

heartily would be employed. Consequently, even with public works other relief will be needed. Here, I hope with good effect, I may relate a story told to me the other day by Mr. Donaldson, immigration agent in Toronto. Some years ago, shortly after the famine, a friend of his named Watson came out to New York from Lurgan, in the County of Antrim. The man succeeded in business as a linen spinner, and in a comparatively short time made a lot of money. In his native town of Lurgan steps were taken to found a reading room and institute, and on Mr. Watson being communicated with for a subscription, he sent a donation of a couple of thousand pounds. His generous conduct got talked about in the papers, and one day on the street, in New York, he met A. T. Stewart, the well-known millionaire. Stewart remarked, "Watson, you have done a big thing for your town; I should like to do something for my native place, which Mr. Donaldson said is about ten miles from Lurgan." Watson replied, "You are just the man to do good, having almost unlimited means. Send over a ship load of 'good to the destitute people.' Stewart took 'the hint,' went that evening and chartered a vessel, loaded her with provisions, and forthwith despatched her to Ireland. This is an act worth recording of a man who is thought not to have done much good in his lifetime, yet here is a deed that shows the noblest trait of character, and certainly one that could follow this example, not perhaps on so large a scale, but in proportion to their means? The Saviour said, 'He that gives to the poor, lends to the Lord,' and the famous Dean Swift, in commenting on this passage, remarked, 'If you like the security, down with the dust.' This is applicable in the present instance, and I hope the practical meaning of the text and comment will be largely adopted by making the Post fund worthy of the cause and the Christianlike spirit that inaugurated it. It is not a question of class, creed or country—it is a question of God, love and humanity. The country, from the mouth of the Shannon to the head of Finsale, I know very well, having, as I said before, travelled in that region during the autumn, and I do emphatically say, that unless numbers of the poor people are assisted they will, during winter and spring, perish of famine. In this letter I have studiously avoided politics of any kind, because I am of opinion the first duty we owe to God, to country and to kind is to save human life from hunger and its attendant pestilence. I am afraid, sir, this letter is too long for your crowded columns, but my mind is so full of what I have seen that I can hardly refrain from placing the entire terrible story before your readers. However, trusting that I have written of it may enhance the fund so nobly begun by the employees of the Post, and hoping you will manage to squeeze my communication somewhere into your next issue, I have the honor to remain,

Yours, &c.,

PETER O'LEARY.

Express Hotel,  
Montreal, Dec. 20th, 1879.

#### Ontario Municipal Elections.

Tenora—Mayor, James Beatty, Q.C., re-elected by 999 majority, the figures standing: Beatty, 3,240; Angus Morrison, 3,239. St. Lawrence Ward—John Hallam Taylor and P. G. Close. St. George's Ward—Peter Ryan Darling, David Walker, St. James Ward—N. C. Lorne, N. J. Steiner, R. H. Oates; St. Patrick's Ward—W. B. McMurich Evans, John Baxter; St. Andrew's Ward—W. W. Carley, J. H. Morris, J. E. Mitchell; St. Thomas Ward—Charles T. Trues, Baldwin; St. John's Ward—John Irwin, A. Fleming, H. E. Hamilton, Alderman Piper being beaten by two votes; St. David's Ward—Anderson, Blevins, Lobb; St. Stephen's Ward—Grecker, Denison, Geo. M. Evans.

Guelph—Mayor, George Stearns; Water Commissioners, Richard Mitchell, George Howard; Aldermen, St. George's Ward, F. Bischoff, Dr. McGuire and William Stevenson; St. Andrew's Ward, J. C. McLagan, George Bruce, Thomas Gowdry; St. David's Ward, John Tyson, W. Hart, James Hewer; St. John's Ward, W. G. Fairbanks, Adam Robertson, St. James Ward, John A. Macdonald, St. Patrick's Ward, F. L. Chadwick, Denis Coffey, M. J. Doran.

Kingsport—Mayor, Robert Carson; Aldermen—Ontario Ward, Wilson, Irving, Clements; St. Lawrence Ward, Snook, Dupuis, McMahon; Ontario Ward, Allen, Anglin, Maloney; Frontenac Ward, Pense, McMahon, and a tie between McGuire and Newlands; Rideau Ward, McIntyre, Fee, Lewis; Victoria Ward, Gaskin, C. E. Gildersleeve, Doran; Sydenham Ward, the old members were returned by acclamation.

Hamilton—Mayor O'Reilly re-elected by acclamation; First Ward—Alders Caruallen, Adam, Rutledge, McLagan; Second Ward—Alders Lees, McNally, P. O. Boucher; Third Ward—Charles Foster, R. Kennedy; J. J. Mason; Fourth Ward—W. Hancock, Joseph Kent, Jas. Stevenson; Fifth Ward—W. Doran, John Glasgow, Wm. Kavanagh; Sixth Ward—N. Humphrey, Charles Lee, J. Carruthers; Seventh Ward—Daniel Kelly, Thomas Allan, Joe Crean.

Belleville—Mayor Foster Ward—A. T. Petrie, C. Wallbridge and D. Brennan; St. James Ward—G. D. Dickson, R. McNamara and E. Lingham; Baldwin Ward—B. Robertson, A. L. Smith and J. Smith; Bloeker Ward—James Grant, S. Hamby, A. A. Farley; Coleman Ward—J. St. Charles, W. D. Ostrom, A. E. Proctor; Murray Ward—A. L. Green, D. Hadden, J. G. Vandusen; Ketcheson Ward—Thomas Hadden, R. Costello, and W. F. Niles and Morgan Jellie a tie.

St. Catharines—Mayor Charles, Mayor. St. Andrew's Ward—Thomas McCarthy, Chas. Lobb, J. B. McIntyre. St. George's Ward—J. Murray, P. Healey, S. Larkin. St. Patrick's Ward—P. McCarthy, B. E. Smith, M. Brennan. St. James Ward—J. E. O'Leary, N. C. Carter, T. J. Jones. St. Thomas Ward—E. Goodman, F. C. Dawson, J. R. Moore. St. John's Ward—W. C. Caldwell, E. Higgins, George Burtch.

London—Mayor, John Campbell. Aldermen—No. 1 Ward—R. Trichard, E. Morehead, and James Muirhead. No. 2—James Corvan, R. S. Murphy, and A. K. Thompson. No. 3—R. Taylor, Jones and Stringer. No. 4—Hiscox, Milroy, Brooks. No. 5—Wilson, Brown and Glass. No. 6—Scarrow, Buckle and Boyd. No. 7—Thomas Peel, Sharrman, and Wyatt.

Galt—Mayor, David Spiers; Reeve, R. Jaffray; First Deputy Reeve, Robert Scott; Second Deputy Reeve, Jas. McTigue. Councilors—Ward No. 1, Adam Cranston and Peter Henderson; Ward No. 2, James Warnock and George Laird; Ward No. 3, Geo. T. Strickland and Archd. McAnstee; Ward No. 4, Dr. Sylvester and Richard Blain; Ward No. 5, Hugh McCulloch and Robt. Brochfield, by acclamation.

Brookville—Mayor, W. H. Comstock; East Ward, Councilors, Murray, A. Marshall; South Ward, B. Fitzsimmons, Sr., G. A. Dana; West Ward, Eric and Stage; North Ward, Logan and Quigg; Centre Ward, Cole and Fulford.

Conwall Town—A. P. Ross, Mayor; J. T. Kirkpatrick, Reeve; John Bergin, Deputy Reeve.

#### SCOTCH NEWS.

ANOTHER SUNDAY BURGH.—On December 17th, at a meeting of the householders of Pollokshields East it was unanimously agreed to form the district into a burgh, and the General Police and Improvement (Scotland) Act was adopted.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CITY MEMBERS.—Thursday, 22nd January next, has been fixed as the date upon which the annual meeting of the Liberal members of Glasgow will be held. The meeting takes place in the City Hall, and will be a joint one of the three members—Dr. Cameron, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Tennant.

AT A RECENT MEETING OF THE SCOTCH FOOD REFORM SOCIETY, the company, to the number of twenty, sat down to a repast, consisting of six courses, lentil and barley soup, haricots, bean pie, haricot bean omelets with sauce, hominy pudding, pearl meal pudding, and tapioca and apples. The cost of the whole, exclusive of cooking, came to 3d per head.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES R. NAPIER, F.R.S.—It is with very deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. James R. Napier, F.R.S., the eldest son of the late Mr. Robert Napier, of Shandon. For several years back Mr. Napier had been in very indifferent health, but even up to within a few days of his death he had been able to go about his ordinary duties. Unlike his eminent father, who attained to quite a patriarchal age, the deceased was cut off at 58 years of age, when little over the prime of life.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.—At the St. John's Police Court recently, before Stipendiary Magistrate Gemmell, Andrew McMillan, contractor, 12 Box Place, Govan, was charged at the instance of the Glasgow Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals with having on the 5th ultimo at Kippobright Road cruelly treated a horse belonging to him, by causing the same to draw a loaded cart, while the animal was suffering from large sores on the back under the saddle. He pleaded not guilty, but was convicted and fined £1 1s, or 10 days imprisonment.

VEGETARIAN DINNER.—On December 10th the Committee of the Scottish Food Reform Society held a social meeting at the house of Miss Tarratt, a lady member who has lately opened a school of vegetarian cookery at 42 Allison Street, Crosshill. The company, to the number of 70, sat down to an elegant repast, consisting of six courses—lentil and barley soup, haricot bean pie, haricot bean omelets with sauce, hominy pudding, pearl meal pudding, and tapioca and apples. The cost of the whole, exclusive of cooking, came to 3d per head. The company were highly pleased with the result of the experiment, which proved most conclusively how cheaply a thoroughly substantial and satisfactory dinner can be provided without the use of flesh meat.

THE REPRESENTATION OF GLASGOW.—A meeting of the Glasgow Conservative Electoral Committee was held recently to consider the question of the representation of the city in view of the approaching election. The meeting, which was conducted in private, was presided over by Mr. J. A. Campbell, having already been accepted as the nominee of the party, the question was considered whether any one should be associated with him in the candidature, and if so, who should be selected for that purpose. Sir Jas. Bain was proposed to run along with Dr. Campbell, and an amendment, in the form of a negative to the motion, was also submitted. On the vote being taken, the motion approving of the candidature of Sir James was carried by a majority. A good deal of feeling was understood, was shown on both sides. The Electoral Committee, it may be added, came into existence after the election of the late Mr. Whitehead. Its members are members of the Conservative Association, although it must not be understood to represent the larger body.

ST. PATRICK'S ORPHAN ASYLUM. Annual Meeting—The Report.

The annual meeting of the members of the St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum was held yesterday afternoon, in the hall of that institution.

Among those present were—Rev Dr. O'Connor, Spiritual Director; Messrs D. O'Connor, President; Wm. McCaffrey, Vice-President; Dr. Devlin, Secretary; Wm. Wall, Treasurer; Mr. Kavanagh, J. B. Brannen, Joseph Kavanagh, George O'Keefe, Members of the Council; P. Baskerville, M.P.P.; M. Battle, Principal; Mr. McCabe, John Henry, T. P. French, W. Kavanagh, Wm. Kehoe, John Lyons, E. A. Mara, Moore Higgins, P. Dunn, John Dunn, D. Egan, Martin J. Griffin and R. Kelly.

Rev Dr. O'Connor stated that the object of the meeting was to receive the annual report and elect a council for the ensuing year. The report would show that the institution was in a better condition than it had ever occupied before.

The President then read the fourteenth annual report for the year 1878, as follows:—The President and Council, at the close of the year, have much pleasure in submitting to the members and friends of the Asylum the usual annual report for the year 1878.

On the commencement of the year there were 83 inmates in the institution and, since that time, 42 persons were admitted, viz., 16 boys, 9 girls, 7 old men, and 10 old women, making a total of 125 persons, who enjoyed and partook of the advantages afforded by the Asylum. During the year, 19 boys and 24 girls were either placed out in comfortable families, or were taken away by friends or relatives, and one old woman left the Home. There were three deaths, viz., 2 old men and 1 old woman. Making these deductions, there are now in the institution 14 old men, 21 old women, 25 boys and 15 girls, making a total of 75. The health of the inmates during the year has been most satisfactory, as will be seen by reference to the report of Dr. Higgins, the attendant physician. The Asylum is under heavy obligations to Dr. Macdonnell and Dr. Higgins for the attention and care which they devote to the health of the inmates. In this respect they are, no doubt, much assisted by the motherly care and solicitude which the good Sisters at all times take in the health and well-being of those placed immediately under their care.

For many years past the health of Sister Fitzmaurice has been gradually failing, and during the year her infirmities increased to such an extent that the Mother Superior released her to the Mother House, where, being freed from care and responsibilities, and with better attendance, she, with God's will, may again recover her health, and be once more resuming her former position in the charge of the Home. This is the earnest wish of every friend of the Asylum. For during the last fourteen years this kind Sister has devoted her health, her time, and almost her life, to the Home, and her name will ever remain dear, not only to those who, in concert with her, have aided in keeping up this institution, but likewise to the many hundreds of persons, old and young, who in that long course of time, have had their wants attended

to, and their troubles and sorrows alleviated by this kind-hearted Sister and devoted friend of the St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum. Sister Martha has taken the place of Sister Fitzmaurice, as Superior of the Home, and under her guidance and care, the council feel assured that the Asylum is in good hands, and that under her direction it will be wisely and prudently managed. The picnic held on Dominion Day was eminently successful, and realized a net sum of \$503.03. Your council would recommend holding the annual picnic, if possible, on that day. The collection in St. Patrick's Church, on St. Patrick's Day, realized \$75.10, which amount, we hope to see much increased on future similar occasions. The council have also to acknowledge the receipt of \$129.35 proceeds of a concert held in the St. Patrick's Society of Ottawa, on last St. Patrick's Day, for which they return their sincere thanks. Offerings of this kind go far towards the support of the institution, while at the same time they express the interest which the friends of the Asylum take in its welfare.

The bazaar, under the direction of the Rev. Dr. O'Connor and the Ladies Society, took place, as usual, in October, and realized the net sum of \$1,975.46. Considering the hard times, and the many calls made upon the public by the various charities of Ottawa, the ladies have to be congratulated on the success which attended their efforts. Too much praise cannot be accorded to the ladies of Ottawa, who devoted their time and energies to make the bazaar a success. The amount annually realized from this source is the main support of the Home, and without it the Council do not see how it could be supported. While thanking all those who assisted this year, the Council hope that the same success will attend their efforts next fall, and that the number of ladies who take an interest in this work will this year be increased, in order to make it more successful, and spread the labor and responsibility more widely.

The Council have also much pleasure in announcing that Mr. C. H. Pirby has realized the interest on the mortgage of \$4,000 due to him, from 5 to 7 per cent, making an annual saving of \$80. Applied to this report are the usual statements showing the receipts and expenditure during the year. On the whole, the finances of the Home are in a better position to-day than they ever have been, and, with energy and good will, the future is not doubtful. Before closing our report the council have much to say on former occasions, as to the valuable services rendered by the Rev. Dr. O'Connor to the Home. Through his energy and perseverance, we attribute the prosperity of the Home. He devotes a great part of his time to the institution, and through his efforts we are financially indebted for the greater portion of the monies which go to meet the daily wants of the Asylum. It is true he receives support from the many friends of the Home all around, but it is his energy that stirs them into action and life. Long may he be spared to be the father of this good work. To his leadership, his wisdom and his faithfulness, to the several sisters who devote all their time and energy to make it happy and successful, and to our friends generally, of all classes and creeds, who, by word and deed, have exhibited their friendship for the St. Patrick's Asylum, we return our hearty thanks, and in this way we are joined by the old and the young inmates of the institution who enjoy the fruits thereof.

A report of the medical attendant, Dr. E. M. Higgins, was submitted, showing that the health of the inmates of the institution had been exceedingly good.

The treasurer's statement showed the receipts during the past year to have been \$4,784, and the expenditure \$4,222.22, leaving a balance on hand of \$562.22.

Sister Martha submitted a statement of the sum expended by her during 1878, showing a balance on hand of \$4.82.

The president said the above report showed exactly the manner in which the institution had been conducted.

On motion of Mr. McCaffrey, the report was adopted.

Moved by Mr. Moore Higgins, seconded by Mr. John Henry, that the following gentlemen compose the Council for 1879, viz., Messrs D. O'Connor, Mr. Kavanagh, Jos. Kavanagh, Wm. McCaffrey, W. Wall, Geo. Baskerville, V. O'Keefe, J. B. Brannen, Dr. Devlin, together as required by the act of incorporation.

Rev Dr. O'Connor, Messrs T. P. French, Martin J. Griffin, Principal McCabe, John Henry, M. Battle, P. Baskerville, who complimented the members of the council for the very able manner in which they had discharged their duties.

The motion was then carried.

A vote of thanks, on motion of Messrs. O'Keefe and McCaffrey, was passed to the directors O'Donnell and Higgins, for their services as medical attendants for the year past.

A vote of thanks was passed on motion of Messrs. Baskerville, M.P.P., and E. M. Higgins, to the Rev. Dr. O'Connor, for his successful management of the Asylum.

His Lordship Bishop Dubamel and Rev. Father Dawson entered at this stage of the proceedings.

Moved by Mr. Higgins, seconded by Mr. O'Leary, that the thanks of the Council are also due to the Protestant citizens of Ottawa who, on all occasions when called on, are most generous in contributions to this institution.—Carried.

Moved by Principal McCabe, seconded by Mr. Battle, that the thanks of the institution are hereby tendered to Mr. D. O'Connor and the members of the Council for their untiring efforts in behalf of the asylum during the year.

The motion was carried, and suitable replies were made by Messrs. O'Connor, Wall, Devlin and O'Keefe.

A vote of thanks was likewise passed to Sister Martha for the management of her department of the institution, to His Lordship Bishop Dubamel for his presence and his interest in the St. Patrick's Orphanage.

His Lordship Bishop Dubamel said it was always a pleasure to attend the annual meetings of the board, and to listen to the reports showing the manner in which its affairs had been conducted. He was pleased to learn that the institution was prosperous, and that they could rest assured that a good work was being done. He referred to the work of the institution, and complimented the spiritual director, the Council, the sisters, and the friends of the asylum, on the successful management of its affairs. He felt assured that the orphanage would continue to prosper in the future long after those who now managed it should have passed away. It was his earnest desire to see the asylum enlarged, in order that a larger number of deserving persons might be cared for. He admitted the zeal, and was proud of it, that was exhibited by those who labored for the institution. He hoped that all those who had taken an interest in this institution would receive the blessing of God.

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In contemplating its glorious state to-day, and in looking back over the long vista of years, through which, year after year, it has emerged clearer and clearer into the light of prosperity and success, in which it has raised its head proudly among the institutions for God's glory, and the help of poor, weak man, we see one hand at the helm, one head working out its destiny, one heart beating warmly, enthusiastically for its progress. That hand, head, and heart, Rev. Sir, are yours.

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Filled with the strength of thoughts like these, on this occasion, when we meet once again to hear that another step has been gained in the prosperous career of this institution, a few of its friends, and of your friends, Rev. Sir, cannot let the opportunity pass without giving expression to those feelings which, now, more than ever, we desire to place on record. We would ask your kind acceptance of the accompanying portrait, as a small, very small token and pledge of that esteem and reverence which we bear towards you as a man and as a priest; and more particularly as an earnest of the warm appreciation of all you have done for the Irish race and Irish faith in connection with the institution, under whose roof we now have the pleasure of meeting.

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Rev. Dr. O'Connor said he was really taken by surprise, as he had only learned a few moments previously of the presentation, which had looked out, as affairs of this kind generally do. He was consequently unable to make a written reply, or to return his thanks in a suitable manner. He accepted with pleasure this token of their esteem, and he felt that they were conveying their best wishes and the honest warmth of their Irish hearts. He knew that his reports in behalf of the institution would have been of little avail, had not been materially assisted by the gentlemen of the council, and his friends generally, who were actuated by a no selfish regard, but who sacrificed a great deal to benefit the orphanage. He considered it a duty to do all in his power for the institution, which was largely supported by the Irish Catholics. He was first a Catholic and then an Irishman, and it was his continual aim to labor for the Church, and the interests and welfare of the Irishman. In his labors he was moved on by his heart and coolly, and it was gratifying to witness the result which had been brought about through the assistance of the general public, as well as by individual efforts. He trusted that the work would be carried on harmoniously in the future, and that they use greater efforts to accomplish their designs. The cornerstone of the institution, it would be remembered, was laid in 1872, and who would then have thought that the building would have been so enlarged that to-day it would be worth \$40,000 or \$50,000. The floating debt was almost nothing, and he trusted that during the next year it would be wiped out, and that the funded debt would then be attached. He referred to the valuable assistance rendered him by the council, the ladies and gentlemen, and Sister Fitzmaurice, who for 13 or 14 years past had been connected with the institution, and who had sacrificed her time, energy, and finally her health, in the work. The institution belonged to them, and was a monument of their liberality. They elected their representatives to manage it, and the donations for its support came from them, and they should, therefore, feel a deep interest in its welfare. He could not find words to express his gratitude, and he would only say, in conclusion, that he was prepared to labor in the future as assiduously as he had in the past.—Ottawa Paper.

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#### Finances, Commerce and Trade.

—The Grangers of Cornwallis, N.S., are shipping 9,000 bushels of potatoes to England.

—The St. Croix Courier says practical steps have been taken in St. Stephen, N.B., towards the erection of a cotton factory.

—The Inland Revenue receipts at London, Ont., for the year 1879 amount to \$21,435.08, against \$20,316.89 in 1878, a decrease of \$1,118.19.

—It is reported that Mr. A. J. Corriveau, of this city, is about to open a broad silk factory in Montreal, the means to be provided by a local capitalist.

—The deficit in the Treasury of the Counties of Lennox and Addington, of which Mr. E. Hooper, of Napanee, was Treasurer, will probably amount to \$25,000.

—John D. Martin & Co., leather dealers, of St. Johns, N.F., have compromised at seven and sixpence to the pound, with security, and one and three-pence their own paper.

—The Inland Revenue returns of Ottawa, Ont., for the month of December amounted to \$16,821.02, and for a similar period last year \$13,807.07, showing an increase of \$3,013.95.

Mr. Geo. Barn, late inspector of the Exchange Bank, will enter upon his duties as Manager of the Bank of Ottawa, to which position he has recently been appointed, on or about the 15th January next.

James O'Donohue, grocer, Kingston, has been served with a writ of attachment, issued by Jas. Brown & Co., wholesale grocers, for \$2,000. He had been in business since about 1871, having very limited means.

The exports of Port Hope during the past season amounted to \$11,836.98 and the imports to \$3,272.26, making a total receipt for exports and imports of \$15,109.24, being an increase over last year of \$3,209.91, and over the year 1877 of \$2,049.68.

—The manufacture of wall papers and similar goods is about being undertaken in Montreal, the principals in the enterprise being Mr. John Watson, the well-known crockery merchant of this city, and Mr. McArthur, formerly of Glasgow and now of Toronto.

The shipment of deals from St. John in December, 1879, reached 9,651,655 feet against 10,283,565 in the corresponding month of 1878. In the latter year 325 vessels were engaged in the lumber shipment trade from this port, while in 1879 the number was only 227 vessels.

—The Customs revenue at St. John, N.B., during December amounted to \$11,309.88, compared with \$15,208.17 for the same period last year. The Customs revenue for the twelve months was \$101,588.15, against \$107,888.33 in 1878, a decrease of \$6,299.18 during 1879.

—The total of the Inland Revenue receipts at Montreal during December, 1879, was \$11,724.12, compared with \$105,213.29 for December, 1878. For the year ended December 31st the receipts only amounted to \$862,591.61, against \$1,161,585.85, a decrease of \$298,994.24.

—Application will be made to Parliament, at its next session, for an Act to incorporate the French River & Ottawa Navigation Company, for the purpose of improving and completing the navigation between Georgian Bay and the River St. Lawrence, by way of the Ottawa Valley.

—The receipts of the Halifax Custom House during the past month amounted to \$67,140, a decrease compared with December last year of \$4,576. The receipts for the quarter ending 31st ult. were \$235,118, an increase over the same quarter last year of \$6,933. The receipts at the Inland Revenue office in December amounted to \$24,780, an increase of \$9,050 over December of last year.

—The exports from Guelph, Ont., for December were \$54,356.09, and for the quarter ending December 31st \$311,822.83, against \$213,822.56 for the same quarter of 1878, being an increase of \$100,000.27. The Customs returns for December show the value of goods entered for consumption to be \$4,143.17; duty collected, \$4,447.80. In December, 1878, the value of imports was \$59,067; duty collected, \$3,941.31.

—Application will be made next session for an Act to incorporate a company for the construction, maintenance and operation of a railway from Toronto to Quebec, with full power to buy, lease or amalgamate with any other lines of railway along the route; also to construct all necessary bridges across intervening rivers, and to connect or make running arrangements with one or more railways running westward from Ottawa and Toronto.

—The Toronto, Grey & Bruce Railway Co., who have succeeded in their negotiations with the European bondholders for a change of gauge, have made an agreement with the Grand Trunk Company, under which the rolling stock of the latter company will shortly run over the Toronto, Grey & Bruce line. The people along the line will, no doubt, appreciate this, as it means through rates and perfect arrangement for the interchange of traffic.

—The total amount of Customs receipts at Montreal for the calendar year, from 1st of January to 31st December, 1879, was \$1,612,463.31, against \$3,644,385.36 for 1878, an increase in 1879 of \$868,077.95. The total amount collected during the first half of the fiscal year ending December 31st 1879, was \$2,388,272.27,