Father Chiniquy was nobbled in Halifax a few weeks ago.

There is a talk of establishing a ship-building yard at Kincardine. It would pay.

A young girl, while at work in a woolen factory in Auburn, on Friday, had the whole of her scalp torn off. She is not expected to live.

Jas. Tinsmire, a dry goods merchant of Minnesota, apparently disappeared on the eve of his marriage and no trace of him can be found.

Mr. Tom Freeman, of Woodstock, was drowned on Saturday night whilst wandering along the railway track, by falling into a culvert crossing over a small pond.

Michael Donnelly, one of the Lucan gang of that name, escaped from a room in McLean's Hotel, Lucan, the place in which he was incarcerated for a week or more, on Monday morning last week, by jumping from the second story window.

On Saturday morning the wife of Geo Clarke, of Woodstock, committed suicide by hanging herself in a tree. Family disagreements are supposed to have been the cause, she and her husband having been living apart for some time back.

A Mrs. Kirby died suddenly in Chatham, on Friday afternoon. Her husband left her alone in the house quite well at 2 p. m. When her children came in from school at 4 p. m., they found her dead on the floor.

A company has been made to light the city of Toronto by gas made from crude petroleum. Several Toronto professors have reported favorably of the scheme. The gas is said to be pure, and can be produced at a less price than from coal.

The flouring mills in Caledonia, owned by Messrs. McQuarrie, Thorburn & Munro, were burned at an early hour on Sunday morning. The mills contained upwards of thirty thousand bushels of wheat, besides other grains. The loss will be about $50,000; insured in several companies to the amount of $20,000.

On the 3rd inst., a man named Smith, working in a blacksmith's shop at Keyser's Corners, Adelaide, chased a boy named Bertram out of the shop, stabbing him in the back with a bar of red hot iron. The wound was serious, affecting the spine, and the boy died from its effects on Tuesday of last week. Smith has been committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter.

The Thunder Bay Sentinel of a late date contains the following unique wedding notice, the peculiarity of the tour being the most amusing part of it:—"Married.—On the 20th inst., at St. John's Church, by the Rev. Mr. Dundas, Mr. Alexander Walsole Roland, Nipigon, to Miss Elizabeth Watt, of this place. On Wednesday afternoon the happy couple left upon snow shoes for Little Pic, 100 miles distant, accompanied by the best wishes of numerous friends."

The G. W. R. has refused to carry out its agreement with the L.H.& B. railway to carry cordwood from the junction of the latter road with the former, at Hyde Park, into London free, and the citizens of that city held a mass meeting on Friday night when it was resolved to send a petition to the Dominion Parliament, praying for the insertion of a clause in the Great Western Railway Bill now before House compelling the Great Western to consider that part of their line between the city and the junction of the London, Huron and Bruce at Hyde Park as part and parcel of the latter road.

Early on Monday morning (6th inst.) burglars entered the dry goods store of Messrs. Morehouse & Godson, 83 King street west, Toronto, and stole eighteen or twenty pieces of black silk valued at $6,000. About six o'clock two firemen on Bay street noticed a couple of men carrying the silk along Temperance street. They watched them attentively and observed them place the pieces of silk under the steps of the Temperance Hall. The police were at once informed, but the men escaped; the silk, however was all recovered.

BLYTH.

Big Row.—On Tuesday even ng of last week John McLean and Wm. Turner got into a disturbance, for which they are now awaiting trial in jail. Wm. Turner and a man named McConnell had an ill feeling towards each other, and the former on the above date went to Robt. Brown Lee's tavern to have it out,' but the proprietor of the house objected and Mrs. Lee interfering with the aid of a bottle had a fair opportunity of placing the combatants *hors de combat* but for a blow she received from Turner. Mr. Brown Lee then appeared upon the scene, armed with a hickory broom-handle, and was using strong arguments to persuade the pugilists from contesting further, when John McLean, who was anxious to see the fight go on, struck Lee over the eye with a slung-shot which left an ugly wound. Quiet was restored, and Mr. Lee laid information against McLean and Turner for aggravated assault, resulting in their commitment for trial.

SEAFORTH.

Elopement. — Last Thursday the wife of Mr. Johnston Eagen ran away with her cousin, a Mr. Leitch, from near Cromarty, Hibbert, and has not since been heard from. Her husband and her brother were hunting after her during the latter part of last week. She has left her five young children in charge of her husband, one of them being sick. It is said that she and her husband lived happily together, and they were in very comfortable circumstances. Such is life.

Challenge Debate.—The Seaforth Literary Society are going to have a debate with the St. Mary's Literary Society.

Spelling Match. — The Seaforth Mechanics' Institute have received a challenge from the Mitchell Institute, to a spelling match in the Mitchell Town Hall. Challenge accepted.

DUNGANNON.

Sermon. — As your correspondent does not generally report or criticise sermons, this report may seem out of place, but in this case the sermon alluded to was announced some time ago, and, as we can infer, was for the special benefit of newspaper correspondents, so it will not be out of the way to criticise it. This sermon was on "Charity."—An instance of uncharitableness was reported by your correspondent from this place some time ago. This communication has raised the ire of a rev. gentleman of this place, who has rained the thunders of the pulpit upon such persons. I confess your correspondent was considerably disappointed at the result, it containing nothing of a character to guide newspaper correspondents, except some personal illusions which I consider not very charitable.—Com.

ASHFIELD.

Municipal.—The Council met at Wonnacott's hotel, Dungannon, on the 26th of February. The Auditors presented their report, which was laid over for consideration at next meeting. Moved by P. Clare seconded by W. Lane, that the Trustees of S. S. No. 9 be paid ten dollars for damage done to the School House on nomination day—Carried. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain from the path-masters the persons the people in the several divisions may wish to have appointed as path-masters for the next year. Moved by Thos. Harris, seconded by Wm. Lane, that a by-law be passed limiting the number of taverns in this Township to seven. Moved in amendment by R. Hamilton, seconded by P. Clare, that the number of taverns be limited to eight and shops to two—Amendment carried. By-law in accordance with above was read the third time and passed. The following orders were signed: Trustees S. S. No. 9, $10; A. C. Sinmore, $17.55; Adam Thomson, repairing scraper, $1; J. Griffin, for culvert side line 3 and 4, con. 7, $4; T. J. Mourhouse, 30cts; J. Lane, $3.50; Sinclair, Seager & Wade, $5; W. T. Garner, returning officers &c., $6. The Council adjourned to meet again at Black's Hall, Dungannon, on Thursday the sixth of April, at ten o'clock, a. m.

John Cooke, T'p Clerk.

Grand Trunk Railway.

TRAINS WILL LEAVE GODERICH AS FOLLOWS:

No. 1 Express, 7.00 a. m., for Toronto, London and Buffalo.
No. 7 Mixed, 8.15 a. m., for Stratford.
No. 3 Mail Express 12.30 p. m., for Toronto, Buffalo and Detroit.
No. 9 Mixed, 5.00 p. m.,

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E. & N. W. R.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE G. T. R.

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BUSINESS NOTICE.

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When credit is given, the following are the rates we will adhere to:—If paid within 3 months, $1.25; if paid within 9 months, $1.50; over that time, $2.00. Send on your subscriptions at once, and enclose cash.

CLUB RATES.

Having made special arrangements we are now enabled to offer the following very liberal club rates for cash strictly in advance:—The Signal and Weekly Globe for $2.50 a year. Signal and Weekly Advertiser $2.40—(which includes a premium map of Ontario). Signal and Montreal Witness $2. Signal and Canada Farmer $2. Signal and Grip $2.50. Signal and Illustrated Weekly of New York, weekly edition, $3.50, monthly edition, $2.50, either of which includes the finest chromo issued by any paper. Canvassers wanted.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, MARCH 15, 1876.

The Salt Interests.

On Wednesday last a step was made in the Dominion Parliament, towards legislating in the interests of the salt business, and in the proceedings of that day we find the following:

Mr. Farrow, in moving for a Select Committee on the salt interests of the country, stated that in the west they had some of the best salt in the world, and over half a million had been invested in the works required to produce the salt. They had heard a great deal about protection lately, but not a word about salt. (Laughter.) He contended that the salt interest ought to be protected by a small duty on foreign salt. If they had a foreign market they could supply all the Western States, but the protective tariff of the United States kept them out, and the employees were now, to a great extent idle. He eulogized the quality of Canada salt, and maintained that the imposition of a slight duty would not practically increase its price. He moved that the following be the Committee:—Messrs. William Horton (Dunville), Orton, McCallum, Monteith, Greenway, Higinbotham, Peterson, Trow, and the mover.

It would be a very good thing for our depressed salt trade if something could be done to place it upon a proper footing. Hindered as it is by the heavy tariff imposed by our neighbors "across the lines" from entering into a larger market with the opportunity of competing fairly with American manufacturers, the limits of our business are unfortunately narrow. The home trade would not suffice to keep one half of the salt blocks in Ontario employed, and until we find the opportunities of shipping to the United States on better terms than at present, a protective tariff in favor of our salt interests will have little effect. Over production has rendered the home market unavailable to some of our manufacturers, and the great want that is felt is a more extensive market. Liverpool salt, we believe, is pretty largely imported into Canada, and a tariff imposed upon it might have a slightly beneficial effect upon the trade here, and consumers would not be loser since the home competition would be sufficient to prevent any extravagant rise in prices.

Mr. Farrow's proposal to impose a tariff upon foreign salt shows that he is alive to the fact that strong efforts should be made to assist the struggling salt interests of Canada. His scheme, however, will work but a slight benefit, yet "small favors will be thankfully received;" and although the result of this effort may not be great, yet the enquiry into the state of the business may induce some beneficial action in the premises. Our manufacturers, however, would study their own interests if they could work more harmoniously together than they do. Strong associations have been formed by the United States salt manufacturers, and if our producers could unite themselves we doubt not the business done in U. S. markets could be greatly increased. At the present time, too, this is important, as the Michigan salt manufacturers who have saw mills in connection with their salt blocks have got out only about one-third of the usual amount of timber and therefore they are not in a position to manufacture as cheaply as previously. It is also a fact that Canadian salt is daily becoming better appreciated by the Americans, and a united effort upon the part of our manufacturers to introduce their salt and have it thoroughly tested would do more towards prospering the business than a protective tariff would.

As an evidence of the feeling in the Dominion Parliament upon the tariff question, the vote upon Mr. Workman's (West Montreal) motion, expressing regret that the Government had not proposed an increase in the protective tariff, is assuring to the supporters of the Government policy. On a division the vote stood: Yeas 64, nays 119, Mr. Greenway, of South Huron, voting with the Government. Much stress has been placed by the protectionists upon Mr. Workman's remarks, and as an evidence of his argument we might refer to this one. Speaking of the closing of the Canadian sugar refineries he said that American competition proved too powerful, they having introduced a much cheaper brand of sugar and containing from 10 to 20 per cent. less saccharine matter than heretofore. Such competition requires but little ingenuity and enterprise to cope therewith, for if an inferior article can find sale why not produce the grades to meet the several demands. The other argument that Canada was made a "slaughter market" was referred to by the gentleman. It is somewhat strange that no one states how long this slaughtering has lasted, possibly because they are afraid to say publicly that it has existed only since the depression began in the United States. In the meantime our consumers are enjoying a benefit which will last until trade returns to its normal condition, and the country obtains a revenue from the importation of these goods for slaughtering purposes.

Mr. Bishop, M. P. P. for South Huron, on Saturday, 4th inst., met a large number of his constituents at Lumley, in Usborne Township, to make an explanation regarding the increase made in the indemnity to members of the Local Legislature. Mr. Alex. Duncan was the principal member of the disaffected party, and in the course of his remarks expressed his strong disapproval of the action of the House, and this statement was endorsed by several other speakers. Mr. Bishop made an able defence of the Government's course in the late session from certain imputations made, but his effort to justify the increase of the indemnity was not a success. His line of defensive reasoning was that representative men were subjected to heavy taxations from many sources, and in many public offices the personal expenditure was much more than the indemnity. In reply to this argument one of the speakers reminded Mr. Gibson that no person was compelled to become a representative, and if a public position was a source of pecuniary loss, it was no reason why the possessor of it should indemnify himself from the public funds. After a lengthy discussion a resolution deploring the fact that "members were tempted to such an extent that in self defence they were compelled to increase their salaries," and condemning the action as subject to the ratepayers, was put to the meeting and carried.

Satan reproving sin would be the essence of hypocrisy, but such an exhibition would not be much more disgusting than the sanctimonious effort of our town cotemporary last week to read a lecture to Mr. Ross upon the question of the increased indemnity. Making the question to answer a political purpose, it abuses the Government instead of censuring the House without distinguishing its political elements, and ignoring the honest example set before it by the Reform press of the Province which unanimously and impartially denounced the action, discusses the matter in the narrow minded manner of the Tory press. This rebuke coming from a paper, the proprietor of which has become notorious for violating the rights of public officers by holding contracts with a public board of this town while he was a member, should lessen the weight of the public prattings of a hypocrite. "Consistency, thou art a jewel" indeed.

The *Star* last week has the following: "The Signal says that Mr. Farrow was non-suited, at the suit of that paper would take better care of himself and not let his wife be upset by "foul conspiracies," "glaring outrages," &c., he wouldn't commit such a blunder. We said that the *plaintiff (Armstrong) was non-suited*, using a common figure of speech to express that no case was made out against the defendant. Our quill driving friend should read with his eyes open, and learn to distinguish between the terms "plaintiff" and "defendant."

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Personal.— We are pleased to see our old friend Mr. C. J. Wilson at home again, after a lengthy visit to the British Isles and France. Excepting the startling incident which occurred while he was in Quebec and his bursting of a blood vessel on reaching Clifton, which delayed his return some days, the trip was a pleasant one, and the business which called him away has, we are informed, been for the most part satisfactorily settled.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

Huron Presbytery. — The next meeting of this Presbytery will take place at Clinton, on Tuesday, 11th April.

Sent for Trial.— Wm. Nolan on Thursday last was brought before the London Police Magistrate on a charge of assault and robbery, and sent up for trial.

Sermon on Dancing.—A sermon on the above subject will be preached in the Wesleyan Methodist church on Sabbath evening next, by the Rev. W. C. Henderson, M. A.

Lecture.—Rev. Jas. Carmichael, M. A., of Montreal, a distinguished orator and member of the Church of England, will deliver a lecture in the Oddfellows' Hall, on Friday evening next. Subject: "Dean Swift." Tickets, 25 cents; reserved seats 50 cents. The proceeds will be devoted to paying off the debt upon St. George's Church.

Removed.—Mr. W. R. Robertson has removed his business from the old stand to the handsome new store in McLean's Block, corner Market Square and Hamilton St. The new store is handsomely finished, well lighted, airy and commodious, and no doubt will be a popular place with the public. We congratulate Mr. Robertson on securing such a fine place of business.

Personal.—Mr. J. S. Sinclair will conduct the Crown business at the next Peterborough, Lindsay, St. Catherines and Hamilton Assizes.

—Messrs. B. L. Doyle, Goderich; Dr. Worthington, Clinton; and P. Fisher, Wingham, have been appointed Commissioners under the new License Act.

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E. Bingham	52
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Majority for Mr. Miller, 30.

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To be Removed.—Sheriff Gibbons has received an order for the removal to the asylum at Toronto of Catharine Coutts, who has been confined in the jail for about nine months.

Date Changed.—The ball under the auspices of the Goderich Independent Base Ball Club will take place in the Dancing Academy on Friday evening next, instead of on the 24th inst.

Kennedy. — The announcement in another column of the concert by Kennedy and his family, we are sure, will be pleasing to the public. As it is the last concert Mr. Kennedy will give previous to his return to Scotland, all should avail themselves of this opportunity.

School Board met on Monday for the purpose of appointing a teacher in the place of Miss Adams. After considerable discussion Miss Sarah A. Boyd of Toronto was appointed. Accounts of J. Breckenridge for making a blackboard and other work $11.50 and J. Nairn for repairs $1.50 were ordered to be paid.

A Lengthy Task.—Mr. John Leckie, Warden of Huron, has considerable of a task before him in signing the debentures and coupons recently authorized by the County to be issued. He will have to sign his name, 3193 times, and no doubt, before he gets through, he will be devoutly thankful that his name is not John Henry Fitz App-Richardson.

Temperance Mass Meeting.— On account of the lecture to be delivered by Rev. Mr. Carmichael, the Managers of this Association have postponed the mass meeting for one week, and it will therefore take place in Knox Church on Friday evening, 24th inst. We bespeak a large attendance. Addresses will be delivered by several leading men, and matters of importance will be brought up.

Served Him Right.—A gentleman of this locality was a short time ago in Clifton, and having occasion to hire a cab for about an hour the driver in settling demanded $5. Our friend was surprised at the figure, but to avoid trouble paid it. While in his room shortly after, two policemen called upon him and requested his presence before a magistrate, where he gave evidence as above, and the cab driver, who had been arrested was thereupon sentenced to three months' imprisonment and the loss of his license for charging more than regular rates.

Judge's Criminal Court.—On Tuesday, Joseph Farr was tried on two charges, before Judge Toms, the first for false pretenses and the other larceny. Prisoner, it seems, on the 16th of February last went to a farmer in McKillop and offered to lend money at seven per cent, on the note of the farmer. After some bargaining the farmer, Mr. John Critch, signed a note for $200 and accepted three cheques, one on the branch of the Royal Canadian Bank, Seaforth, for $100 and the other two on the branch of that bank in Stratford for $50 each. These cheques are dated 18th April next. Mr. Critch says that Farr told him at the time of the transaction that he had money in the banks at Seaforth and Stratford. The agent of the Seaforth branch testified that prisoner had no funds in that bank and never had, that he remembered prisoner calling at the bank to get a cheque on the Stratford branch cashed and that he (Mr Hays) said he would collect same and charge a quarter per cent, but prisoner would not do this and so went away. Mr. John Critch recognized prisoner and related the circumstances as stated. Mrs. Critch and other witnesses gave evidence as to the facts. His Honor postponed sentence two weeks to enquire particularly as to some points objected to in the indictment as to form, in the meantime merely finding prisoner guilty. The case of larceny of a watch chain, particulars of which appeared in our last issue, was then taken up when the charge made was fully established and prisoner was sentenced to one year and eleven months in common jail at hard labor.

Nursery Stock.—An advertisement appears in another column from Messrs. Geo. Leslie & Son, proprietors of the Toronto Nurseries. It always gives us pleasure to recommend to our patrons that which we know to be genuine and to warn them against what we find to be a fraud. We have frequently warned, farmers especially, against dealing with American agents who have fine tales to relate, jars of fruit to exhibit and names for fruit trees, quite unheard of in horticulture, to gull the unwary with. The Cincinnati fraud of last fall is fresh in the minds of all, and the "Wild Goose Plum" and "Prairie Eagle" apple will some day turn out to be mere miserable seedlings of the meanest and cheapest kinds. The Toronto Nurseries have been in existance for thirty-four years and now enclose 200 acres stocked with all the trees, shrubs, vines, &c., that have been thoroughly tried and proved as suitable to a Canadian climate. We unhesitatingly recommend the public in Huron to deal with Messrs. Leslie & Son and know there will be no deception or disappointment. Some people have still a lingering faith in American trees and to such we would say that if nothing else will satisfy by all means order them, but through a Canadian nursery, and there will be some chance of obtaining a genuine article, whereas by ordering from an agent who is here to-day and away to-morrow, the chances are that the purchaser will find a "wild goose" or some kindred variety in his possession. We have received one of Messrs. Leslies' Catalogues which contains all necessary information for laying out, planting and cultivating grounds; the best tried varieties with a description and the price of each. If fruit raisers in Huron would deal with such a firm as this and give the cold shoulder to all American agents a world of trouble and incorrectly named fruit and worthless, but showy kinds, at our fall shows.

Y. M. C. A. Concert.—On Thursday night last the Oddfellows' Hall was well filled by an intelligent and appreciative audience, assembled to participate in the pleasures prepared for the occasion. Every effort had been made by the persons in charge of the entertainment to make it a success, and Dr. Thompson is especially deserving of praise for his endeavours, assisted by the vocalists who so generously lent their assistance. The programme was opened by a well rendered gallop performed by the band, which has greatly improved of late and now numbers sixteen performers. A quartette consisting of Miss McKay, Mrs. Thompson, Dr. Thompson and Mr. J. T. Duncan, followed with the "Song of the New Year," rendered with excellent effect, and during the evening several other pieces were given by them in a manner which called forth warm applause. The Misses Trainer sang the two duetts "Why do the swallows change their home" and "The wind and the harp" with great taste and feeling, receiving hearty applause. "The musician and his harp" was well rendered by Miss B. Trainer, Miss Mellish, Capt. Thomson and Mr. Duncan, and they were followed by a bevy of pretty little girls and one happy boy who sang with great gusto, the "Geography song," receiving a well merited encore. Mrs. Dr. Thompson and Miss McKay followed with a very pretty duett, in which the voices of both ladies blended with pleasing effect and appeared to good advantage. Mrs. Dixie Watson was in excellent voice, and sang "Far Away" very sweetly, winning a well merited encore. "Nearer the beautiful gates" sung by Miss Mellish, Miss Thomson and Capt. Thomson was well received. Dr. and Mrs. Thompson next gave a new edition of "Master and pupil" which produced much merriment, and had to be sung twice to gratify the audience. "Sally Ann's away," a most lugubriously sentimental song and chorus, was given by Dr. Thompson with amusing effect; and Mr. Dixie Watson followed with the solo, "In this old chair," given in his best style. The entertainment was brought to a close by singing God save the Queen, Mrs. D. Watson singing the solo. We are pleased to be able to say that the affair was a financial success, about $60 being realized.

CORBORNE.

House Burned.—On Thursday morning about 9 o'clock, the dwelling house of Mr. John Brindley, 10th con., Colborne, was destroyed by fire. Mr. Brindley was working in the stable and his wife had gone over to see a neighbor, when the fire broke out in the kitchen. A very large number of the neighbors soon were present, and made every effort to quench the flames but without avail, and only a small portion of the contents of the house was saved. The stables were saved with difficulty. Mr. Brindley had his house insured for $300 and his furniture for $100, but these amounts will not cover his loss. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defect in the chimney.

Tea Meeting at Bewillage.—A tea meeting will be held in Bewmiller Methodist Episcopal Church, on Monday evening, 20th inst. An interesting programme of addresses, singing and music has been prepared. Tickets 25 cents, children under twelve years, 15 cents. Tea served at 7.30 p.m.

A Slight Mistake.—One day last week two of the well to-do farmers of Colborne were driving along the gravel road, and when a little beyond Smith's Hill they overtook a horse saddled and with the bridle hanging over its neck as though it had been turned loose. The horse jogged along with our friends for a few miles, and on arriving at a certain farm yard turned in, whilst the two farmers proceeded gaily on their way thinking no more of the circumstance. Presently they heard the thunder of of horses' hoofs, and in a moment two excited horsemen drew up, one on each side of the vehicle, and called to the farmers to stop, which they did in great astonishment. "What the dickens did you do with my horse, you rascals," sputtered one between his gasps for breath, whilst the other, who was in his shirt sleeves, prepared for desperate action. After a little sharp parley, the farmers found out that the two horsemen suspected them of stealing the horse which had followed them, and the man who first spoke, who was the owner, again angrily demanded what had been done with the animal, and the expression of disgust which passed over his face, when told where the horse had stopped would have put a grin on an undertaker. He apologized very profusely, stating that he had tied his horse at Smith's Hill whilst he was in the tavern, and it had got loose and started home. On coming out of the tavern he noticed the horse some distance off, and hurrying on he met a person on the road who told him that he saw two men in a light wagon leading his horse. He suspected at once that the men were horse thieves, and he ran at the top of his speed for about three miles to a certain house where he got the assistance of a friend and two horses, and after a hard ride they overtook the innocent horse thieves. The owner of the horse had passed his own door in the chase, and travelled some six miles, spattered himself from head to foot with mud, got himself into a tremendous state of excitement and all for nothing. His apologies were accepted, and he confessed that he yet had to find the Fisher who was a horse thief. When next he loses his horse he will be sure to look in his own barnyard before he goes too far.

Meeting.—A meeting of the patrons of Ben Miller Cheese Factory will be held on Wednesday, 22d inst., at 3 p. m., at the factory. All interested are invited to attend.

Smith's Hill Social.—Notwithstanding the bad state of the weather on Friday evening last, the social in Smith's Hill church was quite a success. Proceeds $27.

Remember the social in Leeburn Church next Tuesday evening.

CLINTON.

The High School.—At the last meeting of the town council it was resolved, that a by-law for the sum of $5,500, for building a high school be prepared for submission to the ratepayers.

Recovering.—The wife of Rev. F. McCuaig is rapidly recovering from her late illness, and will soon be convalescent.

Property Changes. — Mr. John Macdonald has sold his house on King street to Mr. John Joslin, for $1000, and has purchased the residence of Mr. McHaffie, on Victoria street, for $2,500.

Lucky.—Rufus Clark, a barber, of Clinton, to whom was willed by Mrs. Walters, a colored woman who lived with him, twelve acres of land near London, has received a decision in the Courts in his favor. The estate is very valuable.

Convention.—On Monday of last week a large gathering of postmasters took place here, and a secret meeting was held for the purpose, it is said, of discussing their affairs. As is well known, postmasters are paid by a commission on their receipts; but, we learn, this commission is always reckoned from the receipts of at least two years past, so that the actual salary of a postmaster is based upon the receipts of the office two years ago, which is unjust, and therefore gives them good ground for complaint. No doubt action will be taken to procure a remedy.—*New-Era.*

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

Municipal.—The Council met on 6th March. Members all present. Moved seconded and carried that the pound keepers be same as last year, only Mr. Sharp be appointed in place of Mathew Sheppard. Mr. Hilliard and Mr. John Acheson were heard respecting the motion passed in Council last sitting as to application of fraser for refund of taxes on mill burned down. From the view these gentlemen presented of the case, the mere amount of taxes net being the object but the want of sympathy shown, the Council reconsidered the motion and ordered the taxes to be refunded. John Fraser was appointed pathmaster in room of John Eagleson, resigning through sickness. John Kirkpatrick's time for removing timber offside lines 10 and 11, 1st con. was extended to May of present year. Moved, seconded and carried, that Henry Young be collector of taxes for the present year. Andrew McKee was granted $10, indigence. The following accounts were ordered to be paid: Charles Johnston, refunded $3.19 error in assessment; John Elliott, repairing hill on Bayfield con., $5.50; William Butler, repairing culvert, 16th con., $5; Wm. Wise, culvert 11th con. $4; John Elliott, drawing gravel, 11th con. $8.50. The Council adjourned to meet again on the first Monday in April.

James Patton, Clerk.

A Good Idea.—It is reported that the managers of the G. T. R. intend having a station in Holmesville, as there is no station between Clinton and Goderich.

Incidents.—As a train was passing Holmesville the other day, about 400 feet of pine lumber fell off. It is not long since a barrel of coal oil fell off. A valuable colt belonging to Mr. John R. Holmes, got its leg broke last week.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—Brussels is afflicted with mumps.

—West Wawanosh has a surplus of $155.17 to begin the present year.

—Belgrave is building a new school house, which will cost $700.

—Henderson's Hotel, Bluevale, has been sold to an Ingersoll man for $1200.

—An old resident of Clinton, made his first trip on the railroad a few days ago.

—Mr. A. W. Blackeney, for two years teller in Molson's Bank, Exeter, has been removed to Windsor.

—On the 2nd inst., whilst Mr. John Harris was drawing logs to Bluevale the load tipped and fell upon him breaking one of his legs near the ankle.

—Wroxeter will issue only one shop and two tavern licenses under the new act, at a cost of $100 each.

—At a recent sale of village lots in Brucefield the prices ranged from $60 to $90.

—Clinton merchants are permitted to occupy the sidewalk at a distance of two feet in front of their shops, to display goods on.

—At a meeting of Gaels in Lochalsh, on the 3rd inst., steps were taken to assist in the establishment of a Gaelic chair in the University of Edinburgh.

—Colborne and Clinton councils are to take action towards erecting a bridge over the Maitland near Holmesville.

—Morris Branch spring show has been changed to 14th April, at Blyth.—Hullett Branch show will be held at Clinton, on 18th April.

—The Lucknow curling club has received a medal from the Caledonian club of that place, to be contested for by the members.

—A four year old son of Samuel Carr, Usborne, fell on a stick of wood whilst playing, on the 3rd inst., and destroyed the sight of one of his eyes.

—Thomas Montgomery, whilst chopping on the farm of Wm. Bryan, near Belgrave, on Wednesday, accidentally cut his right foot rather severely.

—A return curling match between the village and country folk at Bluevale, took place on the 4th inst., resulting in favor of the latter by a score of 32 to 21.

—At the auction sale of Mr. J. Baird, of Stanley, which took place on Tuesday of last week, the cows averaged in price $41.50; the heifers, $38.30 and the sheep $19