LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 1879.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

MR. BERGERON has been elected for Beauharnois. Mr. Bergeron is a Conservative.

EX-MONK WIDDOWS is at present in Scotland knocking the bottom out of popery and converting "baubees" to his infinite delight.

AN earthquake was felt along the coast of Florida and over the interior of the State on Sunday night. Buildings were violently shaken, but no material damage is reported.

YE local member for North Perth has charge of the petition from the Stratford & Huron Railway Company, praying for amendments to their Act of incorporation. It was presented to the House on Monday.

Two M. P. P.'s, namely, Messrs. R. A. and W. D. Lyon, in company with a couple of gentlemen friends, arrived in Toronto before the House opened last week, after having accomplished a journey of some 370 odd miles. 210 miles of this distance—from Manitoulin Island to Parry Sound—was made on snow-shoes. This may be safely recorded as an instance of members having just claims to their mileage allowance. In ye olden time a journey of this length on foot might not have been set down as other than ordinary; but now-a-days fat legislative births don't produce much of this sort of timber.

THE SALARY GRAB.

Following is the resolution introduced by Mr. Parkhill during the debate on the address last Monday. It clearly expresses the views of Opposition members in reference to that disgraceful transaction known as the "salary grab."

That while we rejoice with your honor on the developement of all means tending to the advancement of the agricultural interests, we are of opinion that the administration of the affairs of this province should be conducted with the utmost economy consistent with efficiency, and in view of the general depression in the province, the expenses of legislation and civil government should be reduced, particularly as regards the salaries of ministers and the indemnity to members of this house.

THE OPPOSITION LEADER.

The selection of W. R. Meredith, Esq., member for London, as leader of the Ontario Liberal-Conservative party, is meeting with the warmest congratulations from both sides of the House and from the Provincial press generally. Even the *Globe* condescends to make the remark that "it would be difficult to say what better choice could have been made out of the available material." The name of Hon. Alexander Morris had been mentioned in connection with the vacant leadership, but no better evidence is wanting of the unity which exists among Opposition members than the magnanimous support given by that gentleman to Mr. Meredith's appointment. Mr. Meredith is in his 39th year. He was called to the bar in 1861, created a Q. C. in 1876, elected to represent the city of London in 1872, and has since been a prominent member of the Assembly. Under his prudent leadership the Conservative party may look forward with confidence to victory.

AN OUTSIDE OPINION.

The following excerpt, from "Papers by a Bystander" in the *Canadian Monthly*, is evidently from the pen of Goldwin Smith. We trust the view which this celebrated writer takes of the all-important question will not be without effect in modifying the clamorous tone so frequently heard at the present time.

"Those who desire Sir John Macdonald's failure naturally demand that he shall call Parliament and bring out his new fiscal policy without reflection. Those who desire his success, in the interest of national commerce, will counsel him to take abundant time for the consideration of a very intricate question for consultation with the new Minister of Finance. He is pledged by his campaign speeches to nothing but an attempt to afford to the Canadian manufacturer and producer, by a revision of the tariff, that relief from unjust disadvantages which his predecessors had avowed themselves wholly unable to afford. His utterances have been extremely guarded, yet we can hardly be mistaken as to the line on which he intends to move. Those who have looked into the tariff question know that without ostensibly discriminating against the Americans, it is possible practically to discriminate against them, to a great extent, by selection of articles. A policy of incidental retaliation is in fact that which Sir John Macdonald seems disposed to adopt. Whether he will be doing anything more than running a pin into an elephant and getting a stroke of its trunk in return is a question which we will not attempt to answer till his plan is actually before us. That, setting aside political questions, Canada would economically be a gainer, to an immense extent, by the free admission of her lumber, coal, manufactures and farm produce to the markets of the Continent, as well as by full participation in Continental capital and by being relieved from the expense and trouble of maintaining a customs line, can be doubted by no reasonable being, least of all by the projectors of Reciprocity Treaties. Whether she can gain much, or obtain serious relief from the disadvantages under which she now labors, by fiscal legislation of any other kind, is the problem which we are now going to see solved."

THE FIRST DIVISION.

The Speech put into the mouth of the Lieutenant Governor, though extremely meagre in everything save congratulatory remarks, foreshadows in a measure the so-called principles of the Mowat Government. These "principles" have been severely criticised by the new leader of the Opposition and his colleagues. The address of Hon. Alex. Morris, the newly elected member for East Toronto, lays bare the skeleton of the Grit party, and the division taken upon his amendment to the second paragraph of the Speech is ominous of the fate which will shortly overtake the salary grabbers:

Mr. Morris said it afforded him pleasure to follow an old personal friend like Mr. Mowat, however he might differ from him in opinion, and he hoped nothing would occur to endanger the kind personal relations which had subsisted so long between him and the leader of the Government. He found himself in a somewhat novel position. He had but recently returned to his native Province after a long absence, but he found himself surrounded by friends he had known in the past, and he trusted to keep these friends in the future. He did not entirely agree with the views advanced by the Premier of Ontario. That hon. gentleman had chosen to introduce not only into the speech from the throne, but into his own speech, matters that were foreign to the Legislature. He had said that if the results of the policy on which the Dominion had pronounced so decidedly were to be a continuance of what had taken place during the past few weeks, before any policy had been adopted, God help the country. He (Mr. Morris) contended that it was a criminal thing on the part of any Government, when the people were in distress and asked for legislative relief, to throw around themselves the mantle of selfishness, and leave the people to their own resources. (Cheers.) These questions were to a certain extent foreign to the arena into which they were introduced, but they had come up in this House on previous occasions, and when the challenge had been thrown down from the Speech from the throne, and the House were asked to declare that various causes had checked our progress and compelled a longer endurance of a period of depression, he thought it should be accepted. He did not believe that measures could not have been adopted to lessen the depression, and the public evidently held the same opinion. He had read with considerable interest the address delivered yesterday, and no one could feel greater satisfaction than himself at the terms in which the Earl of Dufferin had been referred to. Circumstances had thrown him into intimate relations with his Lordship, and he knew that there was no firmer friend of the Dominion or of the Empire. Lord Dufferin had left our shores carrying with him the good opinions and affections of the people from the Pacific slope to the Atlantic Ocean. The Government had done well in inviting the House's expression of pleasure at Canada having had lent to her a daughter of the Queen, with whom was associated one of the sons of the old hereditary families of Great Britain. Their presence here formed an additional link with the Empire which would be fully valued, and their career here would be as illustrious as that of Lord Dufferin and his Countess. He was glad to learn that his hon. friend had promised to deal with the large accession of territory gained by the Province as the result of the arbitration between the Dominion and the Province. He trusted that when the measure came before the House it would be found to prevent the locking up of portions of that territory—either mineral or timber lands—in the hands of private speculators. (Hear, hear.) Restriction should be imposed so as to prevent any man from grasping the soil and preventing the settler and the laborer from making a home. He did not see it was necessary to congratulate the Government on the fact that they intended to do all they could to facilitate the introduction of artificial light. (Laughter.) He would only criticise one other paragraph in the Address, and he trusted that when the estimates came down they would be found to have been framed with a due regard to economy. After consulting with his friends in the House, he had concluded to move an amendment to the paragraph with a view of getting the sense of the House on the subject. He might regret that Dominion politics had been brought into this House, but it was the Reform party, who, during the recent election, had cast to the winds their own principal that there should be no alliance between the Dominion and Provincial Governments. They all knew how the Premier had divested himself of his official garb and had stood upon a public platform as a private citizen to advocate the claims of the Mackenzie Government, the address having invited the House to express its opinion as to the cause of the depression, he would conclude by moving the following resolution:—

"That the words in the second paragraph of the speech from the throne, from 'it' to 'depression' be struck out and the following words substituted:—'That this House, while deeply regretting that our country continues to suffer from a period of depression, is of opinion that such depression might have been mitigated by judicious legislative action, and further regrets that the members of the Executive Council of the Province of Ontario did, during the recent elections to the House of Commons of Canada, identify themselves with the policy of those who opposed legislative intervention tending to the relief of the suffering industries of the country.

The motion was lost on the following division:—

YEAS—Messrs. Baker, Barr, Bell, Boulter, Broder, Brown, Calvin, Code, Coutts, Creighton, Deacon, Flesher, Grange, Harkin, Kean, Lauder, Long, McDougall, McGowan, Meredith, Merrick, Monk, Morris, Mostyn, Parkhill, Preston, Richardson, Rosevear, Scott, Tooley, White, Wigle, Willis—33.

NAYS—Messrs Ballantyne, Baxter, Bethune, Bonfield, Chisholm, Clarke (Norfolk,) Clarke (Wellington,) Cole, Crooks, Currie, Derioche, Ferris, Finlayson, Fraser, Gibson, Graham, Harcourt, Hardy, Hargraft, Hay, Hunter, Lyon (Algoma,) Lyon (Halton,) McCraney, McLaws, McLeod, McMahon, Massie, Miller, Mowat, O'Donohue, Paxton, Robinson, Ross, Sinclair, Springer, Striker, Waterworth, Widdifield, Williams, Wilson, Wood—42.

FORDWICH.

BUTTER FACTORY.—A butter factory is to be established in this village. Mr. Sweatman and several other gentlmen are the originators of the scheme. As it will be a benefit to both the village and surrounding country, we have every confidence the proprietors will meet with unbounded success in their enterprise.

MITCHELL.

INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATION.—The following pupils of the High School are to be congratulated in having passed the intermediate examination held in Dec. last, viz: Lizzie Hornibrook, Sophia Marty, Martha Jane Davidson, Charles Cale and Thomas Gourlay. Mr. Jolliffe, Head Master, is also to be congratulated on the result.

PALMERSTON.

The "curling" fever has broken out among auld Scotia's sons in this town; a club is in course of formation.

A grand skating carnival took place on Wednesday evening. Fancy costumes were imported for the occasion. The young people seemed to enjoy the sport hugely.

Dr. Cowan, coroner, of Harriston, has received from Prof. Ellis, of Toronto, an account of the analysis of the stomach and its contents of the late Jane Knowles. The Professor says he found strychnine in both the parts sent to him.

HURON ECHOES.

"Queen Esther" is absorbing the attention of the Brusselites just now.

Mr. Thomos Leishman has been engaged to teach the Ethel public school this year.

Thos. Smith, of Grey township, rejoices in a clutch of spring (?) chickens.

All the old council of Grey township have been re-elected.

A Seaforth correspondent says: Mr George Watson, son of Mr. W. N. Watson, of this town, has been appointed to the position of editor and manager of the Howick *Enterprise*, Gorrie. Mr. Watson, is a graduate of the *Expositor* office, and we can heartily recommend him as a good printer and an intelligent, clever young man.

MORNINGTON.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The Council met at Henderson's on Thursday, 2nd inst., on the call of the Reeve; present, the Reeve and Messrs. Baird, Kines and McCormick. The Reeve stated that the object of calling the meeting was to appoint a Board of Health for the purpose of preventing the spread of small-pox. He had been presented with a petition signed by about thirty ratepayers, asking him to take steps to prevent the further spread of small-pox. A by-law was introduced and read a first time, appointing Alexander Stewart, Wm. Rutherford, sr., and Joshua Kines a Board of Health for this township. The Council went into Committee on the by-law, Mr. Kines in the chair. The by-law was read a second time. The Reeve again took the chair, when the by-law was read a third time and finally passed. The Reeve was authorized to issue the following orders: To V Kertcher, Jas Baird and Wm McCormick, $1.50 each for attending this meeting; and to Robert Moss, $1, for notifying the clerk and some of the council. James Kines moved, seconded by James Baird, that this Council do now adjourn—Carried. JOHN WATSON, Clerk.

PERTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following gentlemen compose the corporation of the County of Perth, for the year 1879:

Municipality.	*Reeve.*	*Deputy.*
Stratford.....	W Roberts.	A W Robb, John Gibson, D Scrimgeour. J McMillan.
N. Easthope..	Jas Trow.	
S. Easthope..	J Schæfer.	
Mitchell,.....	Jas Sills.	T McDonald.
Blanshard....	A M Driver.	J Sanderson.
Downie.....	J Brunner.	J Fairless.
Elma.....	R L Alexander.	Samuel Roe.
Mornington..	V Kertcher.	James Kin-s.
Wallace.....	J McDermott.	J Willoughby.
Logan.....	Thos Coveney.	P Sibert.
Fullarton....	G Leversage.	R Francis.
Listowel.....	T E Hay.	J A Hacking.
Ellice.....	J Bennoch.	Henry Vogt.
Hibbert.....	R Gardiner.	John Burns.

The Council will assemble in session at Stratford on the 28th inst.

WALLACE.

VERY SUDDEN DEATH.—Mr. Thomas Moore died very suddenly at his residence in the 6th concesion on Wednesday morning, 15th inst. He had risen as usual that morning, and had gone to the stable and harnessed his horses with the intention of going off. Shortly afterwards he returned to the house, complained of feeling unwell, lay down on the sofa, and almost instantly expired. Deceased was fifty-two years of age, had lived in Wallace for nearly a quarter of a century, and was very well known throughout this section. He was a son of "old Andy Moore," who resides on the same lot. His father is probably the oldest man living in the neighborhood, his age according to the authority of the family, being one hundred years and 8 months. His mother is also living, being somewhat over 90 years of age. The ancient couple have been 70 years married, and have two sons and three daughters yet living. Thomas, whose terribly sudden demise may hasten his aged parents to their final abode, was the second eldest son. Of late he had become dissipant, and it is thought that this may have caused his death. The funeral took place yesterday (Thursday,) the body being conveyed to the Palmerston cemetery.

EXECUTION OF FARRELL.

The Murderer of Francis Conway—Story of the Crime—A Bungling Hangman—Horrible Scene at the Scaffold.

Quebec, Jan. 10.—The last scene in the Farrell murder case was witnessed this morning in the jail yard, at 8.10, when, in obedience to the demands of justice, Michael Farrell, the slayer of Francis Conway, in August last, yielded up his life for that he so wantonly destroyed. No possible efforts were spared to obtain the commutation of his sentence.

THE CRIME AND THE CRIMINAL.

Farrell was a man of considerable natural ability, but in a temper a devil incarnate. His neighbors dreaded him, and not without reason. Sixteen years ago he killed a neighbor named David Maher, literally chopping him to pieces with an axe. He was arrested, but acquitted on a technical point, although his guilt was beyond doubt. Some time afterwards, he and Michael Conway, cousin of the Conway for whose murder Farrell was hanged to-day, were suspected of the murder of a neighbor named John Davis. Conway in a fit of remorse shot himself, and it is said that just before his death he confessed that he and Farrell were guilty. His reputation as a red-handed murderer being thus established, he was suspected of every crime perpetrated within a radius of twenty miles of St. Catharines; in fact, he was the bogey of Portneuf county. For some years past he and Conway, the murdered man, had been on unfriendly terms, Farrell accusing him of trespassing. The Gosford railway, which has ceased running, runs through a corner of Farrell's land, and is used by the people round about as a highway, the rails having been torn up. In order to annoy Conway, who was a quiet and worthy man, Farrell put a fence across the track, and forbade Conway from using the road. On the morning of Sunday, 25th August, Conway set out, with three of his children, on a visit to his father, who lives a few miles away. As he walked down the Gosford track and neared the fence, Farrell, who had evidently been on the look-out for him, came up and told him, with an oath, that if he returned that way and ventured to touch the fence, he would kill him. Conway attended Mass, and spent the rest of the day at his father's. In the evening, when returning home, he asked his brother and another man to accompany him, as he was afraid Farrell would harm him or his children. They agreed, and the party started about 7 p. m. On reaching the fence, Farrell jumped up from behind a tree, with a double-barrelled rifle in his hand, and cried out: "Conway, you ——— ——— go back!" "I will," said Conway, and he turned about, leading two of the children. At this moment Farrell fired, and shot him dead, the bullet entering his brain. Farrell then made a rush at the other Conway, who managed to escape. The alarm was given, and people turned out with guns, declaring they would lynch the murderer. Farrell, however, dropped his gun, and made his way to Quebec, which he reached on Monday morning. He gave himself up to the police, saying, "I have killed Conway because he trespassed on my property." The inquest was held at St. Catharines, but public indignation was so strong that the authorities did not deem it prudent to take the murderer out. He was put on trial before a mixed jury, all of whom but two were Catholics. Farrell, who was fifty years of age, leaves a wife and eleven children; Conway, a wife and five children.

THE EXECUTION.

A thousand people were present surrounding the jail, and in the fields and Plains of Abraham, in close proximity thereto. Only about one hundred were admitted into the jail, and those had passed in about 15 minutes before the hour of the execution. The black flag was hoisted upon the jail. The hangman, an inmate of the jail, proved a stupid fellow one entirely ignorant of his business, as was subsequently proven. He was masked from head to foot. The rope was attached to the beam of the scaffold before Farrell made any appearance. Farrell spent the last few hours of his life with spiritual advisers, and did not manifest the least agitation when pinioned to his cell. The work of the execution was shamefully performed. The convicted man was led to the scaffold by Fathers Wynn and Burke, walking apparently without hesitation. On reaching the scaffold all three knelt, and the *De Profundis* was said by Father Wynn, all present uncovering heads. The Coroner, Jailor and Sheriff stood behind the party. Farrell then shook hands with and wished each Father farewell, who in turn whispered a word of Christian comfort in his ear. They placed his hat again upon his head, and the condemned man took his stand on the drop. The hangman adjusted the noose, but was a long time letting go the drop; this seemed to agitate Farrell, who glanced anxiously around, and in his excitement and terror seeing the bolt withdrawn he clutched the rope, which having hung too low down from his neck caught beneath his pinioned arm. He uttered a piercing cry as he hung in this position, between time and eternity, with the fatal work but partially accomplished. The scene was terrible as the wretched hangman shook the rope violently above Farrell's head, causing it to right itself. So bad was the work done that life was not extinct for over 15 minutes after the drop fell. The body was then cut down and the usual inquest held. There has never probably been a more brutal execution witnessed here.

COAL OIL.—Go to S. Bricker & Co's for your coal oil, 20 cents per gallon.

THE AFGHAN CAMPAIGN.

Occupation of Candahar—Shere Ali's Flight.

A despatch from Lahore says Candahar was occupied on Friday by Gen. Stewart's forces. Previous to the occupation of the city by Gen. Stewart, the Governor disbanded his army and fled towards Cabul.

St. Petersburg advices state that reports which are believed to be entirely authentic, have been received from Shere Ali. He is making slow progress toward Herat, and is accompanied by a strong body of his regular troops. He makes frequent halts and receives information from his capital. He expects to leave the main body of his men at Herat and to proceed to St. Petersburg accompanied only by his body guard. He will probably arrive at St. Petersburg about the first of February.

The Ameer has been notified that he is to expect no mediation whatever from the Russians, but only hospitality. It is reported that Yakoob Khan is inclined to be friendly with the British, and shows signs of yielding. General Stuart has marched through Candahar.

ROMANTIC TRAGEDY AT AILSA CRAIG.

A Young Lady Dies Suddenly, and Her Lover Cuts His Throat.

An Ailsa Craig correspondent telegraphs news of a melancholy tragedy which occurred in the township of Lobo. The community were pained by the announcement of the sudden death of a young lady, named Elizabeth Walker, who was well known and highly respected in the neighborhood. She was engaged to be married to John Cousins, and the ceremony was shortly to be celebrated. As soon as the young man heard of the sad event which had happened to his betrothed, he was seized with a frenzy of grief, and retiring to his room, cut his throat from ear to ear. He was found weltering in his blood, but still alive. Medical aid was promptly summoned, and everything done that was possible to staunch the flow of blood; but it is feared all to no purpose, and that he cannot recover. The sad affair has cast a gloom over the neighborhood, the young couple being both well known and respected.

A FAMILY ROMANCE.

A Fortune of $12,000,000 at Stake—The Missing Link.

A Nova Scotia journal says that the agent employed by the heirs of the Hyde estate to go to England to investigate the Hyde fortune has written out encouraging reports. The estate is valued at $12,000,000, and there are several claimants in this city. The agent has met the Directors of the Bank of England, where the money is deposited. This Hyde was a man who was formerly at Annapolis, sent out by the Imperial Government. He had one daughter born in Nova Scotia. The money in question was left to her after he died. An intimation was sent to this country many years ago asking for the heirs. The family of the Hydes in the United states took the matter up and investigated it, with the result that they decided the real heirs were in Nova Scotia. But nobody in the Province troubled themselves until late years. The principal missing link up to a recent period was the absence of proof that the original Hyde was the one who held the Imperial commission and came out to Annapolis. There was no commission of his to be found. But a few years ago an old trunk was sold at auction here and bought by a woman for 25 cents. She subsequently broke it up for kindling wood, and in the lining found a parchment document, which she deemed so pretty with the seals attached that she put it away as worthy of preservation. Subsequently, hearing something about the estate, she happened to mention it to a friend, who advised her to see the parties interested, which she did, and it proved to be the veritable missing document.

A Woman Frozen to Death.

Scotland, Ont. Jan. 13.—An old widow named Rebecca Warren was found dead yesterday just outside her own house, in the swamp two miles from this place. A neighbor cut and carried in a quantity of wood for her on Monday last, and as it was nearly all left behind the stove it is supposed she must have perished on Tuesday. It is thought that she froze to death, as the snow had been melted around her face. She persisted in living alone in her hermitage, one mile in the woods, notwithstanding the entreaties of the neighbors to leave it. A coroner's inquest was held last evening.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Over 10,000 ducks have been taken at Long Point this season.

A new French Cable Company has been formed, and proposes to lay two new submarine cables.

By 229 majority, Owen Sound has voted $40,000 bonus to the Wellington and Georgian Bay railway.

Mayor Guillet, of Peterboro, has been selected as Conservative candidate for West Durham for the Ontario Legislature.

Boring for oil is still going on upon Dr. Carroll's property in Otterville. A great number have faith in the venture.

The congregation at Port Edward are about giving a unanimous call to the Rev. John J. Cameron, of St Andrew's, North Easthope.

John Livingston, of the Ailsa Craig carriage works, has failed; liabilities, about $15,000; assets, nil. He has been arrested and committed for forgery.

The plague in Russia is spreading rapidly in spite of all the efforts of the authorities to check it. The newspapers are urging the despatch of trained nurses to the infected district.

SEND US NEWS.—The humblest can do something towards making the local paper interesting. If you cannot run away with another man's wife, you can at least, slip on the sidewalk and sprain your ear.

The great library at Birmingham was burned on Saturday. The loss is very great, and has involved the loss of the finest Shakespearian collection in existence, excelling even that in the British Museum.

There are two Lawsons, editors of papers in Charlottetown, P. E. I. One edits the *Presbyterian* and the other the *Patriot*. The former is known as "Lawson the Saint," and the latter as "Lawson the Sinner."

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Montreal has issued a circular forbidding that ladies should belong to church choirs after the first of June next. Many of the Roman Catholic churches have anticipated this order by dismissing their lady singers.

The new Oddfellows' Hall, at Berlin, was opened last week with grand honors. The hall is a very handsome and commodious one, and is extremely well adapted for the purpose for which it is intended. It is 60x25 feet, with walls twenty feet high.

London *World*:—The Prince of Wales and Dr. Lyon Playfair were standing near a caldron containing lead which was boiling at white heat. "Has your Royal Highness any faith in science?" said the Doctor. "Certainly" replied the Prince. "Will you, then, place your hand in the boiling metal, and ladle out a portion of it?" "Do you tell me to do this?" asked the Prince. "I do," replied the Doctor. The Prince then ladled out some of the boiling lead with his hand, without sustaining any injury. It is a well known scientific fact that the human hand may be placed uninjured in lead boiling at white heat, being protected from any harm by the moisture of the skin. Should the lead be at a perceptibly lower temperature, the effect need not be described. After this let no one under-rate the courage of the Prince of Wales.

"I slaughter nothing but the very best beef I can find," said a butcher; "my reputation you know is at steak."

Potatoes are hereafter to be sold in Kingston by weight, as the citizens were being defrauded by short measure in the bags. A like complaint of shortage comes from Ottawa.

A Pt. D. train stuck in the snow one night last week about a mile south of Norwich. Provisions were supplied the passengers, who took to the delay very kindly, sleeping very well all night while gangs of men were clearing the track of drifts ten feet high.—*Norwich Gazette.*

That Protectionist ideas are gaining ground in Britain is evident from a recent meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce, when a motion demanding a Protective tariff was only rejected by a vote of fourteen to eleven. Three years ago it would have been impossible to get a member to propose such a vote in the chamber.

Among the measures promised the Provincial Legislature is a bill respecting Public Schools, by Mr. Crooks. Mr. Miller has given notice that he will move a resolution to restrict the powers of School Trustees so as to allow the taxpayer some voice in demanding the amount to be annually raised for school purposes.

Of 594,000 Muscovite soldiers who, during the recent struggle, poured through Roumania into Turkey, 58,800 were sent back by rail wounded and 63,150 ill, 31,000 went home to Odessa by sea, 29,000 are still in hospital, 31,000 laid their bones in Roumania, and 99,000 perished in Bulgaria. Under such circumstances one can scarcely wonder at the advocacy of peace at any price.

The Napanee *Standard* points out to temperance advocates that, while Mr. Mackenzie's Government did not include a single total abstainer, publicy known as such, the present government contains no less than four pronounced abstainers, viz., Hon. Dr. Tupper, Hon. S. L. Tilley, Hon. J. C. Aikins and Hon. M. Bowell.

Montreal *Journal of Commerce*:—"We have been shown a sample piece of grosgrain black silk manufactured in this city by Messrs. Corriveau & Co., and we do not hesitate to pronouce it fully equal to anything of the kind from the Lyons looms." This is a very important industry, and if it can be naturalized in Canada will give employment to a large number of hands.

DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN.—The death of Mrs Margaret Fowler occurred at the residence of Mr. Wm. Rumball, Goderich, on January 3rd. Mrs. Fowler was a native of the county Fermanagh, Ireland, and came to this country 34 year ago, residing the whole of that time in Goderich township and Colborne, until recently, when she removed to Goderich. At the time of her death she was 103 years of age.

ROYAL WEDDING.—Another royal marriage took place last week in Europe, that of the King of Holland and the Princess Emma of Waldeck-Pyrmont. The "happy couple" can hardly be said to be well mated as regards to age, for the groom is fourteen years older than his father-in-law, and has a son nineteen years older than he new wife; still the match is a very brilliant one socially, and may yet assume an aspect of political importance.

If it is possible for you to get along the present year without running up a bill at the store, do it. Store bills grow very fast—faster than weeds or wages. Pay as you go. Have no heavy bills hanging over you at the end of the year. Give the wife the surplus money, if you have any, and tell her to use it in buying such goods and groceries as are actually needed, but run up no accounts.

A female member of the Canada Methodist church, Drayton, rose to her feet at the Tuesday evening meeting, and upbraided the church for unfaithfulness to its trust, whereupon the Era of that place slings at her head the texts: 1 Tim. ii, 11 and 12; 1 Cor. xii, 34 and 35; and Gen. iii, 16. The editor is not wise as a serpent or he would be more careful in meddling with an angry woman.

Scene in a horse car: Seats all occupied. Enter a person dressed as a lady. Bright little boy rises and offers his seat. Lady drops into it with an air of slight disdain. Boy: "Oh, I beg your pardon, did you speak?" Lady: "No I didn't say anything." Boy: "Oh! Excuse me, I thought you said "thank you." Lady (in high dudgeon:) "You may have your seat." Boy (resuming it:) "Well, I'll thank *you*." Passengers convulsed. Lady disappears at next street crossing.

RIGHTS OF PASSENGERS.—A Judge has decided that street crossings were laid down for the benefit of pedestrians; and that drivers of horses must give the right of way to foot passengers at all times and under all circumstances, under penalty of being fined. Drivers of vehicles who stop their horses on the crossings and compel people to either wade around through the mud or wait till they choose to drive on should make a note of this.

Queen Victoria has had the kindly custom for many years of receiving at Osborne House on Christmas Eve the poor old people of the adjacant villages, and of presenting to them in person gifts of food and clothing. This year the Queen's bereavement led to her complete seclusion, and her benefactions were dispensed by the hands of Princess Beatrice. The old poor women of the neighborhood were presented with dresses, the boys received good warm scarfs and the girls shawls, the young people being also regaled with cake.

Mr. W. C. Wortley, who is amongst the oldest merchants in North Wellington, and who amassed a decent fortune by close application, has been forced to make an assignment for the "benefit" of his creditors. The Elora *Express* says: Five years ago Mr. Wortley was an independent man, but ever speculation in wheat, by which he lost heavily, is said to have been the cause of his downfall. We are sorry for Mr. Wortley's reverse of fortune, and the hundreds of settlers in Peel and Marybrough who are under obligation to him for the many acts of kindness in the past, we are sure will sympathize with him under his present difficulties.

TROUBLE AMONGST THE GRANGERS.—The Montreal *Journal of Commerce* says: "There is trouble among the Grangers of Lennox County, Ont. They opened a grain purchasing house in Napanee some time since, and have most signally failed in their transactions. They have not settled with those from whom they received grain, and some of their own men are now suing the society. The cause of their trouble in the grain business is the same as it has been in other places with their efforts at general storekeeping, the purchasers were inexperienced outside of their own business, being farmers fresh from the country. A few more such lessons will do good, and convince them that division of labor is of more importance than they deemed, even to their own welfare."

It is high time the question of building wire fences along all our principal highways was receiving more serious attention. It should either be taken up by the Ontario Government or the County Councils. The Wellington County Council, we believe, already offers a subsidy of something like 70 cents per rod to farmers who will build wire fences along the county roads; but this does not appear to be sufficient inducement, as but very few have thus far accepted the offer. The present snow blockade should have a judicious effect upon all interested. With a wire fence on each side of the road all the trouble which is at present being experienced by the travelling public would be saved. We trust that something will be done in this direction as early as is practicable.—*Arthur Enterprise.*

Thorley's food increases the flow of milk in cows. Try it; at Hacking's.

F. CHAPLIN has a large stock of choice hams and breakfast bacon at his Pork House on Main street. He also deals in pure leaf lard, beautifully rendered, sweet, and cheap.

Hon. S. L. Tilley, Minister of Finance, has been elected representative to the National Convention of the Sons of Temperance.

For boots and shoes, ready-made clothing, and suits made to order, go to D. D, Campbell, next door to Scott's bank, wallace street.

GREAT BARGAINS IN PARK LOTS.—Survey and plan of 5 acre park lots on Elma Gravel Road just completed. Plan can be seen at my office. Price from $100 to $125 per acre. 5 acre lot, with house and orchard, for $750. Possession given at once. Terms easy. Rare bargains. Apply early. W. G. HAY.

GRANGE PRICES.—3 lbs. of good Tea for $1.00, at D. Brown's grocery. Try it.

GRANGE PRICES.—30 lbs. of Currants for $1.00; 20 lbs. of Raisins for $1.00; Groceries at bottom figures, during the next two months, at D. Brown's grocery.

Remember that D. D. Campbell has moved from Main street to Wallace St., where he is selling goods cheaper than ever.

At Climie, Hay & Co., you will find their stock of gents' furnishings complete.

If you want a good cup of tea buy your Tea from D. D. Campbell, Wallace street.

PRINTS! PRINTS!—Over 300 pieces to select from at Climie, Hay & Co's.

GLASS, GLASS.—I have just received spring stock of window glass, all sizes, which will be offered at very low prices. Call and see. J. A. HACKING.—21

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

PAINTS, OILS AND COLORS.—For the largest stock, best material and lowest prices at HACKING'S Drug Store.—21

DRESS GOODS! DRESS GOODS! In end less variety, and at the very lowest price, at Climie, Hay & Co.

GRANGE PRICES.—Now is the time to secure a winter stock of Groceries, while they can be obtained at the lowest Grange prices, at D. Brown's.

Come along with your money and get stoves at your own prices for the next thirty days. Smith Bros.—Schneider's old stand.

The Enterprise Sad Irons, patented by Mrs. Potts, are the best, cheapest, most perfect and practicable ever invented. They have a cold detachable handle made of polished walnut, which does not burn the hands. For sale at S. Bricker & Co's hardware.—46

A full line of Skates, at rock bottom prices, at S. Bricker & Co's new hardware.

AT COST.—The balance of our large stock of stoves, at and below cost, at Smith Bros.—Schneider's old stand.

First-class chopping axes, only 75cts, at S. Bricker & Co's new hardware.

LISTOWEL MARKETS.

January 16, 1879.

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

TORONTO MARKETS.

PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGONS.

January 16, 1879.

Wheat, fall, per bush.	$0 80 to	0 92
Wheat, spring, "	0 70	0 84
Barley, "	0 40	0 95
Oats, "	0 28	0 31
Peas, "	0 55	0 60
Rye, "	0 50	0 50
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs.,	4 00	4 50
Beef, blind qrs, "	4 00	6 00
Mutton, by carcass "	5 00	5 50
Butter, lb. rolls,	0 15	0 17
Butter, large rolls,	0 00	0 00
Butter, tub, dairy,	0 12	0 13
Eggs, fresh, per dozen,	0 22	0 25
Potatoes, per bag,	0 90	0 [illegible]
Hay, per ton,	7 00	12 00

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

HESS BROS.

Listowel, January 2nd, 1879. 49

W. M. BRUCE,

SURGEON DENTIST,

late of Toronto. Graduate of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons. Office—Over Bean & Gee's Store, Main street, Listowel.

Teeth extracte without pain by the use of Nitrous-Oxide Gas. 15

J. H. MICHENER, M. D., Physician Surgeon and Accoucheur. Office at his Drug Store, Osborne's block, Main Street, Listowel. Residence—that lately occupied by Mr. D. M. Gordon, Main St. east. 23

DRS. DILLABOUGH & DINGMAN,

PHYSICIANS, &C.

OFFICES: Over Livingstone's drug store, Dr. Dillabough's residence, corner Main and Livingstone streets. Dr. Dingman, Main street east, opposite the late residence of Mr. Donald Gordon. 20

SMITH & GEARING, BARRISTERS, Attorneys, Solicitors, &c. Office opposite Grand Central Hotel, Listowel, Ont.

R. SMITH. J. GRAYSON SMITH.
F. W. GEARING. 1-6y

T. G. FENNELL, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Solicitor in Chancery and Insolvency, Notary Public, Commissioner, Conveyancer, Real Estate Agent, etc. Money to loan at reasonable interest. Office—over Scott's Bank Wallace street, Listowel. 1

R. L. ALEXANDER, NEWRY, ONT. Licensed Auctioneer for the County of Perth. Conveyancer, &c. Mortgages, Deeds, &c., drawn up at lowest rates. Money to loan on Farm property at lowest rates. Complete arrangements for sales can be made either at Newry or at the STANDARD office, Listowel. 40

THOS. E. HAY, Auctioneer for the County of Perth, also the Townships of Grey and Howick, in the County of Huron. Sales attended on reasonable terms. Orders left at Climie, Hay & Co.'s store, or at the STANDARD Office, promptly attended to. Money to loan. 7y

DOMINION HOTEL, Wallace Street, Listowel. J. T. HEADLEY, Proprietor. Excellent accommodation for guests at moderate charges. The bar always supplied with the best liquors and cigars. Livery in connection. 42

RAILWAY HOTEL, adjoining Great Western depot, Listowel, Ont., THOMAS GIBSON, Proprietor. This Hotel has been greatly enlarged and newly fitted up throughout, and is now in first-class order. Travellers on the G. W. R. will find it a desirable and convenient stopping place. Every attention paid to the comfort of guests. 14

COMMERCIAL HOTEL, Listowel, Ont. This old established house has long enjoyed the reputation of being a first-class Hotel in every respect. Commodious sample rooms; bar supplied with best brands liquors and cigars; good stabling, etc.

WM. GIBSON, Prop.
Main St., Listowel. 1

MISSES TRIMBLE, Dressmakers, beg to announce to the ladies of Listowel and vicinity that they have removed to the rooms over Bean & Gee's store, on Main Street, where they will be pleased to wait upon their lady customers. Dress and mantle making of all descriptions. The latest fashions always at command. Terms reasonable.

HAIR-DRESSING ESTABLISHMENT.

H. KNIGHT, BARBER,

Has recently fitted up in first-class style a commod