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Fairbanks' Scales.
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Insolvent Notice—S. Peters.
Strayed Cattle—H. Seegmiller.
Elixir of Phosphates—Dr. Wesler.

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Grand Trunk Railway.

GODERICH STATION

Trains leave as follows,—

Mail	7.00 a. m.
Express	10.00 " "
Mixed	12 30 p. m.
"	3.30 " "

Trains are due as follows,—

Mixed	10.00 " "
Express	2.00 p. m.
Mixed	5.20 " "
Mail	9.45 " "

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, Nov. 5, 1873.

The Situation at Ottawa.

In our last issue we gave a report of the proceedings at the opening of parliament, after which the House adjourned till Monday 27th ult. On re-assembling, the reply to the speech from the Throne was moved by Mr. Witton of Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Baby, a French Lower Canadian member. It is usual to have some of the new members perform this duty, but the Prince Edward Island representatives declined the honour, and the Government were obliged to fall back on two of their old thick and thin supporters. When the second clause of the reply was read as follows,—"We thank Your Excellency for having, in accordance with the intimation given by Your Excellency at the closing of last session, caused Parliament to be summoned at the earliest moment after the receipt of the report of the Commissioners appointed by Your Excellency to enquire into certain matters connected with the Canadian Pacific Railway," Mr. Mackenzie moved to add the following,—"And we have to acquaint Your Excellency that by their course in the investigation of the charges preferred by Mr. Huntington, in his place in this House, and under the facts disclosed in the evidence laid before us, His Excellency's advisers have merited the severe censure of this House." This is simply a vote of want of confidence, the Opposition having determined to join issue with the government at once on the constitutional question which has arisen in connection with the Pacific Railway investigation. Mr. Jas. McDonald of Pictou, in the interest of the government, moved to substitute the following for Mr. Mackenzie's amendment,—"And we desire to assure His Excellency that after consideration of the statements made in the evidence before us, and while we regret the outlay of money by all political parties at Parliamentary elections, and desire the most stringent measures to put an end to the practice, we, at the same time, beg leave to express our continued confidence in His Excellency's advisers, and in their administration of public affairs." Up to the time we write the debate on the above motions has been going on. Messrs. Tupper, Hincks, Jas. McDonald, Baker, Palmer, Kirkpatrick, McDonell, Grant, Wallace, Tilley, Carter, Deville and Oliuet have spoken on behalf of the government and Messrs. Mackenzie, Huntington, Glass, Jas. Young, Wood, Cartwright, Mackay, Cunningham, Joly, Coffin, Laflamme, Burpee, Pickard and Prevost for the Opposition. Several of the latter have hitherto been government supporters but possess too much independence to vote with them in their present iniquities. The speeches of Messrs. Mackenzie, Glass, Huntingdon, Wood and Laflamme were very able, exposing the corruption of the government and their unwarranted course in taking the investigation out of the hands of parliament. We regret that we cannot find space for even a synopsis of them. Mr. Tilley, who is about the most honourable member of the government, made a very weak defense and admitted that they had been guilty of an "indiscretion."

Intense interest is felt throughout the country as to the issue of this debate. It was thought a division would have been taken before this, but as Sir John A. Macdonald, Mr. Blake and several other members have yet to speak, a vote may not be reached for a day or two yet. The Opposition have strong hopes of defeating the government and we earnestly trust their fondest expectations may be realized. The honour of the country is at stake and the result will be eagerly looked for not only throughout the Dominion, but in England, the United States and other countries. In the meantime government supporters are quite despondent and no means are left untried to save the ministry from the disgrace which would attend their defeat. Though there is a rule that when a motion of want of confidence is pending all but the most necessary government business is suspended and no official appointments made till the matter is disposed of, the Government last week made a large number of appointments, thus showing that they feel their uncertain tenure of office, and wish to provide for their friends before they are hurled from the positions they have disgraced.

We earnestly hope and trust that in our next issue we will be able to announce that parliament has vindicated the honour of the country, and driven out the most corrupt Government with which any country was ever cursed. Present appearances lead us to believe that such will be the case.

—On Monday every member of the House of Commons was in his place, with the exception of Louis Riel!

Newfoundland.

A recent letter from the correspondent of the *Globe* in Newfoundland tells of discoveries, which if correct, will revolutionize our ideas of that island and make it the Great Britain of America. The opinion has hitherto prevailed that it is a bleak, rocky island; and the idea is strengthened by the appearance its shores present as seen from passing vessels. The settlements which it contains are principally in the peninsula of Avalon in the south east, and the inhabitants being chiefly engaged in the cod fisheries they know little and care as little about its interior resources. Recent explorations have shown that the island is rich in natural resources, and now the information comes to hand that the St. George's Bay district appears to possess all the advantages required to support a large and prosper ous population. The soil is fertile there is abundance of timber, coal of the best quality is plentiful, as is also salt, the very thing required for curing and preserving the large quantities of codfish which are taken along its shores and which have hitherto formed the chief source of wealth. Gypsum, petroleum, lead and other minerals have also been discovered. Within a few days sail of the coast of Ireland and on the direct route of summer travel between Europe and America and possessed of such natural resources, this island must speedily become the home of a numerous and prosperous people, and we trust its inhabitants will see it to be to their advantage speedily to enter the confederation, will then be rendered complete. A little capital and enterprise is all that is necessary to open up and develop the wonderful natural resources which it appears this province possesses.

—In his speech on Mr. Mackenzie's want of confidence motion at Ottawa Dr. Tupper is reported to have said:—

"He (Dr. Tupper) did not shrink from sharing the responsibility of all that the Premier had done. He lauded Sir John A.'s pure-minded and patriotic conduct in all his actions, and as one who had saved the country from religious strife and anarchy, and had established civil and religious liberty in this country."

Zounds! So according to Dr. Tupper we never had civil and religious liberty in this county till the time of Sir John A. Macdonald!! Rather hard on Robert Baldwin, Sir Francis Hincks and other premiers who preceded him. We think the Doctor would have come nearer the truth had he said that Sir John had "established" a reign of corruption and extravagance, which has gone on from bad to worse till it has culminated in the present disgraceful disclosures, and rendered the name of Canada a by-word and a reproach. Civil and religious liberty forsooth! We have little reason to thank Sir John, or Dr. Tupper either, for them.

The Stokes Trial.

Stokes, the assassin of James Fisk, Junior, of New York, who was found guilty of murder some time ago, but for whom a new trial was obtained, was again brought before the Court last week. He was on this occasion found guilty of manslaughter in the third degree and sentenced to imprisonment in the State prison for four years. It is not all likely he will serve out the full term. His prepossessing appearance and the wealthy friends who secured for him a new trial will probably be the means of having him released in a short time. What a mockery is the administration of justice in the United States when the person who deliberately takes away the life of a fellow creature is thus leniently dealt with. We thank Heaven British justice is not thus administered. Nor were there any palliating circumstances attending Stokes case. Nothing but a miserable sentimentalism, together with the influence of wealth, has saved him from the gallows.

The Late Dr. Candlish

News has reached us of the death of Rev. Robert Candlish, D. D., of Edinburgh. He departed this life on Sunday, 19th October. He was in his 60th year, having been born in 1807. For nearly 40 years he has been one of the most prominent men in Scotland and next to Dr. Chalmers, has done more for the Free Church than any other man. He was one of the leaders in the non-intrusion controversy which culminated in the disruption of 1843. At one time he was about coming to Canada having been appointed by the Colonial Committee to the congregation of Dundas and Ancaster, but before he could get away from Scotland the place was otherwise filled up, and he was soon after appointed to St. George's, Edinburgh. At the time of his death he was Principal of the New College, Edinburgh.

Gross Outrage.

ATTEMPT TO BRIBE A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

On Monday, Mr. Cunningham of Manitoba rose in his place in the house and stated that on Sunday he was visited by Alderman Hewey of Ottawa, who, *on behalf of the Government*, offered him a direct money bribe if he would vote with the government. The would be briber was promptly arrested and brought before the bar of the house but remanded. What is to be thought of a government which resorts to such outrageous means to sustain itself in power.

A False Report:

Some of the Tory papers have started an absurd report, as false as it is malicious, that the South Huron poll books have been tampered with, so as to give Mr. Bishop an apparent majority. They feel so keenly their defeat, and the hope sell to which they were subjected by their premature rejoicings, that they have resorted to this miserable subterfuge to let themselves down easily. The Returning Officer informs us that, taken as a whole, he never saw poll books kept and returned in better order.

Indian Treaty.

Advices from Manitoba state that Governor Morris has succeeded in negotiating a treaty with the Indians for the extinction of their claim to a large tract of country lying between the confines of Manitoba and Lake Superior. There is much good land fit for settlement in the territory so ceded, and there is no question that it is rich in mineral wealth. The treaty was signed at the north west angle of the Lake of the Woods, where the conference took place.

Lord Dufferin.

A rumour was current in Ottawa last week that Lord Dufferin had resigned the Governor Generalship, but it appears to have been without foundation. The alleged cause was the adverse criticisms of the press on the course he has pursued with reference to the Pacific Railway Scandal.

A Reciprocity Treaty.

The National Board of Trade of the United States have just concluded a very successful session at Chicago. The question of a Reciprocity Treaty with the British Provinces came up, and a committee was appointed to take steps towards securing such a treaty. R. Hawley, Esq. of Detroit and Goderich, took a prominent part in advocating the treaty.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

King John of Saxony is dead.

James Gordon Bennett, proprietor of the New York *Herald*, has decided to fit out an Arctic exploring expedition.

The Carlists in Spain are said to be greatly demoralized. A disasterous defeat of their force is reported.

The Vienna Exhibition was closed on Saturday afternoon without any special ceremonies.

It is generally believed that the term of Macmahon's Presidency will be prolonged, and that the immediate hopes of a Monarchy for France have been abandoned. The Deputies of the Right are believed to be in favour of Monarchy, and will advocate the appointment of Prince de Joinville as Lieutenant-General of the Kingdom.

A special despatch from Sicily reports that the volcano of Ætna is in a state of violent erruption. The outbreak is accompanied by fearful earthquakes. Portions of the crater have fallen in, and mines of sulphur, which had been worked for years, and were valued at £300,000, have been destroyed. A later despatch denies the truth of the report.

A London despatch says a private letter from Borneo, dated August 12, says Dr. Livingstone is a prisoner in Central Africa, held by a savage tribe, and is unable to pay the ransom demanded for his release.

The reported marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh to Princess Marie of Russia, will be solemnized according to the forms of the Church of England, and the Dean of Canterbury will go to St. Petersburgh to perform the ceremony.

LOCAL NEWS

Appointment.—Dr. Stanbury, of Bayfield, has been appointed a Coroner for the County of Huron.

A Mistake.—The Sarnia *Canadian* says the Head Master of the Goderich High School has resigned. The *Canadian* is mistaken, it is the Principal of the Public School who has resigned.

Gunpowder Plot.—To day, 5th November, being the anniversary of the gunpowder plot, it will be celebrated by the Orangemen of this town by a dinner at Johnston's Hotel.

Grip.—Our Toronto Contemporary *Grip*, has been publishing some splendid political cartoons lately. Everyone who enjoys a good laugh or a good joke should buy *Grip*.

Personal.—Rev. W. H. Poole, formerly of this town, will preach in the Wesleyan Methodist Church on Sunday next, and will also speak at a tea-meeting on the following evening.

Aid to the Memphis Sufferers.—Huron Lodge No. 62 of Oddfellows of this town have generously granted the sum of $85 in aid of the yellow fever sufferers in Memphis.

Methodist Union.—On Monday evening the Wesleyan Methodist Quarterly Board in this town decided unanimously in favour of union with the New Connection body, the terms of union being approved of in their entirety.

Resigned.—Mr. McDonald, teacher of the second department of the Public School in this town, has resigned his situation, to take effect the end of the year. At a special meeting of the Board the resignation was accepted and the Secretary instructed to advertise for another in the *Globe* and *Mail*.

Public School Appointments.—The School Board on Monday evening, appointed Mr. W. R. Miller of Scarboro, brother of J. R. Miller, School Inspector, Principal of the Goderich School in place of Mr. Cumming, and Mr. E. S. Wilson of Millbrook, teacher of the second department in place of Mr. McDonald.

Presentation.—Mr. Strang, Head Master of the Goderich High School, having taken considerable extra trouble in preparing a number of pupils for passing the late entrance examination, was, on Saturday last, presented by those on whose behalf he had expended so much labour, with a handsome silver salver as a mark of their appreciation of his services.

Loss of a Horse.—We regret to learn that Mr. John Washington of Wawanosh lost a valuable horse worth $200 last week. In the evening the animal was in its usual health, but on going to the stable in the morning it was found to be dead. J. T. Duncan, V. S. of Goderich, made a *post mortem* examination and found the cause of death to be inflammation of the bowels.

Canadian Illustrated News.—Any of our readers who desire to see a good likeness of the notorious Louis Riel, M. P. will find one in the last number of the above journal. It also contains a good portrait of Marshal Bazaine, the French general who is now on trial before a court martial, and several other good illustrations. G. E. Desbarats of Montreal is the publisher.

Last Trip.—The *Manitoba* was advertised to leave Sarnia last night on her last trip to Fort William and Duluth this season. The Sault Ste. Marie canal is to be closed on the 18th inst, so that after that date all traffic to Lake Superior will be suspended for the season. The *City of Montreal* has been withdrawn from the route and the new boat *Ontario* will take her place next spring.

Olive Varcoe.—Our present issue contains the conclusion of this thrilling story, which we are gratified to learn has been received with much acceptance, even by those who have read it before. It has occupied a longer time in publication than we anticipated, but now that it is done we will be able to give our subscribers more variety of reading matter.

Fall Assizes.—The Fall Assizes open here to-day before Judge Hughes of St. Thomas, who takes the place of Mr. Justice Galt, the latter being engaged in conducting the circuit of Mr. Justice Cyrne who has gone to Europe. There is a large amount of civil business to come before the Court. We understand there is but little criminal business which speaks well for this large and populous county. F. Davis, Esq., of Sarnia will conduct the Crown business.

Runaway.—A team of horses with waggon attached, containing a load of carrots, ran away from the market on Saturday, and turning up North Street came in contact with a row of young trees, protected by guards, in front of A. M. Polley's residence. One horse went on each side of the row and several of the trees were knocked down and the guards demolished, when the horses were brought to a stand still without having done much damage.

Wrecks.—The late storms have played havoc with vessels, and reports of marine disasters have reached us from several points. A report is in circulation that fourteen bodies have been washed ashore below Bayfield, but the story is not authenticated and we doubt its truth. A large quantity of lumber and flour have come ashore between here and the Sauble, probably part of the deck loads of vessels caught in the storm.

Protest.—In the name of an indignant public we protest against the practise which prevails, especially on Hamilton Street, of hanging horse-blankets, waggons, boots and other wares over the sidewalk so low as to come in contact with people's heads when passing. Why don't the dealers advertise more and then there wouldn't be the same necessity for sticking their goods in people's faces? These things ought not to to be.

Thanksgiving.—Thursday 6th November, having been appointed by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario a day of general thanksgiving, services will be held in the different churches. In St. Andrew's Church service will begin at half past seven, P. M., and afterwards the Synod's remit on Union with the other Presbyterian bodies of the Dominion will be taken into consideration and voted on. The same matter will be considered by the Smith's Hill branch of the congregation in the afternoon.

Peters' Musical Monthly for November is to hand, and contains its usual amount of fine Songs, Choruses, and Instrumental Piano Music. This work is printed from full-size music plates, and gives every month several Songs, Duets, Choruses, and Piano Pieces, to the amount of at least $4; and yet all the publisher asks is the modest sum of 30 cents per copy. Those fond of Music can save money by sending 30 cents for the November number. Address, J. L. Peters, 699 Broadway, New York.

Queen's College Journal.—This is the name of a new candidate for public support, the first number of which we have received. It is published by the Alma Mater Society of Queen's College, Kingston, and will be devoted to the interests of that institute of learning. It will be the means of keeping up communication between the University and its Alumni, and as such we trust it will meet with a liberal and hearty support. It will be published fortnightly during the academic year of seven months, at the rate of 50 cents. The first number promises well.

The Weather.—During last week a large quantity of rain and snow fell, not a day having passed without one or the other. Our streets are in consequence very muddy, which, owing to the gravelly nature of the soil, does not happen very often. People are beginning to enquire about Indian summer. In the mean time there is quite a demand for firewood, and those who were not provident enough to lay in a supply last winter to hold out till the snow comes, now find it difficult to procure any. As we write the prospect for fine weather is improving.

Hallowe'en.—This time honoured anniversary, the observance of which is going very much out of vogue, came round on Friday last. It was duly kept by the youths of this town by prowling round on mischief bent. Their energies were expended principally in the removal of gates, and many a householder has had cause ever since to lament the loss of that article. In some cases fruit trees have been destroyed by cattle who have found their way into gardens through the removal of gates. It is about time these mischievous pranks which are perpetrated on hallow'een were discontinued.

The Aldine.—We have received the November number of this excellent art journal. Want of space precludes an extended notice of its contents, but we can heartily recommend the *Aldine* to our readers who desire a first class literary and art publication. Its programme for 1874 is very promising. Every subscriber will receive a pair of chromos, the subjects being "The East" and "The West." One is a view in the White Mountains, New Hampshire, the other gives the Cliffs of Green River, Wyoming Territory. The price of the magazine together with the chromos is $5, and for 50 cents extra the pictures will be sent mounted and varnished. James Sutton & Co., 58 Maiden Lane, New York, are the publishers.

Is Wood's Household Magazine for November, the table of contents seems spread for a Thanksgiving feast, and gives evidence that no efforts have been spared that could add to its excellence. "A Sermon on a Skimmer," is not only the leading illustration, but is unique in its quaintness, and originality, but contains sound logic. There are many other interesting articles had we space to mention them. A new feature of the magazine is the introduction of pictures, and the illustration, "Past, Present and Future," here given, is exceedingly pretty. Price of magazine, one dollar per year—with the chromo "Yosemite," one dollar and a half. Address—Wood's Household Magazine, Newburgh, N. Y.

Our Local Contemporary in its last issue works itself into a state of bilious excitement over an article in our last week's paper, enumerating some of the buildings which have been erected in Goderich during the summer. It has two items referring to the same, in one of which it charges the editor of the Signal with having written said account and in the other avers that he did not write it. This is of course on a par with its usual consistency. It matters not to us however whether the *snarler* is satisfied with the article or not so long as our readers are, and we have reason to know that it was appreciated, as showing, more especially to people at a distance, the prosperity, which we trust has permanently set in in our town.

Our New Sheriff.—Saturday's official *Gazette* contains the appointment of R. Gibbons, Esq., to be Sheriff of the County of Huron, in place of the late Sheriff Macdonald. We beg to congratulate Sheriff Gibbons on his appointment, to which he is fairly entitled by his long and unfaltering adherance to the Reform party. When the vacancy occurred and Mr. Gibbons' name was mentioned in connection therewith, it was acknowledged on all hands that he was eminently qualified for the position, and a petition asking for his appointment was signed by nearly all the legal practitioners in the county. We have no doubt Mr. Gibbons will make an efficient and popular officer, and we trust he may be long spared to enjoy the emoluments of the office. During the interregnum the duties of Sheriff have been satisfactorily performed by Deputy Sheriff Currie who, together with the remainder of the staff, will be retained by Sheriff Gibbons.

The Harbour.—The storms of the last week or two have caused great devastation at the harbour and what remains of the old docks, together with the street is rear, is being rapidly washed away. The whole summer has been allowed to pass without anything being done to renew the docks, and the dredged basin is filling up with the bank which is being rapidly destroyed. The town authorities are protecting the bank as far as possible with brush and stones, the expense of which, up to $400, the Government has promised to bear, and the Grand Trunk are driving piles to protect their docks and elevator. The Government engineer has set men to work to open up a channel for the river below the Ridge, but nothing has been done to repair the damage done to the south pier last spring. The Government has been so busy with Pacific Railway matters that our harbour has been neglected and a large loss to the country mourned.

Town Council.

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held on Friday evening last. Present, the Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and Councillors Passmore, Small, Watson, A. Smith, Sloan, W. G. Smith, Campbell and Clifford.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The following documents were received,—

Petition of Mrs. Wilkinson asking for relief. Referred to Relief Committee.

Telegrams from the Mayor regarding works at the harbour.—Filed.

Post Card from G. T. Kingston respecting site for Storm Signal.

Letter from R. Ransford refusing right of way through his lot for continuation of Maitland Road.

Report of Finance Committee, recommending payment of the following accounts,—John Martin, Oil, &c. $3.05; John McVicar, Material and work on scales, $25.52; Buchanan, Lawson & Robinson, lumber, $22.26. Adopted.

Report of Public Works Committee recommending acceptance of Jas. Craig's tender for extension of Main Sewer for the sum of $10.50 per rod. Adopted.

Accounts from Geo. Graham, T. J. Moorhouse and *Star* office. Referred to Finance Committee.

Moved by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Sloan that the extension of the Main Sewer be laid over till next spring. Lost.

Mr. Passmore was added to the committee appointed to inquire into the purchase of a steam fire engine.

Moved by Mr. Small seconded by Mr. Passmore that a by-law be read granting a bonus of $1000 to a summer hotel Co., payable in debentures extending over 10 years. Carried.—

In amendment, moved by Mr. Campbell seconded by Mr. Sloan that a vote of the ratepayers be taken on the grant of $3000 to a summer hotel at the next annual election. Lost.

The Council then adjourned.

Board of Public School Trustees.

The regular monthly meeting of the board was held on Monday evening last. Present — C. Crabb, Chairman and Messrs. Kay, Ferguson, Simmons, Elliott and Pasmore.

Minutes of last regular and special meetings were read and approved.

The Principal's report for October was presented and read shewing the number of names on roll to be 770 with an average attendance of 587, being a very slight variation from last month.

Account from *Star* office, printing and advertising, $6.—Ordered to be paid.

Account from T. J. Moorhouse, stationery, $25 14.—Referred to Contingent Committee.

Letter from Miss Kirkbride.—Filed.

Three applications for the situation of teacher in the second division were received. Moved by Mr. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Simmons, that Mr. E. S. Wilson of Millbrook be appointed.—Carried.

Eighteen applications were received for the position of principal which were read.

Moved by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that W. R. Miller be appointed.—Carried.

The grant for prizes was increased to $40 on account of there being three extra departments this year in the schools.

The Board then adjourned.

Cautionary Storm Signals

The following is the circular relating to the establishing of storm signals to which we recently referred.—

When there is reason to believe that a storm is approaching a storm signal station, or station where there is an agent for publishing storm warnings, a telegram to that effect will be sent from Toronto to the place concerned, where the fact will be indicated by the display of a storm drum, and by posting up one or more notices.

The drum is a cylinder, usually about four feet in diameter, and formed by vertical strips of wood or iron, which are separated by intervals of about two inches. A lantern showing a white light will usually be placed within the drum when it is hoisted at night.

The drum and notices will usually remain up about thirty-six hours, unless ordered down by telegraph, and will remain up longer if a telegram to that effect be sent from Toronto.

The "storm" signalled must, for the present, be understood in a general sense, neither direction nor force being specified. If there be reason for expecting a heavy gale, it will be thus stated in the notice; but the absence of such statement will not show that the storm will not be severe.

If, through faulty transmission, the telegram does not arrive before the commencement of the storm, the time for its occurrence not being expired, the drum will nevertheless be hoisted on receipt of the warning, in order to show that the disturbance is not merely local.

It is to be understood that the drum is simply cautionary, indicating the existance of the storm elsewhere, and that the probability of its reaching the neighborhood of the place warned is sufficient to call for vigilance. Bearing this in mind, it will be seen that the display of the drum is justified if the storm, instead of appearing at the place warned, should pass at a distance fifty miles or more on either side of it.

It must further be remembered that the absence of a warning does not imply immunity from danger. In the case of a storm that has been foreseen, defects in transmission may sometimes interfere with the timely arrival of the warning; besides which, a storm may sometimes approach from quarters where no observing station have yet been established, or in which telegraphic communication has been interrupted.

The following are places which are, or shortly will be supplied with apparatus for hoisting storm drums:—

In Ontario.—Collingwood, Saugeen, Kincardine, Goderich, Port Stanley, Port Dover, Hamilton, Toronto, Port Hope, Cobourg, Kingston.

Quebec.—Montreal, Quebec, Father Point.

New Brunswick.—St. John, St. Andrews, Point du Chene (Shediac), Chatham.

Nova Scotia.—Halifax, Pictou, Yarmouth, Sydney, Cow Bay, Little Glace Bay.

To the above list many other places will be added as soon as practicable.

G. T. Kingston,
Superintendent.

Sudden Death in McKillop.

A WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN BED.

INQUEST BEFORE DR. CAMPBELL OF SEAFORTH, CORONER.

VERDICT OF THE JURY, &c.

From our own Correspondent.

On the morning of the 27th October, information was laid before Dr. Campbell of Seaforth, Coroner, that a woman of the name of McIntosh who has been living with Mr. Archibald McGregor, Sr., of McKillop, was found dead in her bed. The information was accompanied by a written request from Mr. Donald McGregor backed up by Mr. Shannon, Reeve of the Township, that the Coroner should go out and investigate the matter in his own official capacity. Dr. Campbell consequently issued his warrant to Mr. John Lee, Constable, who went out and summoned a jury for five o'clock, P. M. Mr. Shannon, Reeve of McKillop, was foreman of the jury. Four witnesses were examined after which the Coroner made a short address to the jury. After a short time of deliberation the jury returned the verdict "That the deceased, Margaret McIntosh, came to her death from natural causes." We learn that the husband is in a kind of imbecile state through liquor, and also that he takes fits of falling sickness and it was supposed that under the circumstances an investigation was necessary. No marks, however, were found on the body to show that violence of any kind had been used, and the husband had been to no place where poison could be procured. We may add that the Coroner is of opinion that the deceased came to her death from disease of the heart.

[As inquiries are frequently made as to the terms on which the Grand Trunk Railway Co. issues return tickets at reduced rates, we publish the following circular.—Ed. Signal.]

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA.

AUDIT OFFICE.

MONTREAL, June 5th 1873.

Regulations in Reference to the Issue of Reduced Fare Tickets on the Grand Trunk Railway.

No application for reduced fare will be entertained for less than ten persons, nor for single journey tickets.

Applicants must state,—

The Stations from and to which the tickets are to be issued.

The date, and for how long a time they are to be made valid.

The probable number of the party.

And the reason for issuing the tickets at reduced fares.

For all Conventions, Meetings of Associations, Synods, &c., it will be necessary that a certificate should be furnished to each person travelling, to be presented at the ticket office at the commencement of the journey on this line, signed by the officer representing the body on whose behalf the application for reduced fare is made.

No *free return tickets* can be issued, the *double journey ticket* must be obtained at the Grand Trunk Railway Station ticket office from which the party starts, and the reduced *double journey fare paid at that time*, which will be *one-third more than the single first-class fare.*

No reduction in the fare can be made to Circuses, Minstrel or Theatrical Companies, but their baggage will be carried free of charge at owner's risk.

Application for the above concessions is to be made to the undersigned direct, or through the Company's Agents.

T. B. HAWSON,
Assistant Audit.

Seaforth.

The Reeveship.—We learn that Mr. Benson is again in the field for the Reeveship. He runs a good chance of re-election.

Exeter.

Turning the first Sod.—The demonstration which it was intended to hold over the turning of the first sod of the L. H. & B Railway at this place, has been declared "off," and now it is proposed to have a good time when the road is opened, which it is confidently hoped will be some time next summer.

New Teacher.—Mr. Rosebrugh has been appointed teacher in the Public School in this place in place of Mr. Curry, resigned. Mr. Rosebrugh is well recommended and will no doubt fill the position with credit and success.

Turnberry

Saw-Mill Accident.—Mr. William Bolt met with a severe accident on Monday, Oct. 20, at Gemmill's Mills. He was engaged in sawing a slab at the butting saw, and, while doing so, by some mischance, his left hand came into contact with the saw. The saw passed between the second and third fingers cutting them both to the bone, and then sawed through the knuckle of the second finger. His hand is recovering as fast as can be expected, but still, he will not be able to resume work for some time —*Expositor.*

Elimville.

Sudden Death.—On Saturday last, a young man named Routley, about 18 years of age, died very suddenly on the road near Elimville, township of Usborne. He had been working in the village, and was returning to his home in company with three or four others. When on the way, he ran a short distance ahead of his companions, and when they got up to him they noticed that he was staggering, but thought he was only fooling, and passed on and left him. In a few minutes another of the party came along and found him quite dead. He had before been in perfect health. Heart disease is supposed to be the cause of death.—*Expositor.*

McKillop.

Sudden Death.—On Monday morning, Oct. 27, Mrs. John McIntosh, who lived with her husband, at the house of Mr. Archibald McGregor, Sr., Sixth Concession, McKillop, was found dead in bed. The deceased has been in good health up to the time of her sudden death, and was apparently a healthy and hearty woman. It was deemed proper by some of the neighbors that an inquest into the cause of her death should be held, and accordingly Coroner Campbell was requested to prosecute the inquiry. A jury was summoned, of which W. J. Shannon, Reeve of McKillop, was chosen foreman, and an inquest held on the evening of the 27th. After evidence being taken, a verdict of "death from natural causes" was returned. It is the opinion of the Coroner and of those intimate with the deceased that her death was caused by heart disease.—*Expositor.*

Drysdale.

Lake Disaster.—A serious disaster must have occurred on Lake Huron during some of the gales of last week, the real facts of which have not yet been ascertained. On last Saturday, Oct. 25, the beach, for a number of miles, was literally covered with beautiful pine lumber, which has been washed ashore, and which was eagerly fished out by the settlers and drawn to their respective homes. The quantity already taken out is supposed to be not less than 100,000 feet. The lumber is supposed to be the cargo of some unfortunate vessel which foundered in the late storms. A yawl boat and some oars have been picked up, also two large dogs have been found on the beach. Today (Oct. 27) there is a report that several more have been found on the beach, some miles south of Drysdale.—*Expositor.*

Rodgerville.

Presentation.—On Wednesday last, Oct. 29, a committee representing the members and adherents of Warrensville Presbyterian Church (Rev. Mr. Logie's) waited on Mr. James Murray, the treasurer of the congregation, at his residence, and presented him with a handsome watch and chain. Mr. Murray has occupied the position of treasurer for over 20 years, and it was in consideration of his faithful services in this office, as well as a testimonial of the esteem felt by the congregation for him as a man and neighbor, that the presentation was made. The watch is one of Russell's butt make, and, with the chain, is valued at $68. The committee who represented the congregation in making the presentation were William Bell, Nicol Murray and Benjamin Smilley.—*Expositor.*

Wroxeter.

Incendiarism.—A daring attempt was made a day or two ago to set on fire Messrs. Leech's grist mill, Morrie. An entrance had been made up the tail race, and combustible matter ignited somewhere near the smut room. Whether the fire went out, or the perpetrator was seized with a fit of remorse, is not known. The loss would have been most serious if the crime had been carried out.—*Expositor.*

Accident.—A sad accident took place at Fordwich, on the evening of the 22d of October, resulting in the death of one George Anchor. It seem that he was good deal the worse for liquor, and entered the house of Mr. Charles Hooker, who persuaded him to go to bed, but during the night he wandered out, and falling into an empty lime quarry, he broke his neck. He was found next day about 2 o'clock by some workmen. An inquest was held, and a verdict was returned in accordance with the facts. Another victim to intemperance.—*Expositor.*

Clinton.

The Situation at Ottawa is creating a good deal of anxiety here, Conservatives generally professing the stability of the Government, but it may be doubted whether they feel as confident as they profess to, but the vote condemning or sustaining the Ministry will very likely be taken before this appears. The simple defeat or non-defeat is discussed generally without the reference to and discussion of the great crime of which the Ministry are unquestionably guilty. It is a most reprehensible fact as well as showing a deplorable state of political morality, that Conservatives generally and leading Conservatives especially echo the statements and arguments of Conservative journals regardless of what is said, and ignoring entirely the real issue. If the questions were squarely met and fairly discussed with the view of giving to the public a truthful condition of the affairs of state and of enlighting, instead of drawing the public mind, as much as possible, away from the real issue in question, the present state of political degradation would not exist. It is not whether Ministers are fitted to conduct that great interests of the Dominion with honesty and ability, it is not are they men of integrity, capable, sober; but they are in office, and can we keep them there; they control the official patronage of the Dominion and we may get some office or Government advertising or subsidy. Not a word about selling the interests of the country, not a word about sending hundreds of thousands of dollars to buy up the electors, not a word against the proceedings on the 13th August or why a stringent election law was refused before the last Dominion election. No explanations are given why Ministers state that there is only $300,000 to the credit of the Government in the Merchants' Bank bearing no interest, while the Bank statement shows $1,900,000, and the Metropolitan Bank holding $280,000. Sir Hugh Allan is President of the Merchants' Bank and he was promised to be recouped.

Root Crops Competition.

The following is the report of the judges on root crops for the South Riding of Huron Agricultural Society.

Best acre of Swedish turnips, 10 entries, 1st, John Elliott, McKillop, 1,248 bushels per acre; 2d, David Campbell, Tuckersmith, 1,141 bushels per acre; 3d, James Dickson, Tuckersmith, 1,130 bushels per acre.

Best half acre potatoes, one entry, H. M. Chesney, 101 bushels per half acre.

Best quarter acre carrots, three entries, 1st, Richard Manning, Exeter, 363 bushels per quarter acre; 2d, James Dickson, Tuckersmith, 264 bushels per quarter acre; 3d, Dr. Coleman, Seaforth, 224 bushels per quarter acre.

Best quarter acre Mangold Wurtzels, 2 entries, 1st, Richard Manning, Exeter, 418 bushels per quarter acre; 2d, James Dickson, Tuckersmith, 344 bushels per quarter acre.

Best three acres cultivated roots, 8 entries, 1st, Richard Manning, Exeter; 2d, James Dickson, Tuckersmith.

There is no third prize in this class, but we would strongly recommend that Mr. Hugh M. Cheaney, Tuckersmith, receive an extra prize.

We found all the land in an excellent state of cultivation, with the drills for turnips exceedingly uniform in width, being about 2 feet 4 inches apart. For mangolds and carrots the drills were of the same size except those of Mr. Manning, who cultivated both carrots and mangolds very successfully. One of the secrets of his success is that his drills are only about one foot seven inches apart, thereby giving him the advantage of having nearly six drills instead of four. On account of several of the persons exhibiting being absent from home we were unable, in such cases, to ascertain whether the manure had been put on in the fall or spring, and whether put on the land and ploughed down, or put in the drills. But the best crops, to the best of our information, were manured in the spring with from 22 to about 28 loads of manure to the acre, and put in the drills. This season, the best crops were sown, as far as we could ascertain, for turnips from the 10th to about the 15th of June, carrots as early as possible in the spring, and mangolds the same. The most successful variety of turnips sown was Carter's Imperial, which seems, as far as our experience goes, this season to be the most solid, and consequently weighing heaviest, for their size.

James Scott, McKillop,
William Sproat, Tuckersmith,
John McMillan, Hullett.

CORRESPONDENCE.

An Eastern Trip—No. 3.

Unexpectedly receiving word from my employer that I was at liberty to enjoy myself for a while, I determined to visit Toronto with a friend. (Whether Mr. ——— considered this as a compliment to me for my faithful services, or that he meant to imply that I was of so little use that a few days absence made no difference to him, I could never discover.) Arriving at the capital of Ontario just at midnight we put up at the "Bay Horse," so favourably known to the travelling community, and proceeded on the following days to the various sights of the city. This, I would remark in parenthesis, is a very improving occupation if you have the right kind of a companion. And Toronto *does* possess some parties who are capable of making anything interesting they speak about. The Parliament Buildings, the Church, (Punchon's,) R. C. Cathedral, Knox College, Normal School, University, Museum, &c. &c, are some of the sights we enjoyed. But the pleasantest times must have an end, so, requiring my travelling companion (who in the meantime, had been enjoying himself in his own way) we returned to Hamilton Bidding him good-bye (he proceeding to his home on the shores of Lake Erie,) I proceeded to my lodgings, and examining the Great Western time tables, I found that a train left at 9 A. M. for Paris. Mentally congratulating myself that I was in a civilized region where they did not start their trains at 7 in the morning as they do in Goderich, I retired to rest. As I dropped asleep I thought of the comfortable nap I could take in the morning, of the agreeable ride in uncrowded cars (made doubly so by having no one to attend to) of our pleasant welcome home, &c. &c. Alas! for human expectations! "Blessed" says Dean Swift, "is he who expecteth nothing, for he shall not be disappointed."

It may seem very strange to those who are acquainted with me, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that I overslept myself next morning.

Possibly my feelings may be imagined but they certainly cannot be described when, on descending to the dining room, I was coolly informed that the train had been gone half an hour