurd, but the trut is that it plainly illustrates the benefits of sufficient native competition to monopolies and consequent exorbita prices. If Canada had a judicious pro ive tariff, ninety odd mill annually sent out of the country would expended within its borders and mu arious industries would afford re tive employment at good wages to duced would be as cheap as the imp

article and probably of better quality Yours, Aylmer, Q.

Mitchell's Belladenna Improved In Rubber Porous Plaster. Sceptical persons will be perfectly a by trying them, to see the great benefit de sived. Even headache is quickly cured be wearing one just below the breast bone and for the hysterics, relief is found at on by the application of one over the navel DYSENTERY, and all affections of the bowels, to the worst cases of CHRON

COSTIVENESS, cured by wearing a Po ous Plaster over the bowels. Weakness and fatigue are invarial cured at once by their use. of all classes, both in this foreign countries, are daily re mending them for all local pains am constantly having large orders from various hospitals of our country, as well a from foreign countries, for my Celebrate Porous Plasters; and on each order the comment on the great virtue of the Por the human race, and are continually tell me of my being a public benefactor. You can hardly believe your own convictions of their wonderful effects. Althous powerful and quick in their action, you can rely on their safety for the most delica person to wear, as they are free from last and other poisonous material commonly us in the manufacture of ordinary plaster. One trial is a sufficient guarantee of the merits, and one plaster will sell hundre to your friends.

In this changeable climate they should be worn between the shoulders and on the

breast, or over the kidneys, especially those who take cold easily. The Poroust easy to wear, and puts new life into person who feel dull and morbid. Experience has proved to the most sectical that MITCHELL'S POROUS PLASTER I great blessing to the consumptive.

Be sure and ask for MITCHELL'S OUS PLASTER, and see that his on them, as there are many worthless Prepared by GEO. E. MITCHELL Lowell, Mass.
Sold by all Druggists.

Winnipse, Man., May 18.—In consequence of the ware received froward ball ammunition immediately nash, commanding officer of the Fmers company on the boundary, several bridges were shipped yesterday. The rown here.

A trader in from the Cypress Hill Bull is camped north of there. In that Indians all seem friendly. Small bands across the line, bringing in the spoils Black Hills trains, including many who ages in bulk. The Indians are so well st this trader made advantageous purchasting Bull of goods to sell in Manitobia says there is much discontent among dindians at the diminution of buffaloare stealing horses from the whites at etunity.

HE ENGLISH MAIL

nteresting Summary of News

AND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA-IN PORTANT STATEMENTS. The half-yearly general meeting of the hareholders in this Company was held of May 1st at the Cannon street Hotel, Lor on, Captain Sir H. W. Tyler, the Present of the Board of Directors, presiding There was a very large attendance. The port and statement of accounts were en as read.
The CHAIRMAN, in moving the adoption the report, said the gross receip unted to £1,025,260, of which about

amounted to £1,025,280, of which about one-third was from passenger, mail, and express traffic, and about two-thirds from goods, cattle, and merchandise traffic, and that they were £131,378 in excess of those r the corresponding half year of 1876 hilst the working expenses, including remewals, reached the sum of £769,160, against £716,640 in 1876, so that there remained a profit of £256,100, against £177,242 for 1876. These figures justified the Directors in having paid £48,244 in dividends on the first preference stock of the Company. Business in Canada had been exceedingly bad, and a ruinous competition had reduced the profits of the line to the lowest point. Looking back to the experience of the last six years, the average earnings per ton per mile in the December half years from 1872 were as follows:
1872, 1'38 cents; 1873, 1'44 cents; 1874, 1'10 cents; 1875, 1'00 cents
1876, '75 cents; and 1877, '80 cents. The Company, it would be seen, had been in the disagreeable position of continually and argely increasing the volume of its busing the remuneration had decreased. argely increasing the volume of its business, while the remuneration had decreased The prospects of the Company depended mainly on two elements. There was, first the general prosperity of Canada and the United States, but, secondly and mainly the absence of reckless and insane competition between the Trunk lines. As regarded the element of commercial prosperity Canada and the United States had of late years been in a most unfortunate condition. There were 1,728 failures in condition. There were 1,728 failures i

1876, and 1,890 in 1877 for upwards of £11,000,000 in the Dominion, with 17,964 failures in the States for the two years for a total sum of £80,000,000. Immigration had fallen off, and the lumber trade had declined. The Canadian Finance Minister had occasion recently to lament in his budget speech that whereas a few years ago, with a total population of 3,600,000 souls the country imported goods. ago, with a total population of 3,600,000 souls, the country imported goods to the value of \$127,000,000; last year, with re a little over \$94,000,000. Ther were a little over \$52,000,000. Incre had been a lamentable list of bank-ruptoies accumulating on the American railways. In addition to the 30 railways sold under foreclosures during 1876, no less than 54 were similarly sold in 1877, and thus 84 railroads, comprising altogethe upwards of 7,700 miles, or one tenth of the railway system of the country, representing also a nominal investment of \$400,000,000, had been sold under foreclosure in the last two years. There were further 44 There were further 44 railroads, with an additional mileage of 5,500 miles, in regard to which proceedings were pending, and which were in the hands of receivers, and they represented a further capital of about \$500,000,000. The United States and Canada had been passing es and Canada had been passing through a crisis which had been aggravated in Canada in consequence of the action of in Canada in consequence of the action of the municipal bodies and corporations and the provincial governments who had assistthe provincial governments who had assisted or constructed railways which will for a long period seriously embarrass them, not only by directly absorbing their resources eir credit flicting competition and damage or viously established railways. The co of railroad in America lost be-em £1,000,000 stg. of net profit in tween them £1,000,000 seg. of the productive months for every diminution of 5 cents per 100lb. in the rate of transport. A rate of 50 cents per 100lb. for 1,000 miles is squivalent to 1 cent, say ½d. per ton per ton per 100lb. for 100lb.

mile; and a rate of 25 cents per 100lb. for the same distance would be equivalent to a rate of 1d. per ton per mile. The dif-terence between the two for five months represented an unnecessary loss of £5,000,-000 sterling to the companies engaged in ne business, from which no interest and o individuals gain any real advantage. t was very disheartening to find that so disheartening to find that s wed, week after week and month aft dried with which they were written. The magnitude of the interests at stake, is, the injury inflicted is so obvious, ace of any good result to any f the parties concerned is so plainly de-nonstrated that I, for one, am confident hat the good seed which has been sown nust bear fruit. The remedy which was lied on a recent occasion by a southern as cutting of rates by another Company ppears to have brought about a sharp repear to be at any time a better reme

a continuous competition at rates lit-pove the cost of working the traffic, xtending over a series of years. But the test information we have received on the abject is summed up in the following exact from a latter act from a letter from our traffic mana-r, who attended the meetings of last onth at Chicago, viz.:—'It has, there-re, been agreed between the western reesentatives of the eastern Trunk lines to fect a joint purse arrangement in respect east bound traffic. If the pool can be tained there will be no reason why should not be charged in accordance tariffs from time to time agreed upon,

him under proper accounts were adopted. WESTERN RAILWAY OF CANADA.

MESTERN RAILWAY OF CANADA.

If yearly general meeting of the estern Railway Company of Canheld on April 30th at the City Hotel, the Right Hon. H. C. E. M. P., the President, in the chair. Ig the adoption of the report, the said the through freight was volume than it had ever been beleast, while he had been chaire then spoke of the additional ileage run as compared with the run as compared with the period of last year, and the improvement in the rates; and, eferring to the improvement in of the local freights, the rates being he same, he said the through pashad decreased by about 45 per a volume, the rates, however, being 5 per cent. better. The cash work-creases had been 63-19 per cent.