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Strayed—Michael Switzer.
Strayed Calves—N. Austin.
Strayed Steer—Alex. Young.
Stray Steer—J. B. Somerville.
Estray Heifer—Thos. Campbell.
Teacher Wanted—Thos. Hawkins.
For Sale or to Rent—Jas. McDonagh.
Teacher Wanted—John Wise. & others.
Goderich High School—H. I. Strang.
Manchester House—Crofts & Johnston.
Thomas' Electric Oil—Northop & Lyman.
Santa Claus at Maitlandville—W. Stanbury.
Agricultural Assurance Association—C. T. Doyle.
The Aluminium Watch—Chambers & Thornton.

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Grand Trunk Railway.

GODERICH STATION

Trains leave as follows,—	
Mail	7.00 a. m.
Express	9.45 " "
Mixed	12.30 p. m.
" "	3.30 " "
Trains are due as follows,—	
Mixed	10.00 " "
Express	2.00 p. m.
Mixed	5.20 " "
Mail	10.00 " "

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, Dec. 3, 1873.

West Toronto.

The representation of West Toronto having become vacant by the elevation of Hon. John Crawford to the Lieut. Governership, a writ has been issued and the nomination has been fixed for Monday next. The Reform party have selected Mr. Moss, Q. C., a leading chancery lawyer, as their candidate, while the Tories having failed to induce the ex-Premier to fill the breach have pitched upon Mr. E. O. Bickford, a person of comparative obscurity and a United States citizen by birth, as their standard bearer. As between the two candidates there can be no hesitation in deciding. Mr. Moss is a young man of education and ability who has already made his mark. He is personally popular and would make a most creditable representative. Mr. Bickford is comparatively unknown and we rather suspect has been selected on account of the difficulty of reconciling the claims of rival candidates. From the tone of the *Mail* and Mr. Bickford's address it is evident they feel they have a weak candidate and a weak cause, and though West Toronto is one of those constituencies "gerrymandered" by John A. in the re-distribution bill so as to make it strongly Conservative, we quite expect to see Mr. Moss returned. Certainly he will be if the electors choose the best man.

Lennox.

TRIUMPHANT RETURN OF MR. CARTWRIGHT.

HIS MAJORITY, 823 !

Notwithstanding the almost superhuman efforts put forth by the Corruptionists to defeat Hon. Mr. Cartwright the new Finance Minister, notwithstanding the influence of Sir John A. Macdonald and Hon. Mr. Campbell the ex-Premier and ex-Postmaster General, who stumped the county against him he was on Saturday last returned by a larger majority than at last election, thus showing that the people have had enough of John A. and his corrupt government. This is the first direct appeal to a constituency for the Dominion House since the Pacific Railway revelations, and we trust the Tories are satisfied with the result. Such an emphatic verdict by the people cannot but carry great weight with it. The following is the vote polled :—

Cartwright	1531
Hooper	708

Majority for Cartwright 823

Re-Election of Ministers.

The following members of the new Reform Government have been re-elected by acclamation:—Hon. A. Mackenzie for Lambton, Hon. D. A. Macdonald for Glengarry, Hon A. A. Dorion for Napierville, Hon. M. Fournier for Bellechasse and Hon. A. J. Smith for Westmoreland. Hon. Mr. Cartwright having been elected for Lennox by such a sweeping majority it is not at all likely any further opposition will be offered but that the remaining ministers will be allowed to walk the course. A few more defeats like that of Lennox would well nigh annihilate the U. Prog. party and they will hardly venture to court them St. John, N. B., will return a supporter of the Government in place of Mr. Tilley.

It is rumored that the Great Western and the Grand Trunk have discharged large numbers of employees, and we fear there is some ground for this, as we learn that the earnings of the Great Western (which is so largely dependent on the American traffic for its business) is losing over $20,000 per week, and that the Michigan Central, the western continuation of the Great Western, earned over $100,000 less in the month of October than in the same month of 1872.

The Hoosac Tunnel.

This gigantic undertaking has now reached a stage which recalls public attention to it. Two weeks ago a short item in our columns announced that the tunnel was so nearly through that the workmen could hear each other, and now we have to state that an opening through was effected last week. A very short time will suffice to complete the work when it will be opened for traffic, and the distance between Boston and other Atlantic ports and the great West will be materially lessened and very heavy grades avoided. Next to the Mount Cenis tunnel in Europe, the Hoosac tunnel is the longest in the world. The former is seven miles long, the latter about four and three quarters. The Hoosac tunnel is also slightly narrower and lower than the Mount Cenis tunnel. The work has been carried on under the superintendency, of Walter Shaaley a Canadian engineer, whose name at least is well known to our readers, and it is to our credit that the Americans had to come to Canada for a man to undertake the most stupendous engineering work in their country.

The following account of the work is from an article in the New York *Tribune* of the 27th November :—

"The whole length of the tunnel is 25,081 feet, or four and three-quarter miles. It is 26 feet wide by a height varying from 23 to 26 feet, wherever a brick arch is used. Passing through solid rock excavation the section is reduced to 24 wide by 20 high. As originally projected the tunnel was only 16 feet wide, and made of course for a single track. The work done under the Haupt contract was according to this plan. Haupt ran a narrow tunnel from the west end about 500 feet into the mountain. When the State took the tunnel in charge this west end tunnel was abandoned and a new line run, Haupt had completed about half a mile at the east end. The State enlarged and used this. The open cut of the new tunnel at the west end cuts in a portion of the Haupt tunnel which strikes it diagonally. It is probable that the old tunnel will be used as a culvert to carry off the water from the west end. The State did a wise thing in enlarging the tunnel. The small section originally projected would have been a narrow, smoky pipe, very uncomfortable for passengers and workmen. The tunnel grade is 26 feet to the mile for nearly the whole distance, rising from each portal toward the central shaft, and leaving a short length of level immediately under the shaft. The height of the interior summit over the portal will be something over 60 feet. This dip in the grade each way from the centre was made to secure good drainage. This grade in the tunnel has necessitated some very careful labor in carrying the elevations. The main difficulty, of course, was to establish the three tunnel points of the east and west ends and at the foot of the central shaft in proper relations to each other. To reach this, the engineers carefully went over the mountain with their levelling instruments and determined the relative position of the portals, and the depth of shaft which should be sunk to reach the proper grade at its bottom in the tunnel. The tunnel has two shafts, one near the west end, only 318 feet deep and the other, or central shaft, nearly in the middle of the tunnel. This is 1,023 feet in depth. This is drained by two small streams of water which unite where they cross the tunnel."

A Re-Organization.

As we mentioned before, C. F. Fraser, M. P. P. for South Grenville, is about to take the place of Hon. R. W. Scott in the Ontario government, assuming the office of Provincial Secretary while Hon. Mr. Pardee will be transferred to the Department of Crown Lands. At the next session a bill will be introduced to re-organize the departments by connecting the Department of Agriculture with the Provincial Secretaryship, still leaving the Public Works and Immigration bureaus together. This will divide the work more equally, as it is felt that under the present distribution the department of Agriculture does not receive that attention which its importance deserves. When the change is made Hon. Mr. McKellar will assume the office of Provincial Secretary and Commissioner of Agriculture, and Mr. Fraser that of Commissioner of Public Works and Immigration.

Port Perry and Goderich Railway

John Fowler Esq., the promoter of this railway, will be in Goderich tonight, and we understand purposes remaining here for some days. During his stay it is probable a public meeting will be held to give him an opportunity of explaining the advantages likely to accrue from the building of the road. Of this due notice will be given. We bespeak for Mr. Fowler every encouragement, as it is manifestly fo. the advantage of Goderich that the road should be built.

LOCAL NEWS

County Council.—The County Council met at Seaforth yesterday.

Town Council.—The town council will hold a special meeting on Friday evening.

In a Well.—A horse belonging to Mr. Eric McKay, fell down an old well near the convent a few days ago and was with some difficulty extricated.

Rain.—The cold and snowy weather which has prevailed for some time was yesterday succeeded by a storm of rain, which has well nigh spoiled the sleighing.

Personal.—W. F. Luxton, Editor of the Manitoba *Free Press* and at one time a resident of Goderich, is a candidate for the Mayoralty of Winnipeg, which has just been incorporated as a city.

Tanks.—The new fire tanks on the Square were last week completed and taken off the hands of the contractor. There is a good supply of water in each of them.

High School.—We would direct the attention of those who may contemplate entering the High School after the New Year, to the advertisement respecting the entrance examination, in another column.

The People of Maitlandville and beyond do not require to come into Goderich to make their purchases. Wm. Stanbury announces through our columns that he keeps a general stock of goods which he is prepared to dispose of at a cheap rate. He has just received a lot of toys and other articles suitable for Christmas presents.

Rowdyism.—For the last two Sunday evenings disgraceful displays of rowdyism have been manifested on the Square. A special constable is badly needed who will make a few examples of those who so openly defy the laws of God and man. The conduct of some of our young men is simply outrageous.

I. O. G. T.—The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars met at Toronto last week when a large number of delegates were present. The order is in a flourishing condition throughout the country. Jas. Thomson, S. Yates, E. F. Moore and Miss Allan were present as delegates from the Goderich Temple.

Debating Society.—A number of the young men of the town have organized a debating society. The first meeting was held in the High School last Friday evening, when a subject for debate for next Friday was selected and sides chosen. The subject is "whether the sword or the pen has the greatest influence." Officers for the Society will be elected at next meeting and the organization fully completed. We are glad to see the move made by our young men and trust it will not fall through for lack of interest. It is the intention after a short time to have public debates.

Canadian Illustrated News.—The last number of this publication is specially interesting. It contains maps of the African coast where the Ashantee war is being carried on and of Cuba with the track taken by the *Virginius* when captured. There are also portraits of the principal victims of the *Virginius* affair, of Lieut. Governor Crawford and of Hon. Edward Blake.

Amalgamation.—The Guelph *Advertiser* has amalgamated with the *Mercury*, which will henceforth be issued as the *Mercury and Advertiser*. Both papers were Reform in politics and were agreed on matters of local import. The amalgamation is therefore a wise step as it will do away with all rivalry and enable the one remaining journal a wider field of operation. The proprietor of the *Advertiser* will continue to carry on business as a job printer.

The Aldine.—The December number of this beautiful art journal is to hand and is quite up to the mark. It is profuse in its illustrations and its letter press is instructive and interesting. We can heartily recommend it to those who desire a beautiful publication at a cheap rate, only $5 a year, with two beautiful chromos free to each subscriber. Now is the time to subscribe for 1874. Jas. Sutton & Co. publishers, New York.

Special Service.—The Archbishop of Canterbury having expressed his desire that a day should be set apart in the Anglican church for special prayer on behalf of missionary work throughout the world, a circular has been issued by the bishops in this country requesting their clergy to observe the day fixed upon (Wednesday, 3rd December.) A special service will be held in St. George's church in this town this evening at 7.30 o'clock, when Rev. Charles Matthews will preach.

Huron Teachers' Association.—The regular quarterly meeting of this Association will be held in the schoolhouse, Clinton, on Saturday, Dec. 6. Mr. Strang will read an essay on the present method of engaging teachers. Mr. G. Baird, Sr., will open a discussion on "The Principles of Stocks and Commissions." Mr. Turnbull will introduce as the third subject for discussion "The Theory and Practice of Logarithms. The report of the retiring Secretary Treasurer will be presented, and another appointed.

Hon. Edward Blake at Lucknow.—Hon. Edward Blake, M. P. for South Bruce, having resigned his seat in order to give his constituents an opportunity of expressing their opinion of his conduct in taking a seat in the government, will visit his riding this week. He is to address the electors at Lucknow to-day, at noon, and will proceed thence to Kincardine where he is to be entertained at a complimentary supper in the evening. From there he will proceed to Walkerton on Thursday to the nomination, which has been fixed for that day. He will no doubt be returned by acclamation. A number of our townspeople intend going to Lucknow to-day to hear the Honourable gentleman speak.

New Text Book.—Mr. John Gibson, son of Rev. H. Gibson of Bayfield, has already taken a high position as a naturalist. It will be seen from the following paragraph that he is about further to distinguish himself, he being the Professor Gibson referred to :—

Professor Gibson and Macoun, of Albert College, Belleville, have begun the preparation of a text book of Canadian Botany. Most of the material necessary for such has already been obtained, but they would most gratefully receive collections or information from those interested in the study. They think that as no text book of botany, peculiarly Canadian, has yet been published, and as the subject is required at our universities, it is very desirable that such an attempt should be made as soon as possible.

Our Markets.—We are informed that now that sleighing was set in, numbers of farmers from Ashfield, Colborne, and other places whose natural market is Goderich, may be seen daily going to Clinton to sell their grain and make their purchases. It is notorious the ease that several cents a bushel more may be obtained at Clinton and Seaforth for grain than at Goderich, and much as we regret seeing them give our town the go by we cannot blame the farmers for going where they can obtain the best prices. We have on several occasions pointed out that there is no good reason for the difference in prices, but the evil still exists. We have also urged the formation of a Board of Trade to deal with and remedy such evils, but there appears to be such a jealousy among our business men that they will not unite in anything calculated to promote the common good. Perhaps by and bye they may get their eyes opened. We bring the matter before them again and urge upon them the necessity of doing something. Let a meeting be called and a Board of Trade be organized at once. It will then be competent for it to deal with such matters as may be referred to. The benefit of an organization would ere long be felt.

Manchester House.—On Monday morning last the old shop front next to Jordan's Drug Store was removed, revealing a handsome store which has just been erected by Mr. Jordan for Crofts and Johnston. The new store is an ornament to the Square, having a handsome front. It is built of white brick with plate-glass windows, and over the door is a stained glass light containing the name of the firm, and the words "Manchester House," which is the name by which their new place of business will be known. For the old fashioned shutters are substituted neat wire screens, while handsome curtains drop down inside the windows and form the double purpose of a screen and an advertisement. The store inside is 65 by 22 feet, the front portion being devoted to Dry Goods, and the rear, which is slightly elevated, to Groceries, Boots & Shoes, &c. In rear is a commodious back store. On the second flat are handsome show rooms. Messrs Crofts and Johnston commenced to move into their new premises on Monday. They have not been long in business but have already worked up quite a trade, for which they are no doubt indebted to a great extent to their liberal use of printers' ink. We would advise some of our other merchants to go and do likewise. The store was erected without the street being encumbered in any way with building material, and till Monday many of our citizens were not aware that such a handsome building was in course of construction.

Rosa D'Erina.—It is seldom that our inhabitants have an opportunity of enjoying such a musical treat as was presented to them on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Owing to our going to press on Tuesday we are unable to notice her second performance, but we have no hesitation in pronouncing the entertainment give by Rosa D'Erina on Monday evening, far ahead of anything of the kind which has visited us for some time. In a few remarks prefacing each piece which she performed she painted out the characteristics of the music of various countries and sketched the lives of some of the principal composers. She appears to be perfectly at home in the music of Italy, France, Spain, Germany, England, Scotland, Ireland and America. She performs on the piano and organ with much grace and ease and has a rich, full and powerful voice. Her rendering of "Il Bachio," "Katy's letter," "Home sweet home" and Lover's pretty Irish song "I'm not myself at all" were charming. Her organ solo introducing favourite Irish airs was very fine, and some of her own compositions, especially her Grand March on the organ and her imitation of the roll of the waves, on the piano with one hand while she played "Home sweet home" with the other, were good and well rendered. We have instanced only a few of her songs and pieces, but her whole performance was equally good. There was a fair audience present and certainly it was an appreciative one. The absence of the rowdy element was a great comfort. We would recommend any who desire to spend a pleasant musical evening to hear Rosa D'Erina in her Music of Many Lands.

The Harbour.—Mr. Jas. Smaill has drawn up a plan of proposed improvements at the harbour; which if carried out will doubtless make it far the best and safest on the lakes. In making this a harbour of refuge the government have well nigh destroyed it for commercial purposes as any one who has seen the havoc made by the stormy weather of the last two seasons well knows. Mr. Smaill proposes to make a new entrance to the north of the present one. The north pier would form the south side of the new entrance and a new north pier would be built, running in a north-easterly direction. The entrance would be the same width as at present, while as the piers would diverge rapidly, any sea that came in would spread. A short wing pier would run from the south pier diagonally from a point near its eastern end so as to break the waves still further and throw them off the docks. The proposed north pier would be continued up the river some distance so as to throw the current through the new channel at the foot of Galt's hill. From an inspection of the plan we are convinced the proposed change would be a most beneficial one. The government engineer has acknowledged that having the entrance where it is at present is a mistake. The proposed change would involve a considerable outlay, but the advantages to be gained would more than compensate the additional expenditure. Looking forward to the construction of the proposed Port Perry and Goderich Railway the change would afford ample room for wharves and elevators. The Council have instructed the Mayor to communicate with Mr. Page, Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department, on the matter, and we hope the new government will inquire into it and be convinced that its importance is such as to warrant them in asking an appropriation for carrying it out.

Irish Music.—The people of Goderich do not bear the character of being very literary in their tastes. A circus, or theatrical troupe, or nigger show is always sure to draw a full house, while a concert of high character, or a lecture, is almost sure to be poorly attended. We have no objection to people patronizing the former class of entertainments occasionally provided there is nothing low about them. We enjoy a good laugh ourselves and relish the mirth provoking hits of a Taylor or a Burgess. If however this class of amusement only is patronized, the mind becomes depraved in its tendencies. As well might you expect it to be in a sound state when nourished exclusively on such pabulum as for the body to be in a healthy condition when fed only on stimulants, without an admixture of solid food. We were therefore agreeably surprised to see such a respectable turn out on Thursday evening last to hear the lecture on Irish Music, by Rev. Jas. Carmichael of Montreal, which was announced in our last issue. Of course this was partly owing to the fact that some of the young ladies took the trouble to wait on the people beforehand for the purpose of selling tickets, still the number and character of those in attendance showed that more interest than usual was manifested in the lecture. Of Mr. Carmichael himself we need say nothing. He is well known in this section, having once been incumbent of Clinton. As a preacher and lecturer he bears a high reputation, and in Montreal he is very popular. several of his lectures having been repeated there more than once by request. An Irishman himself as is at once evidenced by his rich "brogue," and an ardent lover of his country, he enters with his whole soul into the subject of Irish Music. We cannot attempt to give even a synopsis of the lecture, which requires to be heard to be appreciated. He described the character of the music of his native land and pointed out some of its beauties. He thought its cultivation was too much neglected, and too much attention paid to music far inferior in all that constitutes true music. He trusted that though the lecture was imperfect in many respects it might have the effect of sending his audience away humming Irish airs and lead them to cultivate their knowledge of Irish Music. The lecture was illustrated by Mrs. John Elwood and Mr. and Mrs. Dixie Watson, all of whom sang a number of Irish melodies in excellent style, some of the airs being quite new to them and they having only practised them a couple of times. Mrs. Elwood and Mrs. Watson both performed on the piano a number of illustrations of the kinds of music referred to in the lecture and Mrs. Elwood's vocal rendition of of the funeral dirge or wail was capital. A considerable sum was realized towards the improvement fund of St. George's church, in behalf of which the lecture was delivered.

Board of School Trustees.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board was held on Monday evening. Present, C. Crabb, Chairman and Messrs Passmore, Ferguson, Simmons, Elliott and Swanson.

Minutes of last regular and special meetings read and passed.

The Contingent Committee reported progress on the account of T. J. Moorehouse for stationery and begged leave to sit again.

Account of Reid & Miller, $47.49, for work, was ordered to be paid.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Passmore, that the Inspector get the examination papers printed. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Passmore, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the account of the *Mail* for advertising be paid and that the account of the *Globe* stand over till certain enquiries be made. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Passmore, seconded by Mr. Swanson, that the Contingent Committee advertise for 100 cords of green wood to be delivered by 1st March 1874. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the Principal's report for Nov. be received and fyled and that he be authorised to get printed labels for prize books. Carried.

Four applications for the position of teacher in the second department were received. George Anley of Madoc was appointed.

Moved by Mr. Passmore, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the Secretary obtain 50 election notices. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Swanson, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the Board meet on the first Tuesday instead of the first Monday of January 1874. Carried.

The Board then adjourned.

Lucknow.

Fire.—The private dwelling house owned and occupied by John McGregor, was burned Sunday afternoon. Cause of fire, a defect in the chimney. Insured for $200 in the Gore Mutual.

Dungannon

Canada Presbyterian.—Rev. A. Y. Hartley has received and accepted a call to the Dungannon Canada Presbyterian Church and his induction is appointed to take place on Wednesday, 3rd December. Mr. Leask is to preside, Mr. Danby to preach, Mr. Young to address the minister and Mr. Sieveright (Church of Scotland) to address the people. A stipend of $600 with a free manse is promised.

Exeter.

Game.—Mr. McLeod, of Stephen, had the good luck to capture five deers in two days, within a couple of miles of Mr. Holt's hotel. They were fine fellows. Our correspondent reports game as abundant in that section.—*Times.*

Museum-like.—We were informed by Mr. Chas. Morris that he dug out on his farm a few days ago, a moose-horn of wonderful dimensions, at the base or root it measured over two feet in circumference, and was over three feet in length, a couple of feet having been broken off.—*Times.*

Bayfield.

Schooner Lost.—Some fears are entertained respecting the safety of Mr. Alexander Marks' schooner and crew. She sailed on a cruise up among the Islands, some six weeks ago, and no intelligence of her has since returned. She belongs to Bayfield.

Address and Presentation.—The Sunday School scholars of Trinity Church, Bayfield, on Thursday, Nov. 13, presented Mrs. Ryan, formerly Miss Connor, with a Dictionary of the Bible as a mark of esteem and respect, she having for a number of years been engaged in the Sunday School as teacher. The presentation took place at the residence of Major W. W. Connor, and will long be remembered as a red letter day by both the teachers and scholars.—*Monitor.*

Wroxeter.

Odd Bibles.—We have noticed lately some paragraphs going the round of the newspapers concerning old copies of the Bible in possession of several parties in Canada, but none nearly so old as one owned by Mr. George Gibson, of Wroxeter. This copy was printed in the reign of Queen Elizabeth in the year 1599, and is in an excellent state of preservation. The maps and illustrations are quite a curiosity, and illustrates very forcibly the improvement in the arts since that time. There is also in the possession of Mr. Alexander Gibson one printed in the year 1776. Mr. Thomas also owns another Bible one hundred years old.—*Expositor.*

Brussels.

From the Post.

Scarlet Fever is reported amongst several families in the township of Morris.

A Deer was shot on Saturday, the 15th inst, by Mr. Robt. McPherson, con. 2, Grey. Quite a number have been shot in the township since the snow fell.

A Horrible Event occurred in Morris township, on the night of Tuesday week. About the middle of the night, Mr. C. King was awakened by the shrieks of his twelve year old boy, who slept above. Hastily arousing Mrs King, he rushed up to his son, and pulled the blankets off the little fellow, when six or seven huge rats leaped out of the bed, and dashed wildly around the room. Mrs. King, who had followed in her husband's wake, rushed from the apartment thoroughly frightened. King lifted the screaming lad out of the bed, and got his hand covered with blood which was coursing down his cheek and neck. An examination revealed the fact that about seven-eighths of one of the unfortunate boy's ears had been eaten off by the hungry rodents. On one of his cheeks were marks of the teeth of the animals, from which blood was streaming. The ear was dressed, and although the wounds are likely to heal, fears are entertained by some that poison from the fangs of the rats may have entered the youth's blood.

Goderich Township.

Accident.—On Wednesday, Nov. 19, while Mr. Lowrie, of Goderich township, was arranging the harness of his horses, one of them suddenly kicked him on the face, breaking his cheek bone. Mr. Lowrie had been killing pigs, and it is supposed that some of the blood had adhered to his clothing, the smell of which caused the horse to become fractious, and hence the accident. Mr. Lowrie, we learn, is recovering. *Monitor.*

Council Meeting.—The Council met to-day (17th Nov., 1873,) pursuant to adjournment. The members all present. The minutes of last meeting were read and passed.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid, viz:—

Robt. Ferris for gravel $4.80; B. L. Doyle $10; Chas. Robinson for use of house for Council purposes $3; the sum of $25 was granted to aid in repairing the approach to the bridge crossing the Maitland river opposite lots 29 and 30.

A large number of accounts were paid for work, gravel and road improvements.

The petition of Thos. Elliott and John Dambo ordered to be filed.

Lots 30 on the 7th and 30 on the 8th cons., were ordered to be placed on Collector's roll for School Sec. No. 9, as they were by mistake of Assessor placed on S. S. No. 5.

The nomination of Municipal candidates to be held at the house of E. Kelly, Holmesville, on the last Monday in December next.

The polling divisions to be the same as last year.

The returning officers to be, for Division No. 1, T. B. Stokes; No. 2, Alex. Taylor; No. 3, Thos. Woods; No. 4, Jas. Richardson; No. 5, John Rudd.

The Council adjourned to meet again on the second Monday in December next at Holmesville.

THOS. B. STOKES, Clerk.

Ashfield.

Weather.—The tendency of the weather is becoming daily more and more winterwards. Little snow storms, little frosts, little rains, and by fits, little gleams of hazy looking sunshine, making up, when all put into the general balance, a rather sloppy and disagreeable sort of season. Travelling by any of the hitherto established modes of transit, has become a rather uncomfortable performance, and people are at considerable loss to discover what sort of agency to employ, in fact they all seem stuck on the horns of one common dilemma, as neither horseback, sleigh, waggon, nor the antiquated pedal system of locomotion seem capable of producing anything bordering on progression of any kind worth mentioning, however, influenced, perhaps, more by necessity than choice, feels very few of the disadvantages arising from a variety of resources, as having seldom, on his terrestrial migrations been accustomed to any other than the latter mentioned *modus operandi* is always pretty sure, in the absence of rheumatism, corns, frostbites and broken legs, to have his travelling machinery ready inside his boots or mocasins, at whatever season the important mandate runs, *Forward March!*

Business.—Amberly can once more boast of its having a *local* Esculapius in the person of Dr. A. McLellan a worthy old country practitioner, who has lately taken up his residence in the *incipient little city*, and gives promise of becoming a general favorite, as well with the male and hearty, as with those whose ailments require his care; indeed Dr. McLellan merits well the good opinion of the public, on account of his humane characteristics, as well as his very superior medical skill.

We are living in hope that the business of life in the bush, will go forward pretty briskly here, in the forthcoming days of our earthly sojourn. We have now on the eve of commencement, in the vicinity of Kintail, a large new steam grist-mill, with the prospect of a steam saw-mill in connection with it, a short time hence; for which accommodation we are bound to feel grateful to our old Goderich friend Mr. Savage. Besides we have at present under construction, about a mile south of Amberly, another steam saw-mill under the auspices of the joint proprietors, Messrs. Grant & Boyd of Ashfield, both energetic and steady young men, the premises are expected to be in readiness for working about the first of January.

Clinton.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

A very sad Accident occurred at the house of Mr. Thompson on the Goderich road. Some little grand children of his were peeling apples and one of them, a boy, having been out in the cold, came running in and in his hurry to get to the stove ran against a large and very sharp butcher knife, making an opening directly into the abdomen and cutting into the intestines. The grandfather was at once sent for and medical aid summoned as speedily as possible, but before that arrived quite a portion of the intestines had come out. The severed intestine was sewed up and all was returned into the abdomen, the cut however had to be enlarged before that could be done. The little boy is still living and if he survives two or three days more will very likely recover.

There is a feeling of deep satisfaction here at the result of the contest in Lennox. It is taken as a most marked condemnation of the course pursued by the late Government in the Pacific Railway scheme. We are not inclined to go into extacies over the results in political contests in any case, but in this contest the triumph is so complete against political immorality and in favor of honest Government that there is room for great rejoicing. The very fact of Sir John and the late Postmaster General being in the field and canvassing from house to house, and others from Kingston assisting, showed a desperate determination to win, and when combined with Sir John's known political shrewdness, it makes his disastrous defeat doubly so. We hope that the problem that a government—any government, can be honestly administered is at last solved, that the new Government will not simply take the decision of the electors in Lennox as their success alone, but it will if they should deviate as Sir John and his colleagues have done, the same verdict would be pronounced on them as has been done on Sir John. There seems to be an almost universal idea that politics are inseparably connected with scheming, dishonesty, intriguing, lying, drinking, bribery and in fact about everything that is bad, and that it is usually too much the case there is little doubt. This, however, is not necessarily so. Politics can and ought to be carried on with the same uprightness and honesty that business of any kind is or should be conducted. There can be no possible doubt of the success and prosperity of any country that is honestly governed, provided nature has previously conferred the elements of prosperity.

Horrible Occurrence in Montreal.

A WHOLE FAMILY POISONED.

Montreal, Nov. 27.—In a miserable tenement, in a yard off Hermine street, a dreadful occurrence has taken place. It appears some poor people reside here who get occupation as laborers, &c. By some means last night a quantity of liquid came into their possession. Among them are a man named Flaherty, a woman named Mary Jane Drennan, and a man named Hawkins and his wife. Its effects were terrible. This morning, a boy of about ten years of age, named Benjamin Tyre, who partook of the liquid, was writhing in agony, and while the rest were looking on horror-stricken they also became affected, and in a short time the neighbors were alarmed by hearing cries and groans from the house. The police were called, and entering beheld a scene never to be forgotten. In a bunk in one room lay Flaherty and his wife rapidly dying. In another room were Hawkins and his wife doubled up with pain. A man in a third room, named Wm. Drennan, was rolling in agony, while a Mrs. Dunn, a neighbor near by, who drank a little, was also taken ill. One man, it is said, started for De Salaberry street with a phial of the mixture in his pocket. The sufferer exclaimed, "Oh, for God's sake, do something for us; we're poisoned!" Dr. Laroque was called, and proceeded to the scene of death, and administered antidotes to the sufferers. The boy had died, and the woman, Drennan, died soon after. Hawkins seemed better after taking the dose of medicine. The poison, which was found in a large acid bottle, is believed to be a corrosive, but some ingredient is mixed with it to cause the prostration of strength. The poisonous liquor is to be analysed, while the police are endeavoring to get hold of the bottle which was taken to De Salaberry street, to prevent its being drunk. It is to be feared they are too late. The house where the tragedy took place, is dirty in the extreme. Squalid misery is on every hand, and the inmates are lying in rags and filth. William Drennan, a finely built young man, was at four o'clock, dying. Mrs. Drennan is better. Hawkins is still strong, and may recover. His wife is in a bad way. Flaherty, it is thought, will die. The sufferers say the poison tasted like wine and bark. Young Tyre was given a glassful of it last evening, and it is said about half a gallon of the liquid was consumed between them to-day.

A subsequent dispatch states that the liquor was wine of colchium which is made by steeping colchium, berries in sherry. The taste or smell do not betray the poison.

Twelve persons in all partook of the wine. Eleven are now dead and the survivor is not expected to recover.

Whitby—Destructive Fire.

Whitby, Nov. 27.—A fire broke out in the Mechanics' Institute of this town, about five o'clock this morning. The flames spread to the adjoining tenement with the piano factory on the east, occupied by Mr. Gertzig, and both buildings were burned to the ground with all their contents. Nothing was saved. The Mechanics' Hall was used for a lecture room, concerts, assemblies, public library, &c. The Foresters, Good Templars and Young Britons held their lodges also in the building. The library was composed of fifteen hundred volumes and was valued at $15,000. The regalia and charters of the lodges were all burned. Mr. Barrett's dwelling house to the south was also burned at the same time. The Mechanics' Institute was insured for $2,200; the piano factory for $750; and Mr. Barrett's house for $250. Through the exertions of the fire brigade Mr. Ray's livery stables were saved. The total loss by the fire is about $10,000.

The Spanish Insurrection.

BOMBARDMENT OF CARTHAGENA

GREAT DESTRUCTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

London, Nov. 29.—Special dispatches to the *Times* and *Standard* give particulars of the bombardment of Carthagena on Wednesday. The arsenal and barracks were the chief marks for the besiegers' artillery, but the cathedral and hospital were also struck. On Friday, the theatre, Protestant church and two entire streets were destroyed, and two hundred persons killed and wounded within the city. The insurgents have raised the black flag on the forts. At last accounts the fire around the city was subsiding. The loss of Bereyers has been exceedingly small. The officers of the Foreign squadrons succeeded in obtaining an armistice of four hours Friday night.

Marine Disaster.

THE VILLE DE HAVRE LOST AT SEA.

220 LIVES LOST.

87 PERSONS RESCUED.

London, Dec. 1.—The ship Tremountain, from New York, arrived at Cardiff at an early hour this morning, bringing intelligence of a dreadful disaster to the steamship Ville de Havre, which left New York, Nov. 19th, for Havre, under the command of Captain Surmont. At two o'clock on the morning of the 23rd Nov., the Ville de Havre collided with the British ship Lockearn, from London for New York, and sunk shortly after. Two hundred and twenty-six of the passengers on the steamship lost their lives. The Tremountain rescued 87 of the passengers and crew, and brought them to Cardiff.

Belleville.—Destructive Fire.

Belleville, Nov. 28—Last night, about nine o'clock, a fire broke out in the large wooden building in rear of the Albion Hotel, used as a sash and planing factory, which was totally destroyed, the machinery and contents, together with the barns and sheds of the Albion. The building was owned by Horace Yeomans and occupied by Lewis Roegnick, cabinet-maker; George Walton, sash and planing factory; W. Blackburn, cabinet-maker and W. Powell, carriage maker. The workmen lost all their tools, and about thirty or forty men are thrown out of employment. The total loss is about $17,000 or $20,000. No insurance.

The Virginius Difficulty.

The Virginius difficulty, it is said, has been, or is about to be, amicably settled. The steamer Virginius is to be delivered up to the United States, together with the survivors who were captured on board, and the American flag is to be saluted, and the question of compensation to the families of the men who were shot is to be left to arbitration.

An Oregon paper draws attention to the fact that the shade-trees planted around several blocks of buildings in Portland, preserved them from destruction during the recent great fire in that city. "It was observed," it remarks, "on the day of the fire what wonderful protection our maple and other trees planted along the streets afford. Many buildings, among them the First Congregational Church, were saved by the thick foliage of the trees in front of them. Were trees planted along our business thoroughfares, they would afford such a cover that a building would not easily kindle from a burning structure on the opposite side of the street. Fire thus could be prevented from spreading. The trees are a cheap insurance, and worth as much for health and comfort as for defence against fire."

On Monday a by-law was voted on in the village of Georgetown to suppress the licensing of the sale of liquors in stores and shops. Fifty-two votes were recorded for and none against.

CANADA.

The St. Boniface Cathedral bells, Winnipeg, were rung on the occasion of the Ministerial defeat at Ottawa.

Sleighs crossed the Ottawa River on the ice this year earlier than they have ever been known to do before.

On and after the 1st of April next, there will be a daily mail from Seaforth to Constance instead of a tri-weekly, as at present.

The position of Chief Justice of Manitoba, was tendered to Joseph B. Doutre Q. C., of Montreal, but that gentleman has declined it.

Mr. A. McDougall, for some years a merchant in Seaforth, but now of Paisley, County of Bruce, intends establishing a cheese factory in that village next spring.

The money recently stolen from the Registered Letters in the Toronto Post Office has been recouped, and the full amount will be paid over to the parties who lost money on that occasion.

On Wednesday, 19th instant, while Mr. Lowrie, of Goderich township, was arranging the harness of his horse, one of them suddenly kicked him in the face, breaking his cheek bone.

It is estimated that 30,000 French Canadians have returned to the Province of Quebec from the States during the past three weeks, their return being largely due to the stoppage of the manufactories in the States.

Saskatchewan.—Mr. Alfred Selwyn, who has recently returned from his Rocky Mountain Geological tour, reports having discovered and proven twenty feet of true coal, near the head waters of this river and near the line of the proposed Pacific Railway.

Three of the members of the present Dominion Government have been Premiers in the Provinces to which they respectfully belong, viz.: Mr Blake in Ontario; Mr. Smith, in New Brunswick, and Mr. Laird, in Prince Edward's Island.

Poor Patteson of the *Mail* let the cat out of the bag, when cornered by Whellams as to the cause of that paper's shameful vilification of his character, by informing Mr. W. that it was not done out of animosity to him, but as an excuse to pitch into McKellar.

Mr. Hogg, a Morris farmer, recently sold to Messrs. Elliot & Johnston, butchers of Brussels, a two year old wether sheep, which when dressed, weighed 121 pounds, exclusive of tallow, which weighed 26½ pounds. The thickness at the ribs covered about 3½ inches, and through the shoulder 8