The Hamilton Freeholder has passed the Twenty-first Volume Mark.

The trial of a Hamilton police station for knocking off lightning during a thunder storm on Thursday evening.

It is understood that the Toronto Globe will shortly appear as an eight-page paper, and will print from stereotype plates.

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wade Foote, of Dover East, was celebrated with great pomp the other day.

Mrs. Wm. Stephen, an elderly lady, wife of an old and respected farmer near Stonyville, had her clothes on fire while putting chips in the stove, and was burned to death.

[illegible] day, a charge of bribery was made against Mr. Tobias Stone. A Committee of Inquiry was asked for.

A young man of the village of Westover was tarred and feathered last Wednesday, for being a nuisance and refusing to work.

Thos. White was convicted on Thursday at Belleville, of manslaughter, for killing Richard Wells, at Marmora, last October.

The rates for freight between Montreal and London, Ont., were reduced this week to fifteen cents per hundred pounds.

A son of Mr. David Smith, of Raleigh Township, who crushed his thumb in a straw-cutter a few days ago, has since died of lock jaw.

A plaintiff at the Woodstock Assizes has obtained a verdict awarding him $2,000 against a person who bit off one of his fingers.

At a recent meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton, the Rev. W. F. Clarke, Congregational, late of Guelph, was admitted a member of the Presbyterian church.

The assessment roll of the town of Guelph has been completed, and exhibits a very satisfactory progress. The population last year was 7,808; this year it is 8,578.

Miss Mary Barry, of Galt, a young girl of 16, is putting together a quilt containing 12,000 pieces. It is made on the log cabin principle, and has taken her over two years in making.

Two pork packing establishments in Collingwood do an annual business of about 20,000, dispose of nearly 3,000 hogs, and cure 6,000 sides of bacon and as many hams.

Last Wednesday a colored couple, whose terms of imprisonment in Penitentiary expired simultaneously, were united in matrimony before leaving the institution.

A jewellery store at Simcoe owned by Henry Lear was entered by two burglars between two and three o'clock on Thursday morning, and property worth about $2,000 stolen.

Guelph talks of getting up a Grand Jubilee Celebration on the 23rd of April, 1877, which will be exactly fifty years after the felling of the first tree on the spot where that town now stands.

The aggregate amount of the contracts let on account of the construction of the Canada Pacific Railway is $7,010,450. Of this amount $2,669,205 will be expended between Ottawa and Lake Nipissing.

In the Manitoba Legislative Assembly, a motion that a person to be eligible to a seat in the House "must have been a resident of the Province for at least one year previous to the day of nomination," was lost by a vote of 7 to 14.

A man named Cochrane, who had been attending a logging "bee" in Chatham Township, was found at a late hour at night lying on his face on the road dead. The coroner's jury gave a verdict, "That the deceased, while under the influence of liquor, fell down and was smothered in the mud."

The first regatta of the International Yacht Club takes place on Lake St. Clair, May 27. The Godwin cup, now held by the Annie Cuthbert, of Cobourg, will be contested for at the regular annual regatta, on June 24.

A severe gale passed over Ontario, in a south-westerly direction, on Thursday and Friday, doing considerable damage. In some localities houses and barns were unroofed, damage done to shipping and docks and a number of persons were injured.

The lighthouse at Port Maitland was burned on Thursday night. The lighthouse was being repaired. It is supposed that the heavy wind of that night shook some of the lights out of their place and caused the fire.

A large staff of railway engineers are on their way to inaugurate a survey across the Island of Newfoundland, from the west to the east. This contemplated line, which will be about 350 miles in length, is a part of the great scheme for shortening the ocean travel between Europe and America.

Prince Edward Islanders are getting up an agitation for "Better Terms." They profess to have suffered grievous damages from alleged delays in the matter of the railway, wherefor they desire to be recompensed from the Dominion Treasury.

A fire broke out in Mr. Small's premises, Ballentry, on Thursday, laying his extensive warehouse, the two hotels, and nearly the whole village in ashes. Rather still, three lives were lost. The names of the deceased are Bridget Burke, Mary Anne Fanning, and Margaret Daly. The loss is about $15,000; insurance $10,000.

An old and helpless female named Mrs. Nester, who had been sent to the London hospital by the authorities of London Township, was turned out Thursday morning, the Reeve of the township refusing to pay for her keep. She was taken in charge by the city authorities, and an order for her re-admission to the hospital was made by the Mayor.

Some exciting scenes took place in the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia on Friday. There was first of all a tie vote upon a railway question, which was settled by the Speaker's decision. A motion calling upon the Speaker to resign, on the ground of his incompetency, was then carried by a vote of 20 to 12. In accordance with this resolution the Speaker has tendered his resignation.

A high wind in London, on Thursday blew down the upper part of the front wall of a new, wholesale warehouse building on Richmond st., for Robinson & Co. The wall was quite new, and had not set sufficiently to withstand the force of the gale. The south corner of the wall in its fall crushed in the roof of F. T. C. Richardson's dwelling and store adjoining, the mass of bricks, beams, and broken rafters passing through the floor beneath, and causing the complete wreck of the greater part of the interior of the building. Fortunately, Mr. Richardson and his family were warned of their danger in time to escape with their lives.

Henry Fitzsimmons, who was, at the Elgin Assizes, sentenced to seven years' imprisonment for killing an old Indian, named Dr. Nisham, left a letter with some of his friends in which he accuses Robert Lipsey of the crime. He says that on the fatal night he and Lipsey were together, and both had been drinking. When they went out of the tavern they found Nisham sitting on the back of Lipsey's waggon, and he insisted on going home with them. Lipsey knocked him out of the waggon, and when Fitzsimmons went to see if he was hurt Nisham struck him and then ran, which led Fitzsimmons to run after him. Catching up with him, Fitzsimmons and the Indian clinched, the latter finally throwing his opponent, when he placed his knee on Fitzsimmons and struck him twice. At this stage Lipsey came up with a bag containing something heavy and struck Nisham with it. He wanted to strike him again, but was prevented by Fitzsimmons, who, according to his own story, seemed to have been kindly disposed toward the old man. Fitzsimmons concludes his letter by acknowledging the justice of the verdict upon the evidence. He says nothing about the means taken by himself and Lipsey to make their escape from the country after the murder, nor of the present whereabouts of Lipsey.

We shall be glad at all times to receive items of local interest, incidents of business, accidents, or any matters of interest relative to the locality where it comes or to the county at large. Such matter may be sent at the rate of one cent per word, prepaid. Printers' Copy and not paying the country publication in any manner, it will generally reach this office no later than Monday evening.

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Huron Signal.

GODERICH, MAY 5, 1875.

NOTICE.

The postal law, which requires publishers to prepay postage on all publications coming into force this month, at the option of publishers, we shall next week commence to prepay all postage on papers leaving from this office. Although not compelled to do this until October next, we do it in order to save ourselves and subscribers further trouble.

We shall expect to receive all back subscriptions at once, and that in future they will be paid strictly in advance. This will be made an absolute rule, as we cannot afford to pay postage on unpaid papers.

All those in arrears will therefore note these remarks and act conscientiously.

Census of 1871.

At this late period the third volume of the census of 1871 comes to hand.—This volume gives some interesting information with respect to the value of land, extent occupied, the value of the products of the forest, field and mines, and improvable property, vehicles, implements, &c.

From this source we gather a few facts which will be of interest to the people of Huron, by giving statistics for the four Provinces—Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick—unitedly and those for the county separately. From the following table some idea will be formed of the extent of property owned:—

	Dominion.	S. Huron.	N. Huron.
Acres of land	48,988,888	446,945	446,677
Occupied do	22,526	2 [illegible]	2,116
No. of houses	539,518	3,870	3,354
Churches, &c.	18,264	377	357
Value of farms	694,264	5,601	5,568

The following table gives the population of the county with the number of of acres occupied and improved:—

SOUTH HURON.	Population.	Acres Occupied.	Acres Improved.
Stephen	4,849	39,784	21,893
Hullett	2,867	41,323	23,779
Usborne	3,931	45,217	30,009
Tuckersmith	3,698	42,198	28,749
Grey	3,098	40,670	27,857
Goderich	3,615	18,161	13,008
Goderich Town	3,954	1,359	655
NORTH HURON.			
Colborne	2,420	39,797	16,678
Ashfield	3,922	51,313	29,249
Wawanosh West	2,745	35,548	19,849
Wawanosh East	1,921	37,645	19,802
Howick	3,676	49,228	27,810
Clinton village	2,136	251	658
Wroxeter	1,264	50,148	24,577
McKillop	3,920	44,564	22,861
North village	1,309	191	151
Grey	3,358	51,026	22,761
Turnberry	3,231	53,76	15,920
Morris	3,417	52,518	31,136

The total acreage of orchards and gardens in the county is 8,599; of pastures, 89,007; under crops, 300,175.

In compiling the report, minute details have been gone into, and we are furnished with the following interesting information of articles, and animals owned:—

	Dominion.	Huron.
Light carriages	514,116	6,763
Vehicles	842,514	11,976
Ploughs, &c.	573,648	12,801
Reapers and mowers	44,204	995
Horse rakes	63,003	1,335
Threshing mills	30,735	591
Fanning mills	167,964	6,300
Horses	643,171	15,228
Colts and fillies	193,572	5,914
Working oxen	139,635	3,100
Milch cows	1,251,209	26,235
Other horned cattle	1,233,446	39,983
Sheep	3,155,509	68,679
Swine	1,356,083	41,542
Hives of bees	144,791	1,629

Huron produced from the field the following amounts of grain and roots:—

Wheat, bushels	608,422
Barley "	479,584
Oats "	1,206,530
Rye "	1,453
Peas "	540,228
Beans "	1,571
Buckwheat "	2,455
Corn "	8,591
Potatoes "	608,322
Turnips "	1,106,738
Other roots "	242,140
Hay, tons	83,719
Clover and grass seed	4,573

Other products are thus reported:—

Butter, pounds	1,569,822
Home made cheese, do.	117,196
Flax seed, bushels	847
" dressed, pounds	3,694
Home made linen, yards	756
" " cloth, "	15,162
Apples, bushels	109,454
Other fruit "	9,501
Grapes, pounds	8,959
Maple sugar "	375,607
Tobacco "	1,012
Hops "	7,121

In this list the number of pelts taken are classified to the number of 3,654.

Table XXV exhibits the products of the forest, and Huron is thus represented.

Square pine, cubic ft	71,600
Other " "	28,107
Tamarac " "	1,000
Birch and maple "	7,008
Elm " "	285,304
Walnut " "	500
Hickory " "	1,000
Other timber " "	238,549
Logs " "	32,300
Sawed logs " "	85,600
Lumber, thousands	184
Laths, "	4,407
Pickets, "	186,310
Firewood, cords	1,000

In the matter of fisheries our county stands high, possessing 41 boats. 115 men are employed in this business and 18,825 fathoms of nets are used. The result of the seasons' fishing was 3,111 barrels of fish, [illegible] and 317 gallons of oil.

To give a [illegible] number of industries followed in the county, the amount of capital invested therein and the number of employees would be a lengthy task, and we therefore present the aggregate value of these industries as follows:—

Capital invested	$1,023,571
No. of hands employed	1,907
Amount of yearly wages	$443,455
Value of raw material	$1,865,545
Total value of products	$2,854,780

The total capital invested in the Dominion is $77,904,020; hands employed, 187,943; value of products, $221,617,773.

None can read these figures without feeling that our country is in a healthy condition, and to the oldest inhabitants they will appear bewildering in their proportions. When we look upon them and consider that almost four years have elapsed since these facts were gleaned, and with the progress we have been making, we cannot but feel proud that our country makes such a glorious exhibit and that the county of Huron evinces such evidences of prosperity.

The Model Farm.

Much misfortune has attended the career, so far, of the agricultural college and model farm at Guelph. From the period of its inception its affairs have given cause to microscope-eyed faultfinders for ungenerous criticisms and been fruitful of many and heartless slanders; an unscrupulous professor through the means of that peculiar fortune which always attends "cheeky" persons secured the position of principal in the college and brought disgrace thereon by his conduct and dragged innocent persons before public notice by scandalous imputations. The best efforts of the government to make the institution at once a model and a benefit to the Province seemed futile, and at one time it certainly deserved the name of "muddle farm" in contrast with the high standard of harmoniousness it had adopted. Opposition prints were only too anxious to paint its condition in the most delusive colors, and the worst condition was greatly exaggerated by them. No fault was found with the establishment of such an institution,—its working and the misfortunes attendant upon its career were the only features they were pleased to recognize—but when a very successful examination took place recently under new auspices no notice was taken by them of its success. This was to be expected from persons who were unwilling and too much lacking in generosity to discriminate between bungling and the miscarriage of good designs.

When McCandless had been discharged and the college thoroughly purged of the effects of his presence, harmony and success visited the college and buildings, and the successful termination of the winter session gave a fair example of the good results of the institution's work and what good it would be productive of. Mr. Roberts entered upon his duties as principal, with excellent qualifications and possessing every ability for the efficient performance of his duties as his recent term of office has amply indicated. Everything promised well and all its difficulties seemed at an end when now comes the report, which many will regret to hear, that Mr. Roberts through ill health has been forced to resign. The Toronto *Sun* is authority for stating that, from the effects of a severe attack of brain fever, the Principal of the college became slightly deranged and made an attempt to take his life by drowning. On Monday of last week he was missed from the college, and it having been noticed that he was suffering from mental depression, his continued absence aroused suspicion and a search was made for him. In the barn was found a rope with a noose on the end and attached to a beam. This discovery still more increased the alarm and the searchers, and after a rigorous search footprints, which were those of the Principal, were found leading to the river bank, but no trace of him could be found there. He was shortly after found in the college, his clothes dripping wet, which indicated that he threw himself into the water, but that the first dip had brought him to his senses This sad misfortune has caused the expression of much sympathy for Mr. Roberts, who has devoted himself with great assiduity to the task of furthering the interests of the college, and there is no doubt that the anxiety he experienced in this pursuit brought about the fit of temporary insanity which so nearly proved fatal to him.

This is the latest misfortune which has befallen the Model Farm, but it is one which the Opposition prints are manly enough not to impute to any bungling on the part of the Government. It is to be hoped that Mr. Roberts may recover sufficiently to resume his duties; and in the mean time the ability of the staff already employed in the college will no doubt be sufficient to conduct it with honor.

Rolling Mills in Goderich.

This subject has not unfrequently been introduced to the people of Goderich, and it is only within the last six months that we took occasion to refer editorially to the matter. On Friday night not a few were surprised to hear at the meeting of Council that a gentleman from the United States, (whose name is withheld in the meantime for certain reasons) was in town with the object of interviewing the Town Fathers for the purposes of getting a proposal of assistance and of inspecting a locality best suited for the erection of a rolling mill. As will be seen by our report of the Council meeting, a committee was appointed to confer with the gentleman, but as no definite answer had been received with regard to the sale of the site which had been selected, nothing of a positive character was transacted except to hear a statement of what he proposed to do. The site chosen was that on the old "Slab Town" flat, between the distillery and Platt's saw mill, which was considered an excellent situation.—What is desired above everything is convenient water and rail communication, and this spot is well situated in this respect, as the new breakwater, which will be very conveniently situated, will form an excellent dock which can be united with the distillery, the saw mill and rolling mills, at slight expense, by a short tramway or railway connecting as well with the main railway track.—Here plenty of room will be found for depositing the slack and accumulations of refuse without necessitating the expensive work of carting, and fuel and iron can be unloaded directly from vessels and cars. This gentleman proposes to build works costing about $50,000 and to employ about 40 or 50 mechanics and laborers at first, and to progressively increase the number. His intention is to use old iron and manufacture it into various forms of merchantable material.

This gentleman has visited other towns, and the people of Barrie have offered him inducements to go there, but he regards Goderich as better located to answer his purposes and for reasons which he as a business man thoroughly appreciates, is best acquainted with. We need not point out what advantages such an establishment would ensure for the town, but we must say that the presence of another large institution would increase our importance as a manufacturing centre, and be the means of attracting other industries to our town. Our mills, the manufacture of nail, stove and but a natural sequence. Many towns about us are offering bonuses to manufacturers, and a spirit of enterprise is stirring them in great deals. Goderich wants but the opportunity to do likewise, and if a bonus were asked for to further the scheme we do not hesitate in saying that it would be readily forthcoming. The Town Fathers have entered into negotiations with the gentleman and the matter will be laid before the Council at its next meeting, when the terms will be definitely what is intended to be done, and what assistance is expected. A resolution of the Council was passed at the meeting of Council for any five years and a bonus, and we believe that, if a small amount will be asked for, it will be cheerfully voted by the people, willingly give, and that if a guarantee is given for the fulfilment of the proposition our citizens will meet the proposal in a business-like and liberal spirit.

THE New York *Tribune*, in commenting upon the subject of Presbyterian union speaks thus:—"Every observant man has long known and daily sees proof of the fact that the progress of the faith which Christ died to teach has been hindered and the faith itself brought into suspicion, but so much by the voices or active opposition of the heathen as by the dissensions of good, well meaning people in these very sects. * * * The energy, force, and time which should have been spent in preaching the gospel to all people were too often given to warring with each other about petty dogmas dependent frequently on the decision of tradition.

During the last ten years greater consolidation in union, Christian fellowship, brotherly charity, have been made by this church than any other. The same stern faithfulness to duty which in 1583 led its disciple to look upon the heretic to his faith burning at the stake "because Right being right, he followed Right" to its bloody end, leads him today to give his hand to his antagonist in doctrine with clearer idea of the right."

WE LEARN from Ottawa, says the *Globe*, that the Hon. Mr. Huntington tendered his resignation as President of the Council to the Premier some days ago, in order to relieve the Government of any possible embarrassment which might arise through charges made against him in connection with pending law suits. Mr. Mackenzie has, however, declined to accept the hon. gentleman's resignation, as he cannot see any reason for doubting Mr. Huntington's perfect integrity in the matters regarding which his conduct has been called in question.

Town Council.

The Council met on Friday evening last, the Mayor in the chair, and all the members present except the Reeve.

Communication from J. V. Detlor & Sons, calling attention to the damage done by the freshet to the wharf, and asking that the matter be attended to at once. Mr. Pasmore said he heard that the Government offered, through Mr. Horton, to pay half the expense of repairing. Mr. A. Watson thought the Government should pay all the expense of repairing as the damage would not have occurred had the Government built the wharf properly at first. Mr. F. W. Johnston thought the Government were not to blame and that it would be wisdom to accept half the expense if it was offered.—Referred to Public Works Committee.

Communication from Secretary of the Board of Public School Trustees asking the Council to drain the street opposite the Central School. Mr. Sloan said it would cost but a few dollars and ought to be attended to.—Referred to Public Works Committee.

Mr. Smaill said that the culvert on St. David street is choked up, and asked the committee to attend to this at the same time.

Communication from G. H. Parsons offering to sell a fire proof safe for the use of the Council, was received and filed. [If a fire occurred and the buildings were burned down every document belonging to the Town would be destroyed, and yet among our *crisis Assets* no one will advocate the purchasing of a fire proof safe. A very good safe could probably be got for $100 or $150 which would be money well spent.—ED.]

Communication from Mr. Peter Adamson requesting the Council, in behalf of the High School, to plant trees on the streets opposite the High School grounds. Mr. Sloan objected and said that the schools were costing a great deal of money. Mr. Evans suggested that the communication be received and filed. Mr. Smaill moved, seconded by Mr. G. B. Johnston, that the prayer of the petitioner be granted.—Carried.

Communication from Mr. James Addison stating that the taxes due by the following persons could not be collected without distraining therefor, namely, Philip Nunn $9; Mrs. McKay $4.59; Mr. Colin Murray $3; Mr. John Murray $5, and Mrs. Wm. Hyslop $12; and stating also that they appeared to be indigent persons, and asking the Council to grant relief. On motion Mrs. Murray was relieved from payment of taxes but in all the other cases it was stated the persons named are quite well able to pay taxes and should be compelled to do so.

Petition from James Craig stating that he had completed his contract of building a tank for $12 a foot, but that he suffered considerable loss from the bursting of the main sewer during the late thaw, which injured the tank before completion. He asked relief for such loss.—Referred to Public Works Committee.

Petition from John Reed asking the Council to repair his fence which he claims was damaged some six years ago through carelessness on the part of the Council, was referred to Public Works Committee.

Report of the Finance Committee recommending payment of the accounts of Kerr & McKenzie $1.42, D. Ferguson $14.68, and Sommerville & Hennings $18.61.—Adopted.

Communication from Horace Horton M. P., referring to the Docks, and stating that he waited on the Premier and explained the position of our Docks and requested advice and legislation regarding the best way to meet the wants of the people; that the Premier being so busy the past session, could not give the matter that attention it requires, but would take it up next session, and in the meantime Mr. Horton suggests that the Council state what they desire in the matter. Mr. Horton also presented a copy of his views on the subject, which he expressed to the Premier, and other communications, as well as a copy of the petition presented to the Government by Messrs. O. Crabb, J. V. Detlor and Wm. Seymour on behalf of property owners at the docks. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of letter from Department of Public Works, Ottawa, on the subject. Mr. Smaill moved, seconded by Mr. D. Watson, that this matter be referred to the Harbor Committee.—Carried.

A number of accounts were sent to Finance Committee.

An account of Mrs. B. Adams for board attending to Bell, was not received. Mr. Sloan thought that relief was granted to many cases where it was not deserved, and that he thought it would be well to refuse relief, to Bell and such parties asking relief, to Jail.

Mr. A. Watson, as chairman of the road and bridge committee referred to the crossing near Mrs. Rich's, which is out of repair, and asked that it be attended to.

Mr. Savage thought the plank sidewalk around the Square should be fixed.

Mr. F. W. Johnston asked if the committee had any thought of recommending towards establishing a lock-up at the Town hall. His Worship urged the matter and pointed out the difficulty the night watchman has in having to take prisoners to the jail.—Mr. Smaill asked that the Clerk be instructed to communicate with the clerks of all the small towns in the county offering the old Fire Engine for sale.

Mr. Savage asked if the Council were going to plant out trees on the streets in place of those which died. Mr. Smaill said the trees were ready and would be planted soon.

Mr. Savage asked what was to be done with the cause for a water tank for the purpose of street watering.—Referred to Public Works Committee.

Mr. F. W. Johnston moved, seconded by Mr. Savage, that the Clerk communicate with the chief of Police at Toronto to find out the cost of a uniform, and that the night watchman be provided with one. Mr. Sloan thought the watchman was doing well enough without a uniform. The motion was put and carried.

Mr. Savage stated that a hearse could be got in London for $80, and Mr. R. J. Whitely promised to do so, and as it is his trade he can do so will build a similar one for that amount.

Mr. Sloan stated that a person had arrived in town from Wyandotte, Mich., and that he would build a large smelting manufactory here if the Town would grant a bonus and free him from taxes for a term of years. Mr. Campbell understood that Goderich would be prepared to listen to any other point of a definite nature, but no offer could be made with the town. Mr. D. Watson moved, seconded by Mr. F. W. Johnston, that a committee composed of the Mayor and Messrs. Finlay and Smaill, wait upon the gentleman referred to and find out what terms would suit him.—Carried.

Council then adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening for the purpose of concluding the purchase of the Park. The mode of purchase will be by deed to some person appointed by the Council who will give back to Mr. Kirkpatrick a mortgage for the unpaid principal, and this person will then convey to the town subject to said mortgage. A month not having intervened since the first reading of the by-law the Council could not conclude matters on Friday evening.

School Board.

Board met on Monday evening all members present. Report of the Principal of the Central School was read stating the number attending the Schools to be 754, of which 385 are boys and 369 girls, with a standing per centage of 77; also that there are seven Roman Catholic children attending. Some discussion took place regarding the advisability of collecting taxes in such cases and the matter was finally left in the hands of the School Committee.

Account of H. Closes for $3.25. Mr. Swanson said he would not vouch for this account as he thought an overcharge was made in one or two items, and besides the work was not properly done. Mr. Buchanan also thought the charges were exorbitant, but being a small matter it was moved by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Simmons, that the account be paid, carried.

Account of Robert Dyett for $1. was ordered to be paid. Account of Thos. Hood for planting about 70 trees, ordered to be paid, $12. Mr. Hood was complimented on the care he exercised in selecting and planting said trees, and the reasonableness of his account.

Account of W. T. Welsh $1. for repairing clock, ordered to be paid.

Mr. Swanson moved seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the contingent Committee be instructed to employ some one to erect cattle guards at the gates of the schools to prevent cattle from entering the yard.—Carried.

Communication from Miss S. E. Dickson asking to be released from duty in July.—Mr. Pasmore moved, seconded by Mr. Swanson, that the request be granted, and that a certificate of merit be granted her by the Board.—Carried.

Mr. Swanson moved, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, that an advertisement be inserted in the local papers and Toronto *Globe* for a teacher, holding not lower than a second class certificate, to take the place to be vacated by Miss Dickson. Two amendments were made to the motion, but on division the motion was carried. It was then settled that three insertions in the local papers and two in the *Globe* would be sufficient; and that a month hence will be sufficient time to advertise.

The returns of the assessors, of names and residences of all children in town between the ages of 7 and 12 years was received and found satisfactory.

Mr. Swanson moved, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, that the accounts be paid what was agreed upon for performing those duties.—Carried.

The Inspector read two letters he received from the department of Public Instruction regarding plans of a school house and other matters.

Tenders for printing school papers were opened and the *Star* being the lowest was accepted.

Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, that a committee, composed of the Chairman and Messrs. Pasmore, Ferguson and Buchanan, procure plans and specifications for a school house for St. Patrick's Ward and lay them before the Board at next meeting.—Carried.

Mr. Ferguson asked the Board to grant $5 besides what was already granted for cleaning the school grounds and gravelling the walks, &c. Mr. Pasmore moved, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the request be granted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Swanson, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that Mr. Grattan be engaged, to remove offal from school yards, at $16 a year.—Carried.

The Board then adjourned.

Weather Report for April.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE,
GODERICH, May 1.

Rain fell on 6 days during the month of April; depth 13.6 cubic inches.

Snow fall on 6 days during the month; depth 7½ inches.

Greatest velocity of wind during 24 hours on the 15th, 658 miles, or 27.4 per hour. Least velocity of wind during 24 hours on the 23rd, 15.7 miles, or .66 of a mile per hour.

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FRUIT TREES.—Quite a large number of fruit trees came to Clinton from the Rochester nurseries, for parties in this vicinity. They seem to give poor satisfaction, which serves people right who will not support home enterprise.

THE WEATHER is still unfavorable to the farmer. It snowed quite hard on the 1st. Still we do not despair of ever being again under the necessity of doffing overcoats and caps.

BULL SOLD.—Mr. Archie McDougall has bought of Mr. John McDougall the thorough-bred Durham bull, "Huron Prince." This is a rare opportunity for farmers to improve their stock, as he only charges $1 for the season.

SHEEP KILLED.—Mr. Marquis and several other farmers in this vicinity have had some valuable sheep and lambs killed and worried by dogs lately. Mr. William Elliott, on the 4th con., had nearly a dozen killed last fall by two bloodhounds from Goderich, eight miles distant.

LOCAL NEWS

Eleven pounds of Sugar for one dollar, and good. Tea selling for 50c cents per pound at Trull & Fields new grocery store, Crabb's block.

RESPITE.—Mr. Stephen Andrews, who was hanger off on the East side of the market was familiar to the public for many years past, has removed to the store lately occupied by Mr. Trull, next to Mr. H. Cook's store.

ANOTHER FIRE.—Mr. J. J. Fisher's horse "Peacock" took first prize at the horse show of Fast stock, held at Weston recently, competing with Whitehouse and Lucknow, both excellent imported horses.

LOOK OUT for Mr. Geo. McKenzie's advertisement in another column, and make up his mind to have some of those cheap suits of clothes he is advertising. His stock is large and he is anxious to dispose of as many as possible. He intends going to British Columbia.

PEACH TREES IN BLOOM.—On Monday we paid a visit to the garden of Mr. McDougall, Division Court Clerk, where we saw two peach trees in full bloom. They are under glass, and look really beautiful.

MAY.—Some people or persons, as yet unknown, are in the habit of stealing the local papers from the Y. M. C. A. reading rooms every week. Such an act is simply contemptible when the *Signal* can be got, free of postage for $1.50 a year.

CATTLE SOLD.—Last week Mr. A. M. Polley disposed of 140 head of cattle to a Montreal dealer at an aggregate figure between $6,000, and $6,000 to be shipped within a month. The cattle have been fed at the distillery during the past winter, and were in good condition.

POTATOES.—This article of food is very scarce in town, as a result of the very severe frosts of last winter. Messrs Shepard & Strachan have been endeavoring to supply the want, and last week got a car load of excellent potatoes from Quebec, and they sold rapidly.

BOLD ROBBERY.—Some time on Thursday night some thirty chief smashed one of the large panes of glass in Mr. Sturdy's grocery store, in Crabb's block, and took from the stand inside four bottles of brandy and some hair oil. The author of the thief has yet been found but it is to be hoped that he may be brought to justice speedily.

MANCHESTER BRIDGE.—Messrs. Gibson, Blake & Wanless have received the contract for erecting a bridge at Manchester at the following rates—Superstructure $1,895, stone work $9.99 per cubic yard. There were fourteen tenders in all, the highest being for the superstructure $6,000, and for stone work $12 per cubic yard.

LECTURE.—Rev. J. W. Manning, who recently travelled through the States as Government commissioner for the purpose of viewing the effects of the prohibitory liquor law, will lecture in Knox's Church on Monday evening, the 17th inst., under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance. No admission fee; a collection will be taken up at the close to defray expenses.

SALE OF BUILDING LOTS IN BLYTH.—Mr. C. Hamilton has been instructed by Mr. Jas Colston, to sell by auction in that place, on Wednesday, May 5th, commencing at one p.m., being part of block D., in McDonald's survey. Several of the lots are situated on the Main street, adjoining the schoolhouse, suitable for business stands; and others are in the most desirable parts of the village for private residences. This is an opportunity many will no doubt avail themselves of.

LEARNING IN HIGH PLACES.—The following is a verbatim copy of a notice written and posted up by one of the councillors for one of the Townships of this County:

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The undersind will let abridge on the six and seven concesan on the River, by pubuck auction on thirsday the 13 June at tree oclock in after noon and plan will be gave at the tim of letting.

IN THE WATER.—On Sunday two accidents occurred at the dock. Mr. Geo. McDonald, being unable to cross to the lighthouse pier on account of the storm, went around by Maitlandville. In crossing over the boom at Attril's Point, one of the logs turned, precipitating him into the water, which was about 14 feet deep. Fortunately he managed to scramble out without trouble, after being thoroughly wet. The mate of the *Jenny Rumball* whilst walking along the dock, stepped on the projecting end of a loose plank, and in a moment found himself in the water. He was fished out by some persons near by, with his clothing thoroughly soaked.

NAVIGATION.—Ice still lingers in the lake, and very little business is being done in the line of navigation as compared with many previous years. However, the fishing fleet has doing considerable work, although having many difficulties to contend with. Early on Saturday morning the *Nemesis* started down the lake to Barnia with a load of fall wheat, and shortly after the *Katie Pringle* left for her quarters at Bayfield. The *Tedman* got a cargo of spring wheat and 100 barrels of salt on board and started for Windsor last night.—Both the *Jenny Rumball* and *Jane McLeod* are 'loading salt, the latter carrying 2,500 barrels shipped by Mr. Campbell to St. Catherines. The *Cameron* will go to Kincardine this week, if possible, to get a load of salt.

NEW PLANING MILL.—Messrs. Chas. Miller and Malcolm and John McQuarrie recently purchased a piece of property adjoining Mr. Detlor's residence on Newgate street, and have erected buildings thereon and fitted them up for a planing factory. The engine and machinery are all put in, and the establishment will be in running order this week. A planer, moulding machine, scroll, rip and circular saws have been procured, and the factory is furnished with every convenience for turning out first class work. All the gentlemen are experienced and good workmen, and will be certain of meeting with success in their undertaking. The firm will be known as Miller & McQuarrie Bros. We wish them prosperity.

THE WEATHER.—To speak of the weather of this Spring as remarkable would be faintly expressing its character. Summer and winter succeed each other with refreshing regularity, and "colds" and growls are frequent amongst the human portion of creation. From our exchanges we gather information which leads to a knowledge of the cause of the trouble. A leading meteorologist of England predicts that, owing to the recent transit of Venus, the earth has entered a stormy cycle, and that very stormy and uncertain weather will prevail from about the 19th of June to the latter part of July. We have certainly had more than ordinary weather of late, and so far Prof. Tierce's statements have been verified. Whether June will inaugurate a "war of the elements" or not, we will not hazard an opinion, but leave to time the task of proving the fallacy or correctness of the prediction.

INDIAN CONCERT.—One of these interesting entertainments will take place in the Oddfellows' Hall, on Monday evening next, 10th inst., when the celebrated Mohawk Indian choir of 14 persons will sing some of their choicest selections under the leadership of Prof. Flanders. We need not refer to the members of the choir or their musical abilities, suffice it to say that the encomiums passed upon their singing by the press throughout the country indicate that they are well worth hearing. The Mohawks will appear in full Indian costume, and will sing pieces in the Mohawk language as well as the English. Dr. Oronhyatekha, the famous Indian temperance orator, is expected to be present and deliver an address. As the object of the concert is an excellent one, viz: to assist in completing the furnishing of the new church recently built amongst the Cayugas, we have no doubt there will be a large attendance Tickets 25 cents, reserved seats 50 cents. Doors open at 7 p. m. Tickets can be purchased at the Bookstores and from Mr. Dixie Watson.

MAY DAY.—Last Saturday was "May Day," but the season failed to be enthusiastic and celebrate it in the old romantic style. The weather was rather inauspicious.

A LOCAL JOKE.—Some capital things are said in court, and occasionally a witness gets the upper hand of the astute lawyer. At a recent sitting of the assizes for a county not many miles from Huron, one of the legal fraternity, in cross questioning a witness, assumed a severe expression of countenance and said, "Now, sir, you are on your oath. Tell me how much rain would be necessary to penetrate the ground one foot?"—The witness hesitated for a time, then demurely replied, "Twelve inches, I suppose." The lawyer was satisfied and refrained from pressing the country

[illegible] to its exceedingly diverse, and, in its vanity, assumes the role of instructor. As an instance of its wisdom we simply refer to an item which lately appeared in its local columns burlesquing one of our most intelligent citizens in a most offensive manner. Had the article been couched in language such as to make its subject known only to the person himself, the miserable attempt at wit would have passed unnoticed; but for one who have read the item, it fell far short of its mark. A journal which indulges in such a vein of ridicule when a respected and intelligent person is interested, certainly lacks taste and is far from dignified. Hence the mote from your eye.

REVOLUTION IN COOPERING.—A machine invented and patented by Mr. James Tomlinson, of Goderich, and just completed at Leonard & Sons foundry, in this city, will probably make some sort of a revolution in the coopering business. Up it barrels are made from only one joint, long strips of wood being cut and bent to the required shape. Four persons are required to work the machine, which it is claimed will turn out a barrel every three minutes. The right for a large section for this patent has been sold, and as soon as the machines can be manufactured they will be shipped, when the making of barrels by the new process will be actively commenced.

The above we clip from the London *Advertiser* of Friday last. Some time ago we described Mr. Tomlinson's patent at length, and are glad to learn that his