New Advertisements

Good Bargains—John Gordon.
Agents Wanted—Wm. Campbell.
To Builders—S. Sharpe.
Notice of Gentlemanly Isabella McPherson.
Wanted—Situation.
Yellows, Compound Mixed of Superphosphates.

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Grand Trunk Railway.

GODERICH STATION

Trains leave as follows,—	
Mail	7.00 a. m.
Express	10.00 " "
Mixed	12.30 p. m.
Trains are due as follows,—	
Express	2.00 p. m.
Mixed	5.10 " "
Mail	9.35 " "

Subscribers will confer a favour by notifying us of any irregularity in the delivery of their papers.

We shall be glad at all times to receive items of local news, reports of meetings, accidents, or any incident of interest either in the locality where it occurs or to the county at large. Such matter may be sent at the rate of one cent per ex. if marked Printer's Copy and not secular. To ensure publication in any particular issue it should reach the office not later than Monday evening.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, April 30, 1873.

Extra copies of this day's Signal can be had at the Office—price 5 cents.

Staving off Inquiry.

The impression that Sir John A. Macdonald never intended to allow the charges brought by Mr. Huntington to be fully investigated, and that when forced to appoint a committee he did so with the mental resolve to obstruct and delay the inquiry, is being strengthened by every step taken by the Government with reference to the charges. The Bill to enable the committee to take evidence under oath received the cold shoulder in the Commons, but such pressure was brought to bear that the rules of the House were suspended and it passed through all its final stages at one sitting. It was delayed in the Senate as far as possible, the Government members alleging there was no hurry. The Bill contains only one clause, which can provoke no discussion, but if the Government can prevent the investigation till the House rises, which will probably be on the 6th of May, nearly a year will elapse before the result of the investigation can be presented to the House and the country. Nothing but a full and searching inquiry into the charges, which the conduct of the Government leads us to infer there is some truth in, will satisfy the country, but the Ministry appear to have made up their minds that that inquiry shall be delayed as long as possible.

The Insolvency Act.

The Insolvency Act expires this year, and it is a question among business men, on which there is great difference of opinion, as to whether it should be renewed or not. On Saturday last Mr. Mackenzie inquired of the Government what course they intended to pursue when Sir John A. Macdonald replied that the Committee on Expiring Laws would be urged to report the desirability of continuing the Insolvency Act for another year, and if the House adopted the report, that action of the House would be accepted. If there were a desire that there should be another act upon the subject, then during recess the Government would direct attention to the drawing up of a new measure. It is therefore altogether likely that an act will be continued in force another year at least.

Our Harbor.

Mr. Cameron, member for the South Riding, has been directing the attention of the Government to the state of Goderich harbor. When the estimates were under consideration in the House last week, on the item, Harbors on Lake Erie and Huron, re-vote $20,000—$200,000, Mr. Cameron remarked on the unsatisfactory state of Goderich Harbor and the way in which the work had been performed. He also impressed upon the Government the necessity of repairing the damage which had recently been caused by the spring freshet. We observe that the shed above the elevator is being undermined and that the floor and platform are sinking. Unless the entrance is protected in some way the swell will cause further damage this season.

Troubles in Spain.

The news from Spain indicates that serious trouble is apprehended. The Carlists are gaining ground. Madrid appears to be in a state of anarchy, and though strict measures are being adopted to put the Carlist faction down, there will be a great amount of bloodshed before this is accomplished, for the two parties know no other way of settling their differences than by the sword. Marshal Serrano has fled, but it is to be hoped Señor Castelar, who is a great orator and who wields considerable influence, will be able to find a rallying point for the country and the troops, otherwise the scenes of the Paris Commune may be re-enacted in Madrid.

The Pacific Railway Loan.

The Toronto *Mail* and Montreal *La Minerve* deny the report that Sir Hugh Allan has failed to float the bonds for the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway on the English market. The amount to be borrowed is very large, being for the Pacific Road $67,000,000, and for other roads to be constructed in connection therewith $12,000,000. Of course time will be required to obtain these amounts, but there is still a doubt whether the loan can be effected at all.

Reform Victory.

Mr. Hardy, the Reform candidate, was on Monday returned for South Brant by a majority of 291.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The water is so low is the Welland Canal that navigation is almost impossible.

A rumour comes from Alexandria, Egypt, that Sir Saml. Baker and wife were murdered in the interior of Africa by the natives. They were with the Egyptian expedition up the Nile.

Five men have been killed by a colliery explosion in North Wales.

A great coal discovery is reported between Peace and Bow Rivers, Manitoba.

A Manitoba despatch says that there are reports of hard fighting between the Americans and Blackfeet Indians on the Canadian side of the line. The Yonkton and Trenton Indians have crossed the line to the number of seven or eight thousand, and threaten the interior settlements and Manitoba.

The frost of last Friday night, occurring so late in the season, is represented as having done serious harm to cotton plants and early vegetables in parts of South Carolina and Tennessee.

LOCAL NEWS

MR. JAMES YOUNG, formerly of this office, has sold the Harriston *Tribune*. He gives up possession on the 8th May.

AN OLD LANDMARK GONE.—The old log house on the Maitland Hotel property has been pulled down. We understand it was the oldest house in Goderich.

OPEN AGAIN.—The track to the harbour is now for traffic, having been cleared of the mud washed down by the spring freshets. The cars are busy conveying away the grain brought from Kincardine by the propeller *East*.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Conklin, who purchased and shipped a large quantity of salt last season for Chicago, is again in town. On Monday he loaded the propeller *Europe* which arrived from St. Catherines on Sunday. He intends purchasing and shipping salt largely this season.

THE SELECTIONS of the SIGNAL are acknowledged to be the very choicest. Its local news is full and fresh, its market reports are reliable and correct, and it is in every respect a first-class local journal. Now is the time to subscribe. Only $1.50 a year in advance.

REMEMBER, our new story, "Olive Varcoe," will be commenced in next issue. Those who want to have it from the commencement should subscribe at once. The SIGNAL will be sent till the end of the year to any address or delivered at subscriber's residences in town for $1.

APPOINTMENT.—The Lieut-Governor has made the following appointment,—William Sloan, of the village of Blyth, Esq., to be the third trustee under 34 Vic., Cap. 42, Sec. 14, to receive from municipalities the bonuses voted in favor of the London, Huron, and Bruce Railway.

THE HEIGHT ABOVE THE SEA, in feet, of the following places in Ontario, is given in the last report of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, as follows:—Barrie, 779; Belleville, 307; Goderich, 715; Hamilton, 325; Pembroke, 400; Peterborough, 629; Simcoe, 716; Stratford, 1182; Toronto, 342; Windsor, 620.

LAKE SUPERIOR LINE.—The *Manitoba* and *City of Montreal* will form the Lake Superior line of steamers from this port till the new boat in course of construction at Chatham is ready, which is expected to be in July. The *Acadia*, formerly of this line, will run as an independent boat between Montreal and Chicago.

"THE QUESTION OF THE DAY" is the title of a lecture on Temperance recently delivered in Montreal by Lieut. J. N. Ross of the Royal Marines. It has been published in pamphlet form for distribution. It treats of the temperance question, which is now absorbing so much attention, in an energetic and able manner and is well worthy of perusal.

OUR TOWN CONTEMPORARY fails to withdraw the allegation brought against us that we were the author of a letter signed "Ratepayer" which appeared in our columns a couple of weeks ago, though it has our distinct denial of the truth of its statement. This is extremely dishonorable on its part. The public will soon learn how much weight to attach to the statements of a journal whose metto appears to be "Tell a lie and then stick to it."

"FROM THE ATLANTIC TO THE PACIFIC."—This is the title of a new work about to be issued by Mr. G. E. Desbarats, of Montreal, publisher of the *Illustrated News*. From advanced sheets which we have seen, our opinion is that the work will command a large sale. It will contain, when completed, about four hundred pages and one hundred engravings, fourteen of which are almost equal to well executed photographs. The illustrations embrace views of places and subjects of note along the route, and from a glance at its contents, we should pronounce it to be a work of a most interesting character.

A SECRET WORTH KNOWING.—Every number of Peters' *Musical Monthly* contains from eight to ten pieces of choice New Music, worth at least $4 in sheet form, and all the publisher asks is 30 cents a number. *Think of it!* Four or five songs, vocal duets, four-hand pieces, and four piano pieces for 30 cents. No musical family can afford to be without this valuable magazine. Our advice is, to "subscribe, sing, play, and be happy." The May number is just to hand; you can get it by sending 30 cents to J. Peters, 599 Broadway, New York, or the first four numbers for 1873 will be mailed for $1.

THE COURT ROOM.—The unsightly wires placed across the Court Room have been removed and new ones put up in accordance with instructions received from Bloomington, Illinois, where a similar experiment for improving the acoustic properties of a public building was tried with success. The sound has been very much improved as was manifested during the Assizes last week, when persons in the back part of the room could hear without that painful straining which was formerly necessary. Of course the acoustic properties of the room will be somewhat disguised then that it should have attractive acoustic properties.

WATERING THE STREETS.—We will very shortly be subjected to the dust nuisance, and we think the Town Council should arrange to have at least the Court House Square watered this summer. When street watering is done it is generally paid for by a special rate levied on those who are more immediately benefited, and we fancy the merchants and others whose places of business are on the Square would not object to pay for the service. Considering however that the Square is so public a place, we think it would not be amiss for the town to pay to have it watered. If not done so far as the Bank of Montreal, and Hamilton Street might also be included. Will our "City Fathers" please attend to this.

CRANDE OR GUANE.—We understand it is the intention to change the gauge of the Grand Trunk from Goderich to Stratford on Sunday next. A short time ago Mr. Brydges issued a circular to station agents directing them to avoid Sunday traffic as far as possible, and now by his direction the Sabbath is to be openly violated by changing the gauge on that day. This appears to us to be rather inconsistent on the part of a man who holds a prominent position in one of our largest and most influential churches. Nor can it be considered a work of necessity. The Great Western changed the gauge of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce road on a week day with very little interruption of traffic, and accomplished the same task on their Sarnia and Toronto lines. What they did the Grand Trunk can surely do. It is a disgrace that such a wanton and flagrant violation of the Fourth commandment should be tolerated in our land.

SOCIAL.—A social, which was also intended to constitute the annual meeting of the congregation fund a jubilee over the wiping out of the debt on the church, was held in the basement of Knox Church, in this town, on Friday evening last. Dr. McLean was called to the chair. The secretary read the minutes of last meeting and the treasurer the financial report for last year, which showed a very creditable exhibit. The retiring managers were re-elected. Rev. R. Ure, pastor of the congregation, made a few remarks on the condition and progress which had been made since he came here, and also gave an account of his recent trip to St. John, N.B., to attend the meeting of the joint union committees of the various Presbyterian churches. Rev. J. Sieveright offered a few pointed remarks, and readings were given by Dr. McLean, Mr. Strang, Mr. Bell and Mr. Fraser. The Misses Fraser, Ferguson, Duncan, Gardiner, Grant and others supplied music, vocal and instrumental, and the ladies of the congregation a plentiful supply of refreshments. A considerable sum was realized.

SAD ACCIDENT.—A very sad accident occurred at Clinton on Wednesday evening last, to Mr. W. H. Lowe, formerly of this town, and for some time past a resident of British Columbia. On the day in question Mr. Lowe had been in Goderich disposing of some property he owned there. He was returning to Goderich by the 9 o'clock train, and on arriving at Clinton stepped out on the platform to speak to a friend. When the train again started he went to step on, but stumbled over some baggage and fell between the track and the platform, his arms across the rail. The wheels passed over both arms, almost severing them, the right arm at the wrist and the left one at the elbow. He was at once removed to an adjoining hotel, and Drs. Coleman and Geninlock of Seaforth, old friends, summoned. They amputated both arms above the injured parts, and did everything possible to ease his sufferings. The unfortunate man also sustained some injury on the back of his head and on one of his legs, though they were not of a serious nature. At the latest accounts he was very low, and his recovery is somewhat doubtful. Mr. Lowe is a native of Harpurhey, and returned from British Columbia a short time ago on a visit, and to dispose of some property. He was to be married in a few weeks to a young lady till recently a resident of Goderich, when he intended returning to British Columbia. He was at one time in the Sheriff's Office here, and universal sympathy is expressed at the great misfortune which has overtaken him.

Town Council.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 25th April, 1873.

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held this evening, present, The Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors Passmore, Gardiner, Smaill, Watson, A. Smith, Sloan, Doyle, Gordon and Mackay.

Minutes read and approved.

Communications received;—

Bond of H. Howell, Collector. Accepted.

Petition of J. D. Hayhurst to have Platt's Hill repaired. On motion the sum of $100 was granted, the work to be let by tender.

Letter from G. H. Parsons asking to have Elgin Street opened to the Lake. Referred to Public Works Committee.

Letter from P. Adamson, Secy. High School Board, with reference to accommodation for said School. The Public Works Committee was instructed to look out a suitable site for a High School building and report.

Letter from W. Kay, Esq. offering to bear part of expense of extension of main drain across Elgin Street. Referred to Public Works Committee.

Letters and circulars from several parties respecting fire engines, &c. Messrs. Gibbons, Smaill and Gardiner were appointed a committee to make inquiries as to relative merits of steam fire engines and to purchase if they see fit.

The price at which the old engines should be disposed of was fixed as follows,—"Fire King" $400, "Union $600, with 100 feet of hose in each case.

The Public Works committee were instructed to take the levels on the property referred to in petition of J. R. Miller and others, presented at last meeting.

Reports from the Street Inspector and the Road and Bridge committee were read and adopted.

It was resolved to give $5 reward to any party giving such information as will lead to the conviction of any person injuring shade trees.

The Finance Committee recommended the payment of the following accounts;—F. R. Mann $8, John Martin $3, Montreal Telegraph Co. telegraphing $2.72, Chewett & Co. Books for Treasurer $12.68, Yates & Son Flour for relief $9, Sons of Temperance rent of Hall $60.

R Tidehorne petitioned for a Tavern License. No action taken.

Mr. Watson was relieved from serving on the Sanitary committee.

The sum of $50 was granted A. M. Ross, Esq., to cover his expenses to Toronto on Municipal Loan Fund business, and a vote of thanks tendered him for his services.

The sum of $50 was placed at the disposal of the Mayor to purchase wood for the poor.

The Clerk was instructed to communicate with Mr. Beresford regarding right of way through his property to connect Maitland Road with Mill Road.

It was agreed that the County should have gravel required for streets it is to keep in repair within the town free of charge.

The Council then adjourned.

The Assizes.

As promised in our last issue we hereunder give a report of the civil and criminal business that has already come before the Court and been disposed of. Judge Wilson left last Monday morning for Walkerton, leaving undisposed of business to be tried by Judge Ross. The Court is still sitting and is not expected to close before the end of the week. Most of the cases tried have been lengthy, some of them occupying more than a day. We give the report of suits tried in the order in which they appear on the Docket.

Watson's Bank vs. Deacon—Moodymott for Plff; withdrew the record, the case having been settled by the parties.

Prefsich vs. Dorwyn—Bigelow for Plff; did not appear. Squier for Deft.

Michel vs. The Canada Southern Railway Co.—This was an action for damages sustained by the Plff. in land through which part of the Defendants' road is built, in the Township of Oneida in the County of Haldimand. The Plaintiff's claim was founded on the damages resulting from the improper construction of the road through Plaintiff's land, by reason of which his crops were much injured, and for the destruction of his fall wheat crop caused by the negligence of the Defendants in not properly ditching their fences along the line of road. Their fences stood on the very edge on both sides and the cattle occupied a fall day. The jury returned a verdict for the Plff. for $100. Strong, McMichael and Hamilton and Aikman of Cayuga for Plff. Hon. Adam Crooks, Q. C., for Defts.

Murray vs. Canada Southern Railway Co.—This was an action of the same nature as the last suit. Strong and Bergin for Plff. McMichael and Aikman for Plff. Crooks, Q. C., for Defts.

Hahman vs. Wade—This was an action against a son of Dr. Wade of Bayfield, for throwing down the Plaintiff and breaking his arm in McCann's tavern in Bayfield, in July last, whereby he was rendered unable to work for a long time. The defence was that it was a mere sonific arising out of the election; but from the Defendant's conduct both before and afterwards it was urged for the Plaintiff that it was more than a trifling matter of that kind. A great deal of interest was taken in this case, and especially by some of the Bayfield worthies, one of whom, though neither party nor witness, sat beside the Defendant's counsel giving him instructions throughout the trial. The jury after about two hours absence returned to Court with a verdict for the Plaintiff for $160 damages. J. S. Sinclair for Plff. C. Robinson, Q. C., and Davison and Johnston for Deft.

Alton vs. Alton—This was an action of seduction in which the parties concerned lived in and about Lucknow. The case was settled and the record withdrawn. J. T. Garrow and C. Robinson, Q. C., for Plff. Sinclair for Deft.

Taylor vs. Adams—This was also an action of seduction. The Defendant lives in McKillop, and the Plaintiff and his daughter in Hullett. Settled by parties. J. S. Sinclair for Plff. C. Robinson, Q. C., for Deft.

Stretton vs. Stretton—An action of ejectment for some village lots in Brussels. The Plaintiff it appeared had sold certain lots to the Defendant giving him a bond for deed. He then caused a more accurate survey to be made and desired Defendant to take the same numbered lots in the new survey, which he refused to do. The Plaintiff then brought this action of ejectment to which the Judge held that the Defendant's purchase was not sufficient defence and gave verdict for Plaintiff. Defendant's counsel remarked that he had filed a Bill in Chancery against the Plaintiff for specific performance of the contract of sale. C. Robinson, Q. C., and B. L. Doyle for the Plff. J. S. Sinclair for Deft.

Johnston vs. Johnston—This was an action between relations concerning some farm transactions in Stanley and was settled by the parties. Sinclair for Plff. Robinson, Q. C., and Holmstead of Seaforth, for Deft.

Carter vs. Kelly—This was an action arising out of a contract for the building of a School house in S. S. No. 7, Hullett. The case occupied part of Thursday and nearly the whole of Friday last. The evidence was exceedingly conflicting, the parties themselves swearing directly opposite. After a keen contest on both sides and the Judge's charge, the jury retired and after being out two or three hours came into Court saying that they were unable to agree, and suggested a settlement of the case, which the parties adopted. J. T. Garrow and J. S. Sinclair for Plff. C. Robinson and S. Malcomson, Clinton, for Deft.

Murray vs. Thomson—This was an action in some way connected with the affairs of the Canada Southern Railway Company. It was made a Remanet by consent. McKelcan of Hamilton, for the Plff. Strong and Crooks for Deft.

McPherson vs. Davis—An action of ejectment for the West half of lot No. 65 in the town of Goderich. The case depended on a variety of legal questions, and was tried without a jury. Verdict for Defendant. W. R. Squier and C. Robinson, Q. C., for Plff. J. S. Sinclair for Deft. The Plaintiff intends to move in Term against the verdict.

Ferguson vs. Watts—Action on two promissory notes. Verdict for Plaintiff by consent for $191.43 the amount claimed. Sinclair for Plff. Squier for Deft.

Matheson vs. Matheson—Remanet by consent. Squier for Plff. G. Elliott attorney for Deft.

McKee et. al. vs. Watts—An action on a promissory note. Verdict for Plff. by consent for $236.43 amount claimed. Sinclair for Plff. Squier for Deft.

Bell vs. Resnick—Action for a lumber bill. Verdict for Plff. for $144.44 amount claimed. Benson and Meyer, Seaforth, attorneys, and J. S. Sinclair counsel for Plff. Holmstead of Seaforth for Deft.

The following cases are yet to be disposed of:—

Buchanan vs. Young et. al.—Sinclair for Plff. Doyle for Deft.

Little vs. Elliott—Sinclair for Plff. Garrow for Deft.

Gillies vs. McGowan—Garrow for Plff. Sinclair for Deft.

Adams vs. Davis—Holmstead for Plff. Benson and Meyer and Sinclair for Deft.

Morrison vs. Morrison—Benson and Meyer and Sinclair for Plff. Holmstead for Deft.

Hope vs. Hearn—Benson and Meyer and Sinclair for Plff. Squier and McDonald for Deft.

Robertson vs. Davison—Garrow for Plff. McDougall for Deft.

CRIMINAL SIDE.

The Queen vs. Arthur Shaskey—Larceny of two pigs, the property of Gavin Hamilton of Colborne, about two years ago. Prisoner pleaded guilty. The Judge appeared to think he had been the dupe of more designing men, and sentenced him to 24 hours in the Common gaol. F. Davis of Sarnia Crown Counsel. J. T. Garrow for the prisoner.

The Queen vs. D. McGowan—False pretences. The Grand Jury found "No Bill." Davis for the Crown. Sinclair was retained for the defence.

The Queen vs. David Milne—This was a charge of Perjury said to have been committed by the Defendant in an affidavit made use of in the Crown Lands Department. It appeared that the Defendant made the affidavit under the advice of Mr. J. W. Kerr of Ainleyville, the Commissioner who took the affidavit and we also drew it up. Mr. Kerr swore he told the Defendant he was justified in making the affidavit and believed so then and ever since. The jury after a long absence returned to Court with a verdict of Guilty, with a strong recommendation to mercy. The Judge declined to sentence the Defendant, and deferred sentence until next Assizes. Defendant's counsel intend to have questions of law argued in full Court. The verdict of the jury struck most people present as most cruel and undeserved. Davis for Crown. J. T. Garrow and C. Robinson, Q. C., for defence.

The Queen vs. Lamont—Perjury. Traversed until next Assizes. J. S. Sinclair (in the absence of Mr. Davis) for the Crown. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Garrow for Deft.

The Queen vs. Smith—Assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. The parties were allowed by the Court to settle this case on payment by Defendant of costs of prosecution. Davis for Crown. Benson and Meyer for the Deft.

The Queen vs. Gallagher—Larceny. Verdict—Not guilty. Davis for Crown. B. L. Doyle for defence.

One or two superfluous indictments against each of the parties Arthur Sharkey and Gallagher were summarily quashed by the Judge, who in strong language condemned the practice that appeared for some time to have prevailed in the cases against these men of having a fresh indictment laid before the Grand Jury at each Court.

The following is the presentment of the Grand Jury:—

Ontario County of Huron, } We, the Grand Jurors for our Lady the Queen, beg to present that we have visited the jail, and find it is a very clean and orderly state, and the Jailor, Mr. Campaign, very courteous and attentive to his duties.

We found only five prisoners therein, none of which, we are happy to say, are confined for any serious charge. We commend with thanks and find they are as comfortable as circumstances can permit of and have no complaints to make against their keeper.

We beg to congratulate your Lordship, that the Criminal Calendar is so light, and hope that the County of Huron may long maintain its reputation for sound morals and strict observance of the peace.

Before closing this presentation we would be remiss if we omitted to inform the Court to McWilliams, one of the grand jurors, as we are of opinion that he is of unsound mind, and would recommend that he be removed to a more suitable place.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LOGAN,
Foreman.

Grand Jury Room,
April, 24th, 1873.

Twenty thousand coal miners in Lancashire, England, have struck work.

Tuckersmith.

PROLIFIC COWS.—Mr. W. S. Mundell, of Tuckersmith, has a cow which has given birth to four calves—two pairs of twins—within a period of eleven months. The calves are all living, and are thriving well, and are as handsome animals as can be seen anywhere. Mr. Matthew Elgie, also of Tuckersmith, has a heifer two years and five months old, which recently gave birth to three full grown and well developed calves. These calves died shortly after birth. And they lived they would have been quite a curiosity. It is rather an unusual occurrence for a cow to have two calves, but for a heifer to give birth to three is something the equal of which we have not heard of before.—*Expositor.*

Dungannon.

SPRING SHOW.—The Ashfield and Wawanosh Branch Agricultural Society, held its spring show at Dungannon on the 23rd inst., and was well attended. The show of Horses was good. The Judges for horses were Messrs. John Washington, Wm. McMath and Henry Kerr; and for Bulls, Wm. Young, Wm. Clark and Thos. Anderson. The following is the prize list:—

Horses:—1st, Henry Fisher, Colborne, "Young England's Glory." 2nd Luke Armstrong, Colborne, "Tom Sayers." 3rd, Otter Wilson, Colborne, "Honest Tom."

Bulls;—Thoroughbred over two years old, 1st, Wm. Durnin, Wawanosh, "Hopeful." 2nd, Richard West, Ashfield.

Under two years old, 1st, James McDonough, Colborne, "Prince Arthur."

Kincardine.

QUICK WORK.—Last Monday noon Messrs. Donald Brothers, builders of this town, laid the foundation, and on Saturday completed the superstructure of a brick cottage 25½x29½, one storey high, for Mr. S. P. Chapman, of Tiverton.—*Reporter.*

ACCIDENT.—On Thursday afternoon last an adopted daughter of Mr. Mc Lardy's received most serious injuries. in the new school building, by falling over the bannisters, in descending from the second story. The little girl is not yet out of danger, but there are good hopes of her recovery.—*Review.*

LARGE YIELD.—Mr. Andrew Horn, Durham Line, Kincardine township, three years ago planted a setting from an early rose potato, purchased by him for 25 cents, the second year he sold 7 bushels and kept the house in potatoes, and the third year he sold 100 bushels to Mr. Geo. Bisset, and has 50 bushels left, all produced from that 25c. potato.

Morris.

The Morris Council met in the township hall, on April 17th.

All members present; the Reeve in the chair.

Moved by Dr. Scott, seconded by J. R. Miller, that the account presented by the Board of Health for the village of Blyth, in Morris, amounting to $165 30, be paid. Carried.

Moved by Dr. Scott, seconded by J. R. Miller, that an order be granted in favor of Thomas Halliday, for $10, being for charity. Carried.

Moved by John McCrea, seconded by W. J. Johnston, that the Road Inspector be instructed to have Clark's bridge planked, and Ruttan's bridge raised three feet, and also have Brown's bridge repaired. Carried.

Moved by John McCrea, seconded by J. R. Miller, that the petition of Peter McDonald and others be laid over till next meeting. Carried.

Moved by John McCrea, seconded by W. J. Johnston, that the account of James Clegg, and James Russell, amounting to $26 25, for repairing Armstrong's bridge, be paid. Carried.

An offer of settlement with the Council of Brussels was then drawn up, and the Clerk was instructed to send a copy to the Reeve of the aforesaid village.

Council then adjourned.

W. CLEGG,
Clerk.

Blyth.

BLYTH POST OFFICE.—For some time past great complaints have been made of the non-delivery of mail matter at the Blyth Post Office, and instead of the complaints causing an improvement, there appeared to be a constant accumulation of complaints, till at last the matter was brought to a crisis by a formal complaint made to the Post Office Inspector, who made his appearance in that village on Monday. On that evening an investigation was entered into which was protracted till near midnight, and resulted in producing such a large amount of evidence to show not only was there a want of ability in the management of the office, but the position of the postmaster was taken advantage of to annoy those with whom he might be at variance, even refusing to deliver letters, that to the rightful owner, were of great importance, and to prevent the discovery of how long they had been in his possession, failed to put the Blyth post mark upon them. After a few witnesses had been examined, bringing out these facts, Mr. Holmes thought it prudent to resign, which had the effect of stopping the mouths of about forty other witnesses, who stood prepared to testify that a change in that official would not be detrimental to their interests. The Inspector passed through this village on Friday on his return. A report of the case will be made to the Postmaster General, who will no doubt accept the resignation, and appoint a successor.—*New Era.*

Clinton.

EVASION OF MARKET BY-LAW.—A party from Goderich township was summoned this week to answer for evading market fees. He appeared before the Reeve, and admitted the charge, and was therefore mulcted in a fine of $1, and costs $2.50. Better had paid his fees.—*New Era.*

The funeral of a young man by the name of Butler, late of Godetish township, took place here on Thursday last. It appears that he came to his death by drowning at Saginaw the Sunday previous, while attempting to cross that river to fetch a friend across. He was a son-in-law of Mr. Ferris, of Goderich township. His wife was a witness of the accident, and was almost driven to insanity by the sad calamity.—*New Era.*

BROKEN HIS STOVE.—A short time since, an event happened in this place, which demonstrates pretty clearly that "honesty is the best policy." It appears that wood belonging to different parties in a certain neighborhood, disappeared very mysteriously, and all efforts to find the thief resulted for a time in vain, but one of the persons whose "pile" fell rather faster than he liked, determined if possible, to find the guilty one. He accordingly bored a good sized hole in a nice piece of hardwood, filled it with powder, plugged the hole, then placed the stick in the midst of a pile of maple, and awaited developments. He had not to await long, however, for in the course of a night or two, said stick disappeared, and a stove belonging to a neighbour was badly broken by "water falling on it, you know." The owner of said stove has since got a new one. He will undoubtedly buy his wood in future.—*New Era.*

Hensall.

COUNCIL MEETING.—Our village council met for the first time in the Orange Hall, on the 5th inst., at 1 o'clock, P. M.

The Reeve, Isaac Carling, and the Councillors, Messrs. James Pickard, W. H. Verity, John Trick, and Edred Drew, attended to the declaration of office in presence of Joseph Acheson, Esq., J. P.

Moved by W. H. Verity, seconded by Edred Drew, that Mr. Michael Hartnett be Clerk for the ensuing year. Carried.

Moved by W. H. Verity, seconded by J. Pickard, that Messrs. Joseph Adams and George Kilpatrick, be assessors. Carried.

Moved by John Trick, seconded by Edred Drew, that Mr. Robert Sanders be treasurer. Carried.

Moved by W. H. Verity, seconded by James Pickard, that this Council do now adjourn to meet again at the Court Room on Monday next, at 7 o'clock, P. M. Carried.

NEW BUILDINGS.—Mr. Thomas Hoare has erected a frame pump factory at good size, and favorably situated on Main Street, Exeter. He intends to have the building completed and things in operation as early in the season as possible. Mr. Howard is engaged in building a commodious brick dwelling house which, when finished, will be another link in the chain connecting what was formerly known as Exeter and Francestown. Mr. Brooks will have completed in a few days a neat frame dwelling house. Mr. Wm. Binsett has a large number of men engaged in building a large and excellent livery stable, situated south-west of Mr. Elston's hotel. There is a large supply of brick and other material in various parts of the village, for building purposes, and everything appears to bid fair for the rapid growth and advancement of this promising village.—*Exositor.*

Seaforth.

ACCIDENT.—On Saturday the 26th inst., Mr. John Martin of the "Novelty Works" met with a pretty severe accident from a circular saw, which lacerated his hand in a frightful manner. Dr. Campbell adjusted the bones and sewed up the wound, but Mr. Martin will have to content himself with merely superintending the workmen in his planing factory for some time to come.

BUTTER INSPECTOR.—Mr. Wm McDougall has been appointed Butter Inspector for the season.

A BACKWARD SEASON.—The farmers have not commenced sowing yet and there is no time lost as there is little or no growth in the soil yet, the weather having remained raw and cold up to the present time.

FOUNDRY TO BE SOLD.—The Seaforth Foundry we understand will be sold by Public Auction on the 15th of May. There is an excellent chance for a man with capital to start a Foundry and Machine Shop in this town, there being an excellent agricultural country both north and south of this place. We know of no better chance.

THE FALL WHEAT.—We are happy to learn that the fall wheat promises well in this part of the country. Every field which we have seen looks well and we hear good accounts from parts we have not seen.

TYPHOID FEVER.—Several cases of this disease have occurred in our village.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—An old woman, between 70 and 80 years of age, named Mrs. Campbell, of the 7th concession of McKillop, met with a painful accident in Seaforth on Wednesday evening last. She was in the act of getting on a waggon loaded with lumber, which was standing in front of Carmichael's hotel, on which she intended riding home, and very foolishly attempted to climb over the rear wheel. While standing with her foot on the wheel, the horses started, causing her to lose her balance. In falling, her right foot got fast in the wheel, and before the horses could be stopped her right leg was fractured a little above the ankle. She was immediately carried into the hotel and medical aid sent for. Considering her advanced age, it is very doubtful if she ever recovers from her injuries.—*Expositor.*

Butter Inspection.

The following is a copy of the circular which has been issued, respecting the inspection of butter, by the dealers of this neighborhood;—

At a meeting of merchants and traders from the Counties of Huron, Perth and Bruce, held in the Town of Goderich, on the 10th April, 1873, it was unanimously resolved that they form themselves into an association, to be called the Ontario Butter Association, and that the said Association be governed by the following rules, in the purchasing of butter:—

1. That all butter be subjected by the producer to inspection previous to being purchased.

2. That an Inspector be appointed in each town and village where practicable; said Inspector to be subject to the rules of the Association.

3. That the remuneration of said Inspector be decided by the dealers so employing him.

4. That the following fees be paid to such Inspector by the producer and afterwards refunded to him by the purchaser of his butter, viz:—

On all parcels of Butter not exceeding 10 lbs. net, ... 2 cents.

On all parcels of Butter over 10 lbs., and not exceeding 30 lbs., ... 5 cents.

On all parcels of Butter over 30 lbs., ... 10 cents.

5. That in all cases the packages containing packed butter be paid for by the producer.

6. That the Inspector shall grade all butter as follows, viz:—

The best quality of Table Butter, ... No. 1.
The second quality, ... " No. 2.
The third " ..... " No. 3.
The fourth " ..... " No. 4.

7. That the price of No. 1 butter shall be governed by the best price of the wholesale market.

8. That the price of No. 2 shall not be more than four fifths of the price of No. 1.

9. That the price of No. 3 shall not be more than three-fifths of the price of No. 1.

10. That the price of No. 4 shall not be more than two-fifths of the price of No. 1.

11. That the packages containing No. 1 butter must be clean and in good order, otherwise it shall be branded No. 2, and No. 2 shall be branded No. 3.

12. That the soakage on all packages of butter holding from 25 to 40 lbs., be 1 lb.; from 40 to 60 lbs, 2 lbs.; and on 60 lbs., and over, 3 lbs.

13. The price of all butter packed in firkins and firkins shall be one cent per lb. more than in rolls and pails, &c.

The merchants and traders forming themselves into this Association would respectfully inform the farmers that they have done so with the view of raising the standard of butter, and to encourage and protect the careful farmer's courage and product. We trust that we will at all times command the highest price for her butter. Hitherto the buyers have not made that distinction between good and bad butter that they should have done, and the result has been that many of our best makers have become discouraged in trying to make a first-class article, consequently thousands of packages of butter have been sold in England for the price of grease, resulting in heavy losses to the merchants and traders, and also to the producers. It is the unanimous opinion of not only the merchants, but also of those engaged in shipping butter, that if the farmers encourage this movement by producing a good quality of butter it will result in great gain to themselves. We quote the words of a large shipper in this article. "It the price given were according to the quality we should soon see a great improvement. It would be a boon to consumers and also to legitimate producers, and a clear gain to the country, if some practicable way could be found of making butter liable to inspection, and fixing its price according to quality." We may add that this movement is not confined to these counties, but similar steps are being taken throughout Ontario.

By order of the Committee.
Goderich, April 10, 1873.

"WHY IS IT so?—Can any one tell the Canadian public why money is so scarce, and is being held by the banks at ten per cent or more when they are disposed to discount? The revenue is flourishing, the imports and exports are annually increasing in amount, the Provincial revenue from Crown Lands has greatly advanced, and the price of all kinds of agricultural produce is good, with fair crops last year. Yet every tradesman complains that he cannot collect his accounts, the farmers plead poverty, business is dull, and manufacturing is being limited. The sawmills in the Province are working short time, the Guelph factories are paying of their hands at a reduced employment, and money is not to be had or at also a very high rate of interest, in lieu of heavy railway expenditures, with larger sums in prospect. Tell some political economist that the balance of trade against us at once explains the difficulty, and he will reply that the large imports serve our wealth and make us more poor. Well, what money is now flowing? Rhetoric does! Won't somebody tell?"—*Elora Observer.*

CANADA.

It is rumored that Lieut.-Col. Peters, of St. Johns, N. B., will command the Wimbledon team this year.

A Mr. Dyer Platt, of Prince Edward, has a cow that has given birth to four calves in one year.

A dwelling belonging to John Watson, a laborer, was burned at Kincardine on the 22nd; insured for $200.

An amorous but very bashful youth, with an income of $3000 per annum, advertises in the Paisley *Advocate* for a wife.

A Presbyterian of North Easthope, writing to the *Beacon*, complains of the length of the sermons delivered by the clergymen of that of part of the County.

Mr. Ross, West Middlesex, gives notice of a resolution in favor of Parliament meeting in future, not later than the 15th day of January in each year.

A consignment of thorough-breds was shipped from Hon. George Brown's farm, at Bow Park, last week for California. Good for Canada.

A girl aged five years died at Papineauville, P. Q., last week, from the effects of an outrage on her by her uncle, Edouard Mainville.

The water is so low in some parts of the Welland Canal that vessels cannot get through, and the millsare not running in consequence.