LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1879.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

MR. D. CREIGHTON, of Owen Sound, the clever member for North Grey, has been re-nominated as Conservative candidate to represent that constituency in the Ontario Legislature.

THE Reformers of South Huron have selected an Arch(ibald) Bishop to elevate the standard in that constituency, feeling, we presume, that it is high time that the political morality of the "pairty" was better looked after.

CHIEF JUSTICE RITCHIE and Justice Taschereau were sworn in at Ottawa on Monday. Justice Gwynne of the Court of Common Pleas, has been elevated to the position of Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court, made vacant by Justice Ritchie's appointment to the Chief Justiceship of that Court.

AFTER nearly a week's discussion, Mr. Parkhill's motion to reduce the salaries of Ministers and the indemnities of members of the Legislature has been voted down by a Government majority of 14. And thus the "salary grabbers" apply the witewash brush. Verily there will yet be a day of reckoning.

THE Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise are spending a few days at Niagara Falls. They travel *incognito*, and many were the disappointments experienced at Toronto, Hamilton and other places, where the eager crowd had got wind of their Excellencies' coming. All the gratification granted was in witnessing the special train speeding past at the rate of about thirty miles an hour. Their Excellencies are not expected to pay Listowel and the West an official visit before spring.

OUR Stratford contemporaries take exception to the appointment of a purely Grit Finance Committee by the Council of that town. In Listowel they do things likewise, only on a more outrageous scale. Take the appointment of an Assessor as a fair sample. Three applications—two Tories, one Grit. Tories ask $55 and $60 respectively. Grit asks $100. Grit gets appointment. What think you of that, ye who deprecate the introduction of politics into municipal matters? And thus it is to the end of the chapter. For corroborative proof, the reader is referred to the report of the Town Council proceedings published in another column. But we were too hasty; the chapter is not yet finished. The poundkeepers have not been appointed. As there are still a few of the "faithful" who have not received their award, they will please place their applications in the proper hands. Ratepayers of Listowel! ye who have to foot the bill—"keep your eye on them!"

RECEPTION OF THE NEW LEADER AT LONDON.

A grand reception was accorded Mr. W. R. Meredith, the new leader of the Opposition, at London on Saturday evening. Several thousand citizens met him at the Great Western railway station, and escorted him with a torchlight procession to the city hall, where he was presented with an address congratulating him on his elevation to the position of leader of the Opposition. In reply, *Mr. Meredith* spoke as follows:

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN—Great as has been the kindness shown to me by my fellow-citizens, especially those who are of the same political feelings as myself, I was scarcely prepared for the hearty reception tendered me to-night; and while I am egotistical enough to see that in some degree that cordiality proceeds from kindness towards myself, I am not so foolish as not to recognize that in this reception you are doing honor not only to myself but to the party in the Local Legislature of which I have the honor to be leader. (Cheers.) I thank you most heartily for myself, and also for the party. If there is anything which can strengthen a public man in the discharge of his duties, it is to know that his fellow citizens regard him with feelings of such cordiality. I have not been long in public life, and hitherto have had pretty smooth sailing, but now having obtained a more prominent position, I find that I am indeed amongst the breakers of political life. (Laughter.) I have thought that I have hitherto had a pretty fair reputation, but at the very outset I am beginning to think that even this is to be cast away. When I read in the leading organ of the "Reform" party today an attack upon me and members of the Opposition in the Local House, it made me feel that it was not a very desirable thing to be leader. But when I see the faces around me to-night it strengthens me and makes me feel that I still have the confidence of those who know me. The particular matter out of which the attack has been made is one that may not be uninteresting to refer to on this occasion. Mr. Meredith then briefly referred to what is now popularly known as "the salary grab," and took upon himself and the members of the Opposition a due share of the responsibility for raising the members' indemnity from $600 to $800. He was prepared to shoulder his share of the responsibility, and he never tried to shrink from it. The making of political capital out of that affair he deprecated. At the same time, when he found that a considerable portion of the people were opposed to that increase, he had come to the decision that, whatever might be his personal views, he deemed it to be his duty to bow to public opinion and have the increase deducted at once. This is the opinion of the opposition; and it is the duty of the Government either to make the reduction, or resign their position. He continued—In the address which has been presented to me you have been kind enough to refer to the prospect in the election which we are about to enter that the Conservative party will be victorious. I am not going to prophecy; but looking at the result of the elections of the 17th September last, and the fact that the Local Legislature should have been dissolved on the 2nd of February, and the members of the Government wish to put it off till after the lawful time, we may draw the conclusion that they are afraid to meet their constituents. I venture to think that when the people of this Province come to pass judgment on their acts, it will not be in the shape of a renewal of confidence in them, but that they will at the next election have to give place to a Conservative Government. The people of this country, from one end to the other, have pronounced against the late Dominion Government, and I don't think that the Ontario Government is in a bit better position. The people of Canada have pronounced in favor of the National Policy.

It is the duty of every one who loves his country, and desires his national progress, to strengthen the hands of the new Administration. The Dominion Government have a most arduous task before them, and there should not be anything left to weaken their position. So long as the Mowat Government are in power, as lately stated by Mr. Cartwright, it is their intention to embarrass the Government at Ottawa. It is the duty of every man who has the well-being of his country at heart, no matter what his political leanings, to prevent that course being followed. I am satisfied that when the Dominion Parliament meets there will be submitted a tariff that will be satisfactory to the people of this country, and which will have the effect of stimulating the manufactories and bringing back the prosperity which we formerly enjoyed. As a Canadian I am desirous that in this country we may promote a national feeling and national sentiment; and I think the Conservative party are more likely to promote that feeling and sentiment than the party in power in Ontario. Then there is the question of administration of finances. During the seven years the "Reform" party have been in power in this Province they have increased the expenditure annually by $1,800,000, or about 60 per cent.; and if things are allowed to go on as they are—if the expenditure is not kept within the revenue—direct taxation will have to be resorted to. The Opposition are determined that retrenchment shall take place, and in this we feel we have the support of the people throughout the Province. (Cheers.) Having apologized for the absence of Mr. Scott, of Peterboro', who was prevented by illness from attending, Mr. Meredith concluded as follows: I thank you most heartily for the enthusiastic reception you have given me, and I trust that in my career in the future I shall not cause you to regret the trust you have reposed in me. (Loud and prolonged cheers.)

A PASSAGE IN THE DEBATE.

How the Cruel Member for North Grey "presses" the "Irrepressible" D.D.

Mr. Hay, the next Speaker, spoke of the recently elected hon. member for Essex as bumptious and patronizing towards the Attorney-General. In referring to the depression, he attributed it to the fact that the people had been spending too much and that there were too many non-producers in the towns. He advised the second and third rate professionals in the House to go to the country and dig and plough. (Laughter.) He expressed his willingness to support any well-matured Government scheme for reducing the representation in the House. He defended the course he had previously taken in voting for the increased indemnity. He then announced that he favored an Imperial Federation scheme which would do away with the Dominion Government and Legislature and would cause immigration and capital to flow into Canada. (Laughter.) He argued that it was not unfair on the part of the Opposition to spring the amendment on the House in the way they had done, and said that if they now voted at the last hour to reduce the indemnity, the country would say they were admitting they had done wrong in the first place in ever increasing the indemnity, and would call upon them to refund the money which they had taken. He expressed the hope that whatever Government came into power next year, they would favor an extension of the colonization railways. He indicated that he was disgusted with politics, and that he did not care whether he was sent back again to the House or not, for since he had been a member of the House he had not been so well off as when he was otherwise engaged. If the people of North Perth did their duty they would return him again; if they did not return him, it would be their loss and his gain. (Laughter.)

Mr. Creighton characterized the speech of the hon. member for North Essex (Mr White) as one of great ability; and he was surprised to find an old member of the House (Mr. Hay) criticizing that speech in such harsh terms, for the House always extended the utmost courtesy to new members when delivering their first speech. The hon. member for North Perth had stated that the hon. member for Essex was bumptious. He (Mr Creighton) would remind the House that four years ago another gentleman made his first speech in the House; and that speech was of such a character that a Toronto newspaper advertised for a two hundred pound Ethiopian to sit on that member the next time he attempted to rise. He would not mention the name of the hon. member, but he would say that it was remarked that the person advertised for was certainly a new kind of *Hay* pressing machine. (Laughter.) The last speaker had delivered another speech on immigration. That was the third time that speech had been read to the House, and he (Mr. Creighton) had great pleasure now in moving that the speech having been read a third time it should now be passed, and intituled "Immigration, by the hon. member for North Perth." (Renewed laughter.).

FARM FENCES.

As our Reform contemporaries cannot prevent the adoption of a protective tariff, which the people have asked for and which the Government is busily engaged in framing, it is a great waste of raw material for the said Reformers to publish column after column against protection. They might as well butt their heads against a stone wall. By way of variety they should take up the agitation for abolishing farm fences. That is a real reform, even if the idea emanated from the *Globe* office. Mr. Mowat has plenty of leisure to frame the bill and carry it through the session, or if his time is fully occupied in the digestion of Senator Macpherson's pamphlet, he can copy a ready-made Act of the New York Legislature, just as the *Globe* advised Sir John A. Macdonald to copy the United States tariff in its entirety. The introduction of a permissive clause, by which township councils can put the law into force, is not a task requiring much time or great brain power. The descent from political economy to fence rails can do the Reform party no harm; on the contrary, it is full time that the Reformers got on the right side of some question.—*Spectator.*

RUN ON AN ENGLISH BANK.

London, Jan. 17.—A startling illustration of the extreme nervousness and fear that now possesses the public mind was furnished this afternoon by an accident in Lombard street in front of the head offices of London and County Banking Co., 21 Lombard steet. The accident caused a crowd of idle passers-by to stop at the place, and as the street is rather narrow and in business hours is always thickly crowded with people, the throng soon blocked up the thoroughfare. Some mischievous person gave an alarm that the bank was in difficulties, and that the crowd was composed of its depositors, who were seeking to withdraw their money. The vicinity of Lombard street is filled with merchants and others who have accounts at the London and County Bank, and the false news spreading very quickly, these rushed to the bank and a terrible run upon it commenced. The crowd speedily became immense, blocking up the whole of Lombard street from the Royal Exchange to Grace church. A detachment of police officers were sent for, and with great difficulty the roadway was opened to permit the passage of vehicles, while the throng was crowded back on the sidewalks. Unexpected as was the run the bank met all the demands upon it up to the hour of closing. The bank is very wealthy, and is believed to be perfectly sound. The general managers are William McKewan and Whitbread Tomson, and it has twenty-five different branches in the metropolitan district. The bank was established in 1836. Its authorised capital is £3,750,000, in £50 shares; paid-up capital, £1,500,000.

STRATFORD.

The annual meeting of the North Riding of Perth Agricultural Society was held here on Wedesday of last week. The Directors' report presented a fairly favorable state of affairs, considering the difficulties the Society had to contend with the past year. The officers for 1879 are: President, John Read; 1st Vice-President, James Ballantyne; 2nd Vice-President, George Higley; Directors, Stratford, John Currie, Thomas Yeandle, H. T. Butler; North Easthope, John Cook, W. Patterson; Downie, John Kastner, Jos. Salkeld; Ellice, Theobald Litt, Stewart Campbell,

A GREAT BLAZE.

THE BONNER BLOCK IN ASHES.

The Fiery Element Rampant.

The "Tinder Boxes" succumb—Eight Business Stands Demolished—Valuable Stocks turned into the Street—An efficient "Steamer" does noble service—List of the "Unfortunates."

The comparative immunity from fires enjoyed by this town for upwards of a year was ruthlessly terminated on Tuesday night last. Shortly before ten o'clock the alarm of "fire" rang out on the clear frosty night air, and in almost less time than it takes to write it the centre portion of the town was in a *furore* of excitement. "The Bonner Block is on fire!" was all-sufficient direction to the scene from whence came the dread alarm. Upon reaching that immense wooden structure, which has withstood the storms of about twenty winters and almost as many fiery trials, volumes of smoke could be seen issuing from the western part of the block, and flames could be seen protruding from the rear of the store occupied by Mr. David Hamilton. The crowd of people that had collected by this time, as if intuitively comprehending the utter impossibility of extinguishing the fire, set to work with a will to remove the goods belonging to the occupants of the block and the buildings adjoining. The extreme west end of the building was occupied by N. G. Denyes as a bakery and provision store. Next to the bakery was David Hamilton's large grocery store. Just east of this came James Lee's extensive saddlery and harness depot. Over the saddlery George Love occupied rooms for a paint shop. Mr. Lee also occupied a portion of the first flat for storing leather and stock. The ground floor in the east end of the block was occupied by George Baynes' (late Mr. Irvine's) tobacconist store. While the contents of these establishments were being hastily removed, the fire brigade had brought up their "Steamer" ready for action, and in an almost incredibly short time, two powerful streams, driven by a pressure of forty pounds of steam, were belching from the hose nozzles and playing upon the flames. Notwithstanding the best directed efforts of the fire brigade, every member seeming to exert himself to the utmost in the endeavor to quell its progress, the fire rapidly gained headway, and in less than twenty minutes from the time of its discovery, the Bonner Block was almost completely enveloped in flames. Being wooden throughout, in fact a regular "tinder box," the fire spread with such rapidity as to dispel all hope of saving any portion of the block and to imminently endanger the surrounding property. Only a portion of the goods contained in the block could be removed before the flames had taken possession and driven the *corps* of willing volunteers from the field. Immediately to the west of the block, John Welch kept his shoe store, the building being a two story frame, owned by James Armstrong. Had it not been for the westerly breeze prevailing, and the amount of snow which fortunately covered the roof, it is not at all probable that this building could have been saved. Should the fire have got control of this building, it is questionable whether a single one of the row of wooden structures to the west would have escaped. Mr. Welch's stock was removed, and the attention of the firemen managing one branch of the hose was almost exclusively directed in that quarter. Adjoining the Bonner Block on the east side stood J.P. Newman's boot and shoe store, also a frame building, 1½ stories. East of this again was another small wooden building, used by Messrs. Hay & Devlin as a general business office, also for Division Court Clerk's office, etc. As there was apparently no prospect of saving either of these buildings, the greater part of their contents were removed, and an attempt was made to pull down the latter in order to lessen the extremely dangerous position of Mr. Campbell's new brick block. The fire continued with unabated fury until the entire Bonner block had been demolished. After Mr. Newman's building had also succumbed to the flames, the fire was brought under the complete control of the brigade. With a single exception, the steam fire engine worked magnificently. The fire brigade also did their duty faithfully. The owners of the buildings on the north side of the street, and for that matter every property holder in the neighborhood of the fire, have reason to feel indebted to the excellent service rendered by the brigade. The only apparent want in order to make the brigade thoroughly efficient and complete, is a hook and ladder company. During fires like that of Tuesday night, much could be done with hooks and ladders towards confining the fire within the smallest possible limits.

The Bonner Block was erected about twenty years ago by Messrs. John Bonner and A. B. Riggs, two of the early settlers of Listowel. It was an immense three-story frame structure, and when built and perhaps for several years afterwards, was considered the finest structure in the Huron district. It would be risky to doubt that an enterprising mechanic of the present day could be found ready to construct a modern town out of less material than was incorporated in that now razed monument to our timber-teeming land. There have been frequent changes in its ownership since it passed out of the hands of its original projectors. The owners previous to the late conflagration are Messrs. George Watt of Brantford, and Jas. Lee and Wm. McKinnie of Listowel. Mr. Watt owned the store occupied by Mr. Denyes' bakery, also the store occupied by Mr. D. Hamilton; probable loss on building, $1,500; insured for $1,000 in Union. Mr. Denyes had no insurance on his stock, the greater part of which, however, was removed; loss about $100. A considerable portion of Mr. Hamilton's stock was burned, and the remainder more or less damaged by removal; his stock was insured for $1,500 in Hartford and Citizens, which may nearly cover the loss. Mr. Lee lost all of his stock which was stored up-stairs, the most of that on the ground floor being saved. He had an insurance on the building of $700 in the Phoenix, and on his stock, $500, in the Gore District. His total loss will probably amount to several hundred dollars over and above the amount covered by insurance. Mr. Geo. Love, painter, loses lightly on his stock. Mr. McKinnie had his building insured for $300, in Reliance; probable loss over insurance, $200. Mr. Baynes stock of tobaccos were partially removed; insured for $200 in Phoenix, which will probably cover loss. Mr. Newman had an insurance of $250 on building and $400 on stock, in the Standard; loss probably covered. Messrs. Hay & Devlin had no insurance; loss probably $200. Mr. Welch had his stock insured for $500 in the Standard. The building was insured by Mr. Armstrong for $400 in Reliance.

The origin of the fire is unknown. When discovered it had been burning for a short time at the rear of Mr. Hamilton's store, in the vicinity of his coal oil closet. Everything, so far as Mr. Hamilton is aware, was left perfectly safe and secure on locking up the place for the night.

The country side for miles around was brilliantly illuminated during the progress of the fire, parties beyond Molesworth, Britton, and even places more distant being persuaded that its location was much nearer to them than Listowel. While all will regret the loss of property entailed by this conflagration, the removal of a class of buildings which have been a continual source of dread to parties owning property in the neighborhood can scarcely be considered a very great calamity to the town.

GREAT FIRE IN NEW YORK.—Another great conflagration took place in New York Friday night. The following are the Estimated losses:—Van Valkenburg & Leavitt, $1,000,000; Walkenshaw & Voigt, $500,000; Schnable Bros., $150,000; John Slade & Co., $150,000; Henry W. T. Malley & Co $50,000; Monotuck Silk Co., $50,000; B G Smithe, $150,000; Fortsman & Co., $250,000.

ANOTHER LARGE FIRE.

The Union Cheese Factory in Elma burned to the ground—Supposed incendiarism.

About twelve o'clock on Wednesday night the Union Cheese Factory, probably better known as Collins' Factory, situated on the gravel road between Listowel and Newry, was discovered to be on fire. There was no assistance available, and the fire having made considerable headway when first seen, the building and surroundings were totally destroyed. The origin of the fire is evidently the work of an incendiary, as the factory was closed and no one to the knowledge of those living in the neighborhood had been it in for some time previous. It was the property of a joint stock company, and was reputed as being one of the best cheese factories in this district. As building, machinery and everything in connection have been destroyed, it is doubtful if $3,000 will cover the loss. We learn that it was insured for the sum of $1,300 in a Waterloo Company. It is probable that an investigation will be made into the origin of the fire.

ELMA.

NEWRY.— Business at the "hub" of Elma is as prosperous as in most embryo towns during these "hard times." Mr. Williams, successor to R. L. Alexander, Esq., is driving a lively trade. If enterprise is the secret of success, he is bound to win.—The genial proprietor of Wynn's hotel was confined to his room by a severe cold during the early part of the present week.—Under Mr. Fullarton's excellent management, the public school is making very satisfactory progress. During the past year it furnished a large quota of pupils to the County Model School.—The first meeting of the Township Council for 1879 took place at Wynn's hotel on Monday. There has been no change in the *personell* of the Board, the electors wisely deciding that it was better to retain the faithful stewards of the past than to entrust the affairs of the municipality in new hands.—Our popular Reeve has recently taken out an auctioneer's license for the County. The other day he auctioned off the farm stock and effects of Mr. A. Lentz, and from the successful manner in which he conducted the sale it is quite evident that he understands the business as thoroughly as auctioneers of many years' experience.

ELMA AGR'L SOCIETY.—The Directors' report, submitted at the annual meeting held recently at Newry, shows the total receipts for the past year to have been $374.04¼; total expenditure, $320.42¼, leaving a balance of $53.62. The following officers were elected for the present year, viz: President, John Hamilton; Vice-Pres., Samuel Roe; Directors, Jas. Holmes, Jos. Johnston, John Grey, John Howatt, J. G. Alexander, Robt Forrest, Jas Shearer, Edward Henry; Honorary Director, Robt Ford; Sec.-Treas., John Morrison; Auditors, A Gordon and R L Alexander. It has been decided to make considerable improvements in the grounds of the society.

CHEESE MEETING.—The annual meeting of the Elma Cheese & Butter manufacturing Co., will take place in the factory on Saturday 8th prox.

We wish it to be understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions given expression to by our Correspondents.

MOLESWORTH.

To the Editor of the STANDARD.—DEAR SIR,—I wish to say a little about U. S. S. No. 3, Wallace & Grey. I think the trustees made a great mistake in engaging the present teacher. Nearly all the ratepayers in the section were opposed to her appointment, and as might be expected, the children will not attend the school. The ratepayers do not object paying for a good teacher. I consider that the section is at a loss by hiring her, as there will only be about an average of twelve scholars, which will cost the section twenty dollars for each scholar, besides other expenses. If there is another school section in the township pays as high for each scholar, we would like to hear from it. RATEPAYEE.

Molesworth, Jan. 20, 1789.

ACCIDENT ON THE P. D. & L. H. R.

As the passenger train which left Listowel at 1.40 p. m. on Friday, January 17th, was crossing (at 2.15) the 10th concession of Mornington, about one-fourth of a mile north of Millbank station, and two miles west of Morningdale village, the engine struck a team of horses, driven by Mr. McGorman. One of the horses was carried about fifteen rods on the cow-catcher, and then fell off the side of the track. The other horse was knocked from the track at the crossing, and when the train backed up to whore the accident occurred, this horse, was floundering in a snow drift, partially under the *debris* of the sleigh, and beside a cow which was apparently dead and nearly buried in the snow. It seems Mr. McGorman was driving the team in company with his brother, and that two or three small boys were driving a cow before the team. The men and boys declare positively that the engineer did not sound the whistle as he rapidly approached the crossing, and to this neglect they attributed the accident. The engineer and brakesman were as equally positive that the whistle was sounded to put on brakes, but, as it was down grade, the train could not be stopped in time. There is a slight rise of ground in the track near the crossing, so that the McGormans could not have seen the engine more than a minute before it was upon them. The passengers in the car seemed unanimous in the opinion that the whistle was not sounded as the train drew near the crossing. Two gentlemen were standing on the rear platform of the only passenger coach on the train, when the accident happened, who did not hear any whistle of the engine, and they state the driver of the team was within a foot of the track as the train dashed past. He must have jumped from his sleigh a moment before the engine struck it, but strange to say, the cow and one of the horses were thrown several feet beyond and over him. The cow must have stood beside the horses, three in a row. No doubt there will be a vexatious law suit as one result of this occurrence, if the Railway Company refuse to pay the damages. The farmer who owned the stock is said to be able to bear the loss (and consequently able to prosecute his claim also.) There being a considerable depth of snow on the track, the sound of the train was deadened. It seems the only safe way to ensure timely warning of a coming train is to have a loud sounding spring bell on the engine, which shall be struck at every revolution of the drive wheels. Such a provision would probably have saved the life of an aged woman who was killed a few weeks ago on the Northern Railway. She attempted to walk over a cattle guard, apparently not hearing the approaching train, and she slipped, her feet getting fastened between the wooden cross-pieces, which held her firmly, and she could only throw her body and one limb off the track before the train was upon her, crushing her fearfully. As we saw her mangled body we were forcibly reminded of the passage, "there is but a step between thee and death." M. E. RICE.

SUDDEN DEATH OF AN ALDERMAN.—Ald. K. Fitzpatrick, of Hamilton, who has been a member of the Council Board for seventeen years, died suddenly Friday evening at 11.30 in the Council Chamber. He had just moved the usual annual grant to the Mayor, and then went to an adjoining committee room, where he was found a few minutes later in an apoplectic fit. Medical aid was at once summoned and restoratives applied, but without avail. The deceased has resided in that city for over forty years, and was highly respected.

Mr. Milner Harriston presented the Knox church congregation, St. Mary's, with a building site a few evenings since. They intend building a handsome church during the summer, and the gift is peculiarly oppertune.

A STRANGE DEATH.

A Farmer Killed by a Meteoric Stone While Lying in Bed.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 16—An Indianapolis special gives an account of the most singular killing ever reported. Leonidas Grover, living near Newtown, Fountain County, while in bed was killed by the fall of a meteoric stone. The latter weighing twenty pounds, and came crashing through the roof, striking Grover in the breast and causing instant death.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 18.—The State Geologist has been sent to Fountain County, to procure for the state museum a meteoric stone reported as having fallen near Newtown, on Tuesday night, killing a farmer while asleep in bed, coming through the roof. The stone is said to be twenty pounds weight. The story is not entirely credited.

A HEAVY DEFAULTER.

A Montreal Alderman Absconds with $20,000—And leaves Liabilities of Half-a-Million.

Montreal, Jan. 20.—There was considerable excitement in financial circles here to-day on it becoming known that Ald. Wm Clendinning, iron founder, had absconded taking with him some $20,000 in cash, which he accumulated within a week or two by obtaining drafts on banks in New York and then selling them to brokers in this city. He leaves liabilities to the extent of half a million of dollars. His financial troubles have arisen from large operations in real estate, which the depression of the last year or two has seriously affected. His principal creditors are the Bank of Montreal, People's Bank and Exchange Bank. His assets are comprised in real estate and in an extensive iron foundry. He leaves a wife and large family in the city.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The days are growing longer at both ends.

Wide collarettes of fur are again fashionable.

The Manitoba Legislature meets on the 1st February.

His Honor Judge Brough, of Goderich, died on Thursday night.

Freight is coming into Winnipeg slowly on the Pembina Branch Railway.

Mail transportation to Winnipeg by the through rail route commenced Thursday.

A new Mennonite Church has recently been erected in New Dundee, at a cost of $1,000.

Brantford's School Board has voted $10 each to the local papers for reporting its proceedings.

A grand ball will take place at Rideau Hall on the 19th prox., for which extensive preparations are being made.

Capt Boynton intends taking a swim from the head waters of the St. Lawrence down through the lakes to the Gulf.

In the Legislature a petition has been presented from the Town Council of Walkerton, for an act to extend the limits of the town.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A young boy aged ten years, a nephew of Mr. D. Gibb, of St. Mary's, was killed on Tuesday evening by the overturning of a sleigh loaded with rails, to the side of which he was clinging.

SENTENCED.—Charles Thompson *alias* "Piano Charley" and Charles Durand *alias* Clarke, two noted American criminals, were on Saturday sentenced at the Assizes to five years each in the Penitentiary, for robbing several jewellery stores in Toronto.

The depression in trade in England is not the only cause of the distress which there exists. The present winter has been unprecedentedly severe, and the consequent suffering among the poor has been very great. It is said that the present winter has been the severest since 1820.

The new Council of Harriston have gone to work in a real business like way. The number is increased from five to twelve, being as follows: mayor, reeve and ten councillors. They are tolerably good looking men, and are apparently adequately qualified to represent the interests of their constituents.

Meetings have been held in Rapid City and other places in the North-West Territories to protest against the extension of the boundary of Manitoba so as to include them. The main grounds of the protest is on account of the evils of the liquor traffic, the prohibitory law now existing in the North-West being perfectly satisfactory.

TERRIBLE RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—Advices from Constantinople state that a terrible railway accident occurred last Thursday between Adrainople and Philippopolis, owing to a breaking of a bridge. A train was precipitated into the River Arda, and a Russian general, several officers, and two hundred men were drowned.

ABSCONDED.—We learn that Mr. G. T. Burgess, clerk and treasurer of Lucknow, has taken his departure for Uncle Sam's domains, taking with him between $1,500 and $2,000 of the village money, and leaving his memory indelibly stamped on the minds of his creditors to the extent of several thousand dollars which he owed them.—*Wingham Times.*

OBITUARY.—The Hamilton *Times* deeply regrets to learn than Mr F. Broughton, General Manager of the G W R, has sustained a severe affliction in the death of his youngest son, which occurred on Tuesday morning, at the early age of eleven years. The lad has been ailing for some time, but hopes were entertained of his recovery, hence the blow is more crushing.

NOT DEAD YET.—Last week a telegraphic dispatch from Indianapolis stated that Chas. E. Miller, formerly a resident of Waterloo, Ont., and who married a Miss Ungher there, had died suddenly. On Friday, Mr Ungher telegraphed to Miller at Detroit, asking him if he was dead, and he received an answer from the supposed corpse that he was "well and all right."

At St. George's church, Guelph, on Sunday the Bishop of Niagara held a general ordination, at which the Rev. Robt. Gardiner, missionary at Norval, and the Rev. William B. Crooke, curate of the Ascension church, Hamilton, were admitted to the priesthood, and Messrs. Charles R. Clark and Reginald S. Radcliffe, who have been acting as lay readers in the townships of Luther and Amaranth, were admitted to the diaconate.

A few weeks ago a lad named Gaylor was fighting with another boy in Sackville, N. B., when a third lad named Deans interfered. Gaylor then turned upon him, beating and kicking him brutally about the head and other sensitive parts of the body. Deans was so badly hurt that he had to take to his bed. Brain fever set in followed by erysipelas, and death took place Saturday morning. It is probable that an inquest will be held. Gaylor is about fourteen years old, and Deans a year or two older.

Toronto *National*:—Mr. Mowat don't seem able to apply the lessons of the day. His party in the Dominion House have just learned the folly of trying to excuse their course by saying their predecessors did so and so, yet he coolly tells the House that he is not to be blamed for his paltering with the exemption question because his predecessors did not deal with it. Are we to understand then that the highest aim of a great Reform party is to repeat as faithfully as possible all the shortcomings of their predecessors? If so, why are they called a Reform party?

Chief Hugh Mckinnon, of the Belleville police force, in his annual report to the commissioners suggested that the lash should be used on drunken husbands who are guilty of the crime of wife-beating. The suggestion is one in which there will be a very general concurrence. The outrageous manner in which some men often treat their wives and the almost invariably inadequate punishment meted out to the perpetrators together made up a miserable travesty on justice. If Chief McKinnon's plan were generally adopted there is little doubt that great benefit would ensue to an unfortunate class of the community—the wives of drunken husbands.

TEAM OF HORSES KILLED.—Mr. John Benner, of the Base Line, Blanshard, met with a serious loss one day last week. He had taken his team to the woods on the farm for the purpose or drawing wood, when a dead tree, which his workmen were in the act of felling, suddenly broke where it was being cut, and fell back on the team, striking them on the head and killing both horses instantly. The driver of the team, Mr Benner's son, had a narrow escape. The horses was valued at about $200.

TALKING AND WALKING.—Edward Payson Weston has started on a walk of two thousand miles over the country roads of England, and is to deliver fifty lectures in towns on the way—the task to be accomplished in one thousand consecutive hours. Edward Payson Weston will have ample opportunity to exercise both his lungs and his legs, and will probably be both hoarse and weary before he again sights the grimy pall that hangs over England's metropolis. Judging from precedent the famous pedestrian's tongue is not likely to give out before his feet.

AMUSING SCENE ON THE BAY.—Yesterday afternoon the following laughable incident took place on Burlington Bay: "Darling Belle, shall we always glide together through life as smoothily as we do now?" "Oh, George, dear, I hope so!" smilingly. "And shall we ever be to each other as dear as we are now?" "Oh, George, always!" "And Belle, shall our clasp of the hand be as warm in the future as it is now?" "Oh, George, it will!" lovingly. "Dear Belle, you are so kind to keep me first in your affec—" "Oh, George!" There was a crash before that last exclamation. George was skating backwards and they were looking in each other's eyes. His skate caught in a crack in the ice, and there was a fall—Belle on top. A series of mild shrieks, a vision of dignity, and then two skaters left the ice. George has a lump on the back of his head as big as the prize pumpkin, and Belle's nose looks like a ripe fig and all skewed around like a mule's jaw. —*Hamilton Spectator.*

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AGENCY.—Mr. John Page has been appointed as agent for the Galt Nursery for Listowel and vicinity, and all orders sent in, and all moneys paid to him for trees, shrubs, &c., will be acknowledged by us. D. CALDWELL & SON, Galt. 29c

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LISTOWEL MARKETS.

January 23, 1879.

Wheat, fall, per bush.,	$0 82	to 0 84
Spring Wheat, "	0 60	0 72
Barley, "	0 49	0 65
Peas, "	0 50	0 51
Oats, "	0 25	0 00
Flour, per cwt.,	2 00	2 25
Oatmeal, "	2 25	2 50
Cornmeal, "	1 75	2 00
Butter, per lb.,	0 07	0 12
Eggs, per dozen,	0 09	0 15
Pork, per cwt.,	3 00	3 25
Beef, per cwt.,	4 00	4 50
Geese, "	0 25	0 35
Ducks, per pair,	0 25	0 40
Chickens, per pair,	0 20	0 30
Turkeys, each,	0 40	1 00
Potatoes, per bag,	0 60	0 00
Apples, per bag,	0 70	0 80
Hay, per ton,	7 00	8 00
Wood, per cord, long,	4 50	5 75
Wood, " short,	0 75	4 00
Hides, per cwt.,	5 50	6 00
Sheepskins, each,	0 40	0 80
Wool, per lb,	0 60	0 00

TORONTO MARKETS.

PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGONS.

January 23, 1879.

Wheat, fall, per bush.,	$0 80	to 0 91
Wheat, spring, "	0 75	0 84
Barley, "	0 40	0 93
Oats, "	0 28	0 31
Peas, "	0 55	0 62
Rye, "	0 50	0 50
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs.,	4 00	4 50
Beef, hind qrs, "	4 00	6 00
Mutton, by carcase "	4 50	5 50
Butter, lb. rolls,	0 15	0 18
Butter, large rolls,	0 00	0 00
Butter, tub, dairy,	0 12	0 13
Eggs, fresh, per dozen,	0 22	0 25
Potatoes, per bag,	0 90	0 93
Hay, per ton,	7 00	12 00

TAKE NOTICE.—All parties (no exceptions) indebted to us, either by note or book account, if not settled by the first of February will have the same placed in Court for collection without further notice.

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Listowel, January 2nd, 1879. 49

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