Huron Signal.

GODERICH, Aug. 26, 1874.

Publisher's Notice.

We have to announce this week a change in the Proprietorship of the SIGNAL. The health of the editor and proprietor has been poor for some time, and failing to obtain that improvement which a short respite from work a few weeks ago led him to expect, he has felt that in justice to himself, he must retire, at least for a time, from the onerous duties incident to the conducting of a newspaper. We never our connection with the SIGNAL with regret, but are at the same time pleased to know that our successors, Messrs. Allan and Dickson, are worthy of confidence and will, doubtless, carry on the work of the office with vigour and success.

Our successors have entered into possession and will henceforth carry on the business. Subscribers who have paid in advance will receive the paper as usual, those in arrears will do well to pay up at once. Accounts for job work and advertising up to the 24th inst., must be paid to Mr. Bell, who will be found at the office for a short time for the purpose of receiving such. Those having accounts against the office will please hand them in for settlement. We are desirous of settling up all our counts at once, and trust those indebted will pay up promptly, as soon as their accounts are rendered.

A New Regime.

With this issue of the SIGNAL, the proprietorship of the paper changes hands. With the talents and energy of the retiring proprietor we single our hopeful anticipations.

The first months in life, the opening of a new field or the preparation for a journey all the mind with a variety of new feelings, indefinite and tempting, hility give place to a mingling of anxiety, hopeful anticipation and pleasurable energy in reality and dream-land. For we the time given to be sanguine, and, indeed, without this characteristic, energy would be a cold cypher and the first ... for anxiety a stumbling-block upon which the mightiest would break their ... It is with minds thus ... that we present ourselves to the readers of the SIGNAL, as caterers to their tastes in the matter of literature, science, politics, commerce, "polite sensation"—the offspring of late moral revelations and successor to "polite literature"—and everything within the province of a newspaper. We do not ask your patronage to follow us through the list of our qualifications, all we crave is the favor of a fair trial, and we promise you that you shall not know disappointment.

To refer to the platform we have established would be needless; we simply refer you to the lengthy and honorable record of this journal in the past, and indicate to you the example which we shall study, the desire within us to excel all precedents impelling us to strive and place even that brilliant record in the shade. Changes have taken place in the management of the paper, to its slight detriment, but by assiduous attention to business and the interests of the party we represent, we hope to make the SIGNAL take a more prominent stand than heretofore.

The different departments of the business are in the hands of practical men, and the training and experience of the proprietors constitute our establishment superior in every respect.

We do not desire to bore you, gentle reader, and therefore make our Freshest bow to you all, submitting our merits to your wise criticism. When we are correct as, and we shall be grateful enough to thank you. The motto, "the greatest possible good to the greatest possible number," shall still be our talisman—particularly the last clause, as our increased circulation will show.

An apology, however, is due to the public for the sparsity of editorial news in this issue, the distinguished visit of last week and the press of local matter are our excuses. Next week our bow of lightning will be ready.

A disgraceful riot took place in Dundas last Friday, when some disorderly Orange Young Britons on an excursion from Hamilton resisted the local police and brought about a serious affair. One of the excursionists was so seriously hurt by a blow on the head from a policeman's staff that the officer has been arrested on a warrant in view of probably fatal result.

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A little girl of Joslyn, named Chambers has died from the effects of a scalding received by falling into a vat in a brewery.

Editorial Items.

The difficulties in Kentucky still continue.

The Guelph Herald calls the Governor-General a "blasted aristocrat." The expression is a popular one among the Tory Reign reputation.

MORE LIGHT.—The editor of the Port Hope Times has been in a Mr. Tuttle case who was until lately the editor of a great paper in Flora, by stating that he had absconded without paying his subscription with a vengeance.

AN ECUMENICAL VIEW.—On Friday last the union between the Wesleyan and New Connexion Methodists was ratified, so far as the latter denomination is concerned, by the Conference adopting a report of its Standing Committee upon the question, without a dissenting voice. This matter of union has been a very bone of contention for the period of discussion and controversy extending over the last twenty years, and the consummation now happily announced, has lasted three years.

Petersboro has succeeded in carrying a money grant, a bonus of $50,000 to the Huron and Quebec Railway. The scheme was warmly supported, the by-law being carried by a majority of 113. The work goes merrily on, and we have no doubt that a project productive of such great public benefit, as this will prove, will be more unanimously supported on this occasion.

DEAD.—Many of our readers will regret to hear of the death on Tuesday 18th inst., of Mr. T. S. Harris, of Hamilton. Mr. Harris held the office of Grand Secretary of the Masonic order since the formation of the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1855, and was highly esteemed by his brethren and a public generally. He was born in Leicestershire, England, on the 22nd of July, 1819, came to Toronto in 1849, and removed to Hamilton in 1849, where he has since resided.

Turner has entered an action for libel against the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, and claims $100,000 damages; and similar suits are being prepared against the Tribune, Advance, and Brooklyn Eagle, for libel. This is one of the last phases of the unfortunate scandal, of which the less there is said, the better for the cause of religion and morality. There is a something in Beecher's whole conduct that shakes the public faith in him, and his paying of hush money to the canny Moulton, after all the instances and warnings of the past, has such a damnating air to it that the world hailed him to express its conviction.

THE BLACK RECORD.—The London Advertiser says: Another chapter little given from the "War West Committee's Report is the telegram from Sir John Macdonald to Lieutenant Schultz to "Sell Cartier a constituency after his defeat in Montreal. It reads as follows: "Ottawa, 4th Sept., 1872.—Get Sir George elected in your province. Do not, however, allow late Provisional Lieutenant to resign in his favor. (Signed,) JOHN A. MACDONALD." The caution about the "late Provisional" is about as rich as that which the crowd gave Jeffries when he knocked Corbett down, shouted "don't hit him again, he's the young." Poor Sir John, he has found out ere this, to his sorrow,

"What a tangled web we weave
When first we practice to deceive."

The latest despatches from Europe indicate a possibility of a settlement of the Spanish internal difficulties. The rumored recognition of the present government by some of the powers will have a decisive effect upon the belligerents, who are wearied with constant fighting; and the Carlists will not be willing to carry on a war, in the face of continental opposition and denunciation. Such a trial as Republicanism in Spain has passed through may have the effect of making this liberal form of government more successful in that country than it has proved in France, which, by the recent election returns, seems drifting back to monarchism.

Dame Rumor is out with the name of C. J. Brydges, Esq., in connection with a change in the Dominion Cabinet, at which the Opposition are rolling in sarcastic glee. Admitting that the rumor is true, it is only another instance of the foresight and intelligence of the present administration, who are capable of distinguishing between a defective corporation and an individual who will prove very useful in the railway projects of the Dominion. Consistency is a jewel amongst Tories, and Reform George Brown has seen fit to wage war with the Grand Trunk company for its many faults, they, in order to make a shadow of a case, malign Mr. Brydges' stainless character by hinting at his insolvency.

SARNIA NON EST.—The big contest is settled, and evidently to the satisfaction of even the bitterest opponents of Mr. Smith. Now that the struggle is over, they have leisure to enquire more narrowly into the merits of the candidates and their objections dissolve into vapor upon a candid judgment. There is no occasion for remark—"all's well that ends well." The total number of votes on the register is 3,005, and of these only 2,947 polled their votes—Goldwin Smith receiving 1,612 and Dr. Sangster 1,335, a majority of 277 for the former. These figures indicate what an immense majority Mr. Smith would have received had a full vote been polled. The High School Masters have chosen Dr. Wilson over Mr. Hunter by a vote of 122 to 53; and the School Inspectors elected Mr. Wood by a vote of 30, Judge McDonald receiving 19 and David Mills, M. P., 12.

The first link of the Pacific Railway has been put upon a substantial footing, the preliminary arrangements having been mostly completed. The original plan of building the line from Lake Nipissing has been improved upon for the present, the arguments of the garrulous Tory organs to the contrary, and contracts are asked for building lines from Thunder Bay and Pembina to Fort Garry. This scheme is the most judicious and beneficial that could be devised. The original route from Lake Nipissing to Fort Garry goes through a district comparatively unknown, whilst the demands of immigration and provincial existence necessitate prompt measures upon the part of the Dominion Government in order to provide a proper and expeditious means of communication between Manitoba and the East. The Premier and his colleagues are alive to the necessities of the occasion, and the Opposition journals seem to be perfectly aware of this, judging from the lukewarm expressions they make use of upon the subject.

THE NEW CHICAGO ELEVATOR.—Armour Dole & Co.'s new elevator "C," near Halsted and Twenty-second streets, was opened for business yesterday. It measures 312x100 feet, is 62 feet high, has 20 bins, holding 1,500,000 bushels, and floor capacity for 250,000 bushels, making a total capacity of 1,750,000 bushels. One thousand cords of masonry form the foundation, and in the superstructure are 4,000,000 feet of lumber and 1,000,000 bricks. There are twenty-two elevators, with TWENTY two FAIRBANKS' 500-bushels hopper scales. The building cost $300,000.—*Chicago Journal.*

The Governor-General's Visit.

A GALA DAY FOR GODERICH.

RECEPTION—ADDRESSES, REPUBLICANS AND REPLIES.

For the last week or two the usually quiet town of Goderich has been full of enthusiastic bustle, and loyalty manifested itself in the eager discussion of the ways and means of the long-expected visit. Conversation took an airy range, and "Governor General" and "Vice-Regal" were expressions we heard at every turn. Friday was looked forward to with much interest, and preparations on a magnificent scale were begun early last week. The various committees had each their allotted work, and each attended faithfully to its duties. The chief work was the decoration of the town, which constituted arches, bunting, evergreens and illuminations.

The work of erecting the arches was begun early on Tuesday, and by Friday morning they were all completed. These were erected on the principal streets, viz., South and West streets, on West street at the junction of Wellington, at the Central School, at the Mechanical and Grist Mills, and at the Salt works, and on the Pier arch, for such it was in fact, at Wellington street, was a structure worthy of admiration. It consisted, as did the others, of two small and one large arch, which rested upon large columns of larrek set on sand. In the centre passage was suspended a banner, the honor of our craft, the task of the other and the word "welcome" on the other side. A profusion of flags, banners and evergreens set off this unique structure with pretty effect. His Excellency seemed to admire the arch very much, and made numerous remarks about it. Mr. Geo. Rackham deserves credit for his skilful execution of the design. The other arches were similar, with the following mottoes: On the Central School, "Canada our Home," "Land Hills Fallths," and the Excellency's own motto of "For Queen and Country"—by the right way. The other inscriptions were numerous, and the principal streets looked gay with the colors of red, white and blue, and appropriate devices.

THE ARRIVAL.

Friday dawned gloomily upon the expectant town. Rain and mischief were in the air, yet the great want of a day kept every one in a good humor. True loyalty surmounts every other consideration, and many dresses and hats that were but a few days ago "the best," will be turned over and remodeled upon now as "the dress—or hat—I got spoiled the time Lord Dufferin was here." At about 10 o'clock visitors from the surrounding country began to pour in, and by 12 o'clock a good crowd had assembled to make the streets look gay and charming.

It was expected that the distinguished party would reach Goderich at 2 o'clock but owing, in part, to the adverse winds, it was nearly 4 o'clock before they did so. The passage was rough and Lady Dufferin and some of the members of the suite and of the 7th Hussars band were as "slightly indisposed" as a rough sea could make them. As soon as the *Steinhoff* came in sight the *H. S. Ireland, Midland, Tecumseh, Flora, Mayflower,* and *G. N. Jeffery,* were decorated with ladies and gentlemen, and covered with bunting, started out to meet her. Firing an occasional gun accompanied her into the harbour blowing their whistles, the passengers cheering, the guns on the mill booming, the lead-voiced salute, while His Excellency stood upon the deck of his vessel, his head uncovered, and bowing gracefully as each steamer passed. In the meantime the *Steinhoff* was moored at the landing where the carriages were waiting. A guard of honor composed of portions of the Dungannon and Goderich companies, under command of Capt. Mellough, of Dungannon, and Capt. Thomson's battery, were drawn up on either side of the gangway, and when the counterfeit being in front, Mr. M. C. Cameron and the Mayor went on board to receive His Excellency and suite, which consisted of Col. Fletcher and lady, Capt. Ward and Capt. Hamilton. As he stepped upon shore the concert band struck up the National Anthem, after which Mr. H. Horton, M. P., came forward and read the following address:—

To His excellency Right Honorable Earl of Dufferin, K. P., K. C. B., Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, &c., &c., &c.

We, the inhabitants of the town of Goderich, are happy to have this opportunity of welcoming to our town Your Excellency and Lady Dufferin, and of expressing our continued loyalty and devotion to Her Majesty Queen Victoria and our admiration and respect for you individually, and as her distinguished representative in this Dominion. We have been placed in a peculiar position, which we hope has been able to visit within the Dominion, you have been received with the like demonstrations of loyalty which we are assured, have been the unanimous feeling of Her Majesty's subjects throughout the Dominion. We trust that during your visit here Your Excellency and Lady Dufferin will have opportunity of seeing the place under favorable circumstances, and that a portion of your intended time may be spent for hours spent in the "city of the dale."

Signed on behalf of the inhabitants,

HORACE HORTON, MAYOR.

His Excellency replied as follows:—

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,—In the first place you must allow me to express my regret that you should have been waiting some little time beyond the hour at which we were due, but as a maritime population you are doubtless aware that there is nothing so uncertain as the appointments of those who travel by water. Unfortunately we had a less prosperous passage than we might have expected when we started, and not any unpunctuality upon our part must account for the delay. It gives me great pleasure, I assure you, to find that I am able to come to this locality. Your town lies outside the route I originally designed taking, and had I not visited it now I should not perhaps have had an opportunity of doing so again; but landing here and continuing my journey home, I am enabled to see something of the country of which I was most anxious to obtain some knowledge, and at the same time make the acquaintance with the inhabitants of a community in whom my property I am very much interested. I have been very much pleased by the appearance of your harbour, which is very picturesque, and which I presume is very commodious; and I look forward with pleasure to obtaining further information in regard to that most necessary mineral which you produce here in such large quantities. I have to thank you for the kind expressions in your address, and with regard to them I can only say that here I find the same feeling of devotion to the Crown, of attachment to the institutions under which you live, as I do elsewhere. As the day is wearing late, I will conclude these few remarks by simply adding my own and Lady Dufferin's individual thanks for the kind and friendly feelings which you have evinced towards us personally.

VISIT TO THE SCHOOL.

The party then entered the carriages, a large procession bringing up the rear, and passed up West street, both sides of which were blocked with enthusiastic people. As the party passed along, cheer after cheer saluted them, and His Excellency was fully occupied in returning the salutes. On reaching the Square, the line of march was directed to the Central School, where the pupils and teachers of the Central and Ward Schools were drawn up in a line on each side of the main entrance. Over the pathway was erected a beautiful arch of evergreens, having on front the motto "Cead Mille Failthe," on the other side "Welcome—and on the other side "The Children—the Hope of our Country." At the front entrance a platform had been erected over which a very nice canopy was formed by a large Union Jack placed over a frame work, ornamented with evergreens, flowers and berries of the Rowan tree. In front were the mottos "Welcome to our School" and "Welcome to Our Governor-General." Other mottos adorned the walls, and the building was in fact, a bower of beauty.

Upon the arrival of the Excellency the children sang the following address, composed for the occasion by Mr. J. H. Smith:

Welcome, Lord Dufferin,
Lord Governor and King,
We have long sung in song
Our love and praise of Canada.

We welcome thee,
We welcome all
We love to welcome you
We pray a Father's care
Will keep you safe.

Master John Rutherford then stepped forward and read the following address on behalf of the pupils:

To His Excellency the Right Hon. Sir Lord Dufferin, Governor-General of Canada.

May it please Your Excellency—We, the pupils of the Central School, desire to express our sincere pleasure at your visit to our town, and we bid you a hearty welcome.

We know that we are but children, and that our words are but little worth, but we pray you to believe that our hearts are in them.

We know that you are a great man, and that you are the representative of our Queen, and that you have come from your home in a country far, far, away, to see how we live, and what we do