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AT

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Goderich, Oct. 3rd, 1877.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, NOV. 21, 1877.

Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway.

A large and influential meeting of those interested in the welfare of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway was held in Toronto recently, and the delegates present were men of influence, comprising a large number of Reeves and Deputy-Reeves of municipalities along the route of the railway. The subject which occupied the attention of the meeting was, with reference to the gauge of the railway, and it was unanimously resolved to reconstruct the road as a broad gauge line with steel rails. In order to raise the "needful," it was resolved that a series of meetings be held to solicit further aid from the municipalities interested, the amount expected from this source being $600,000. A committee was also appointed to wait upon the Ontario Government, to endervor to secure a subsidy for this purpose.

This project, which we mooted some time ago, is now therefore fully under way, and so far as the municipalities are concerned the representation at the meeting indicated that they would be ready to bear their share in the work. When the matter is brought before Government, we may expect some hot discussion. The result of a similar appeal at last session, reminds us that there is a strong influence against the road—although the fact that the Toronto, Grey and Bruce will have a better and more worthy scheme to lay before the House, and that it is not pitted against the Credit Valley railway scheme in its appeal for monetary favors, will favorably affect its petition. The ground of appeal for a further portion of the Railway Subsidy Fund is quite tenable, and between now and the assembling of the House some of the municipalities may give such evidence of their earnestness in the matter as will completely win over the few members who doubt the prolonged existence of the road.

Since the promoters of the scheme have taken these steps, our cotemporaries to the north have been busy discussing the continuation of the road to one of the lake ports. The people of Goderich and municipalities intervening between here and Wingham have now something more tangible in this matter to claim their attention. If the scheme of broadening the gauge is effected, it would be a fatal error on the part of Goderich to make no effort to secure the termination of the road here. Should it be secured by Kincardine or some other port to the north of us, it will be to the injury of our prospects. We have already pointed out how the road is likely to be a through *Canadian* line, with its eastern terminus at Halifax. The friends of the scheme in Ashfield, East and West Wawanosh and Colborne we hope are taking note of all that is being done, and we hope that they, as well as the people of Goderich, will hold themselves in readiness to aid the continuation of the broad gauge road to this town.

DR. TUPPER has striven by very unfair means to show that the present Government is greatly increasing the country's expenditures since gaining power. This he attempts to show by comparisons of figures, but these when closely investigated, as by Mr. Cartwright at Napanee, show very favorably for the present Government. To dis prove the Dr's statements, and by the fairest means, Mr. Cartwright compared the actual expenses of the late Government in 1872-3 with the estimates—which are usually greater than the expenditure—of the present Government, and the showing was respectively thus: $19,174,647 and $23,128,000. The difference between the two years is thus $3,953,353, but included in the estimates for the last date are items amounting in the aggregate to $5,250,000, which were imposed upon the country by the Macdonald Government. These items swell the annual expenditure greatly, but they constitute the burden which the Macdonald *regime* left its successors to bear. They may be fairly deducted from the figures for the present fiscal year, as did Mr. Cartwright, to show how the two Government's stand relatively as regards their expenditures, and the comparison is as follows: For 1872-3, $19,174,647; for 1877-8, $17,878,000, the result being $1,296,647 in favor of the Mackenzie Government. Dr. Tupper insisted on a comparison of these two years by Mr. Cartwright, as the fairest test, and the result will be very ungratifying to him. Mr. Blake's reference to the accounts for cab hire, explains in one particular how the lavish and elegant manners of the late Ministry, swelled the expenditures in their days. In 1873 Sir John expended, in his capacity as Minister of Justice, $1,035.70, while Mr. Blake in 1876, in connection with the same office, only expended $14.80 for the same purpose. And Mr. Blake assuredly performed the duties of his office more satisfactorily and creditably than did Sir John. "Comparisons are odious," it is said; and since the Tory orators originated the system of thus comparing their doings with those of their opponents, they have been led to conclude that so far as they are concerned the adage is very correct.

DISSATISFIED with the result of the equalization of assessment in Oxford this year, the corporation of Woodstock took steps to relieve itself from an injustice which it deemed was done the town in raising its equalized rate too high and disproportionate with the rate fixed in country municipalities. The case was carried through the local court, and last week the case was finally decided by Justice Wilson, quashing the by-law passed by the County Council confirming the equalization. The counsel on behalf of Woodstock set up the plea that the assessment rolls of this year were used in the work of equalization, instead of the equalized assessment rolls of 1876. On this ground the action of the council was quashed. Of course the question of unfairness to the towns in the equalization was not discussed, but it is likely the people of Woodstock will seek an answer to this more important, to them, question, and the result will be of considerable interest to other towns and villages.

THE people of France are in great turmoil over political affairs, and a well informed newspaper correspondent predicts that a civil war is a matter for development in the course of a few weeks. So sweeping a result in favor of Republicanism as was produced by the recent election was hardly anticipated, but it has driven the opposing political parties—Bonapartists, Clericals, &c.—into temporary unity, and President MacMahon has fairly committed himself into their hands. His threats towards the Republicans, his defiance of the successful party and the hint to "submit or resign" emanated from a source either purely, or closely allied to, monarchism, and might have been admirable in the times of the powerful Bonapartes but is galling to the spirit of Republicanism which now prevails. With their usual hotness and vindictiveness it will not be a cause for wonder if a civil war should suddenly break out.

AT THE last meeting of the Toronto Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, Rev. Mr. Macdonnel gave notice of an overture to the General Assembly, with the purpose of arranging for the compilation of a hymn book for general use in the churches. Already three different kinds of hymn books are used by different congregations, and with the idea of securing uniformity no doubt this proposition is made. In the majority of the churches, however, the worshippers hold rigidly to the old psalm books, and many would look upon hymn books as an intolerable innovation.—Trouble is to be anticipated, therefore, when this proposition is brought forward, but we may expect that the proposition will be adopted in a way to meet the wishes of all. As a compromise between the liberality of some members of the church and rigid upholders of the old church polity, doubtless, a hymn book will be compiled which *may* be used in congregations which desire to use them.

CHIEF JUSTICE HARRISON has decided that the defendant, in a case of contravention of the Liquor Act cannot be put in the witness box to give evidence of the truth or falsity of the charge against him. In the Ontario Act provision was made to this effect under the provisions of the British North America Act, which gives Local Legislatures power to enact certain criminal laws relative to the enforcement of laws properly passed by them on matters within their own jurisdiction. It is further provided in this Act, however, that no such enactments shall interfere with the general form of criminal procedure. On this ground the conviction of a party on his own evidence was quashed, and in this respect the Ontario Act is without effect. The opinion of a superior court may decide differently, and doubtless at next session this flaw will be mended.

Thanksgiving Day.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

To morrow (Thursday) being the day set apart by the Governor-General, for special and general thanksgiving throughout the Dominion for the bountiful harvests, business in town will be suspended. Within the last few years the observance of this day has been very irregular in its character, but the interest in it has been increased, and this year's more extended observance will be characterized by greater interest and heartiness It should be one of the memorable public holidays of the year, and the present will of the people tends to make it so.

The various services and entertainments for the day and evening are as follows:—

KNOX CHURCH,

Service at 11 a. m., by Rev. J. Sieveright. Collection in aid of poor of congregation. Dr. Ure will preach in Clinton in the morning.

SMITH'S HILL.

Service at 3 p. m., by Rev. J. Sieveright.

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

Dr. Ure will hold service in the Presbyterian church at 7 p. m.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH,

Services at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. C. H. Channer.

NORTH ST. METHODIST CHURCH.

Service at 11 a. m., by Rev. James Preston. A Thanksgiving Supper and entertainment, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid will be given in the evening. For particulars see advertisement.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Sermons at 11 a. m., and 7.30 p. m., by Rev. Jas. Kennedy, of Maitland circuit and the pastor, O. G. Collamere. Contributions, on behalf of the missions of the church, at each service.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

The entertainment at the temperance hall in the evening promises to be very interesting. Do not fail to attend.—Admission, 10 cents.

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT.—On Friday evening, 30th Nov., an entertainment will be given by the scholars of No. 6 school. An excellent programme of readings, recitations and music has been arranged for the occasion. An admission fee of 15 cents will be charged, the proceeds being intended to procure prizes for the Christmas examination. We hope there will be a large attendance.

COUNCIL MEETING.—Council met at Holmesville, on the 5th inst., pursuant to adjournment; members all present except Mr. Davidson. Moved, seconded and carried, that the municipal nominations be held at the house of Edward Kelly, Holmesville. The following are the places in the several subdivisions where the elections will be held in case of a poll:—No. 1 S. D., Orange Hall, 4th con.; No. 2, Orange Hall, 8th con., near R. R.; No. 3, house of Thos. Harrison; No. 4, house of Wm. Herbison, near Loft's corners; No. 5, house of Herbert Elford, Holmesville. Returning officers as follows, viz: No. 1 S. D., Robt. Elliott, lot 15, 4th con.; No. 2, Geo. Sturdy; No. 3, Thos. Harrison; No. 4, Wm. Herbison; No. 5, Herbert Elford. The following accts were paid, viz: *Star* office, printing, $50; Nixon Sturdy, hauling plank and repairing culvert, $4; Jas. Cox, jr., digging ditch and repairing two culverts on 6th con., $6; Wm. Edwards and others, balance on Wilson's hill, $10; Robt. Russell, repairing culvert on 6th con., $1; Henry Cook, gravelling on Bayfield Concession, $5; Wm. Henry Steep, work on S. R, lots 40, 41, 9th con., $3.50; Jas. Steep, culvert 9th con., $1; Jas. Watkins, bridge 16th con., S. L., and culvert on S. L. between B L. and 16th con., also hand railing on bridge, $48; Jas. Rowden, repairing bridge on 4th con., $4.50; John Ross, gravel, $15.20; John Calbeck, 8½ rods lumber fence and repairing pound, $26.47; Wm. Leithwait, two culverts, cutting hill and gravelling on M. C., $38. The Council adjourned to meet again on the first Monday in December.—JAMES PATTON, Clerk.

In Ottawa, on Saturday, a young man named Grant, in the employ of Mr. H. B D. Bruce, had his arm badly cut by falling on a number of broken bottles, which were in an upright position. The cut was several inches in length and very deep.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

COUNTY COUNCIL.—The next meeting of this body will take place on Tuesday, 4th Dec. next.

PER LIVERPOOL.—Mr. Wm. Seymour last week shipped 25 bbls of fine apples to Liverpool.

LUMBER.—For last week the shipments were 10 cars by Secord, Cozens & Co., and 3 cars by Williams & Murray.

COAL.—Mr. Seymour last week received 310 tons hard coal from Cleveland per schr. Ontario. Mr. Stitt shipped one car of pea coal.

A LARGE stock of Sabbath School Libraries, reward cards, Bible texts, &c, &c., just opened out and selling at lowest prices, at Moorhouse's.

GAOL SUPPLIES.—Tenders are to be taken for supplying the gaol with beef, bread, oatmeal and potatoes for the coming year. See adv.

FISH.—The receipts from the Fishing Islands last week were 430 pkgs. by Wm. Stitt, and 225 by Wm. Lee. The shipments amounted to 68 pkgs, by the former.

A FAILURE.—Mr. N. Cadieux, M. D., did not arrive here on Thursday, as appointed, having been called to Hamilton. A good many were disappointed, who had turned out to hear his lecture.

PURE GRAPE WINE.—Mr. D. Swift has manufactured a quantity of wine from grapes brought there during the summer, from the vicinity of Lake Erie. The wine is free from alcohol and is perfectly pure. See adv.

WRIST INJURED.—Mr. John Robinson, while out driving with a lady friend, Sunday before last, had one of the bones of his wrist broken by the upsetting of the buggy in turning a corner. The lady escaped injury. Dr. Taylor set the fracture.

SALT SHIPMENTS.—Business in this line has taken a spurt. Wm. Campbell was yesterday completing a shipment of 2,500 bbls.; International Co. shipped 500 tons by schr. M. C. Cameron for Chicago, and the smaller lots sum up to 175 bbls.

CHEAP GOODS.—Messrs. Mitchell & Swanson advertise great bargains in groceries, crockery, glassware, woodenware, &c. They have some very pretty china and granite ware tea setts, offering at low prices. Read their announcement in another column.

WHEAT SHIPPED.—Last week Mr. S. Sloan shipped five cars of wheat—2,000 bushels—eastward; also 4,000 bushels of peas. Wm. Seymour shipped 2,000 bushels fall wheat, 2,000 bushels peas by cars and 15331 bushels barley to Toledo by schr. Nemesis This boat has gone to Bayfield to finish her cargo.

STILL FAST, — By last news from Christian Island we learn that the schr. Tecumseh, of Goderich, which stranded there recently, is still fast. The barge Mary Robertson, on Thursday last, endeavored to pull her off but could not budge her. She is considered to be safe, as she has not suffered any injury so far, and Mr. Tolsma thinks he can winter her there with safety.

HARBOR MILLS.—The shipments last week were 500 bbls. and 2,060 bags flour, 208 bags shorts, 137 bags screenings and 90 bags oats. A large quantity of wheat was received as follows: Schr. Niagara, 15,000 bushels; barge Gibraltar, 17,313; prop. Lincoln, 15,780; barge Lisgar, 20,102; prop. Sovereign, 10,000 from Manitoba; schr. Kolfage, 5,000 from Bayfield.

PERSONAL.—Rev. Mr. Frazer, formerly stationed at Montreal as army chaplain, but now engaged in filling vacant pulpits, preached morning and evening last Sabbath in Knox church. He was first appointed chaplain to the corps of Gen. Fenwick Williams, the "hero of Kars" and subsequently Lieut. Governor of New Brunswick, when stationed in Montreal.

—We see by telegram from Ottawa that Mr. Goward, formerly U. S. Commercial Agent at this place, has taken charge of his new office in that city, succeeding to the position formerly occupied by the American Consul. The telegram says:—"Mr. Goward is appointed as 'Commercial Agent' of the United States, and besides discharging his regular Consular duties, he will procure statistical information regarding the trade of the Dominion for his Government."

MANHATTAN SHAFT.—Work is going on vigorously at the shaft, and the damage sustained by the recent accident has been repaired. The new derrick over the shaft, built of square timber, is in course of construction. Last week the prop. Berlochy brought from Cleveland 160 tons of tubing intended for the shaft, and has 140 tons more to bring. Another lot of tubing and an immense cast iron cone drum also arrived by rail from Philadelphia, and five more cars of iron work are yet to arrive. Mr. Attrill made a visit to town last week and remained a few days.

A TREAT IN STORE.—The ladies of St. George's Church are arranging for a repetition of the pleasing entertainments which they furnished for the public last winter. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 27th and 29th inst., entertainments will be given in the Oddfellows' Hall, the programme for the first evening consisting of the pantomimes of "Cinderilla" and "Bluebeard," several historical tableaux and concluding with a laughable representation of Mrs. Jarley's Waxwork. A new programme will be presented on Thursday evening, excepting that the two pantomimes above will be repeated. Admission 25 cents, reserved seats 50 cents.

NARROW ESCAPE.—On Monday forenoon Mr. David Reid had a narrow escape from death. He was assisting to take some bags of grass seed out of the hold of the schr. M. C. Cameron, and while standing at the hatchway to steady the bags as they came up, the tackling broke when a number of bags were suspended over the deck, and these fell striking Mr. Reid on the back. He was thrown to the deck with great violence, the bags of seed on top of him. The bags were quickly removed, and Mr. Reid was assisted to his feet. Strange to say he was not seriously hurt, though his back was black and blue from the force of the blow.

HARPERS' MONTHLY.—The December number is beautifully illustrated, opening with Milton's hymn on "The Nativity" made very expressive by several fine engravings. Then follows a Christmas story of fine promise, entitled "Many Leaves and Few Grapes." Longfellow's poem "Keramos" is a fine and remarkable production, making from the varied work of the potter a truthful sketch of human life. "Metropolitan Newspapers" gives an insight into the inner workings of the newspaper establishments of New York, and is a very interesting illustrated sketch. "Elizabeth and later English Furniture" is well illustrated, and highly entertaining. The other contents are rich and varied.

COMPLIMENTARY SUPPER.—On Monday evening last Ross Rumball, who is leaving town for Australia, was entertained at supper in Vivian's restaurant by his friends. Some thirty young men sat down to an excellent repast. When the tables were cleared, the chairman, James Trainer,—W. E. Macara acted as Vice chairman — proposed the usual patriotic toasts, after which he gave the health of the guest of the evening in a few complimentary words. Mr. Rumball replied in appropriate terms, and Alex. Saunders sang "Good Old Friends." Other toasts followed: the "Legal Profession," responded to by W. Smaill, A. McKay, L Dancy, W. Proudfoot and W. Macara; "The Press," by O. F. Carey of the *Star* and B. Trainer of the *Signal*; "Mercantile Interests," by T. W. Savage, J. Wilson and Geo. Rhynas; "Lumber Interests," by J. Hamilton, C Addison, W. Gooding and W. Sale; "The Post-office Department," by D. McKay and A. McKay. Excellent songs were sung by J. S. Trainer, E C. Belcher and S McIntosh and the evening passed off very pleasantly. The gathering broke up about 11 o'clock.

REMEMBER the Oddfellows' ball and supper to-night.

I am ready for the battle,
I am eager for the fray—
Longing for next Saturday.
Come on Macduff!

J. C. CURRIE, Auctioneer.

ELDORADO SPRING WHEAT.—By advertisement our farmer friends will see that Mr. C. Strauble is taking orders for this new and very productive grain. The samples we have seen are very good, and were grown in West Zorra. Its qualities have been fully tested and with very satisfactory results.

CURRIE'S AUCTION MART.—Another bottle imminent. A great sale on Saturday next, commencing at 1 p. m., sharp. No postponement on account of the weather. See bills distributed all over town and country.—J. C. CURRIE, Auctioneer.

TEA MEETINGS.—The annual tea meeting in connection with Knox Church Sabbath School will be held on the evening of Tuesday, 18th Dec. Addresses will be delivered by Revs. J. C. Smith of Guelph, and J. B Mullan of Fergus. On the Sabbath previous the latter gentleman will preach sermons specially in the interest of Sabbath Schools. On the 17th December, a tea meeting will be held in the Goderich Township church.

Legal Notes.

THE JAIL.—Sixteen prisoners are now confined in this institution.

PERJURY. — William Tackaberry was tried before Messrs. Finlay, Crabb and Pollock on Tuesday of last week, on a charge of perjury in his testimony in the famous "saddle case." Mr. A. M. Polley laid the information. Defendant was committed for trial, but bail was accepted and found for his appearance.

BADLY DRUNK.—On Tuesday even Constable Yule found John Brant a shoemaker, from Kincardine lying on the square in a helpless state of intoxication, and, borrowing a wheelbarrow, carried him off to the lockup. After sobering off, he was taken to jail, where he spent the night, and on Friday the Mayor fined him $1 giving him two hours to raise the stamps. At the end of two hours, the fellow was in "pastures new."

SWINDLING.— Last week Robert Toombs and Benjamin Stafford were arrested in Seaforth by constable Angus of Brussels, for putting up a job on the hostler of Mannell's hotel in the latter place. Stafford bet the hostler $10 that he could not open a tobacco box owned by him (Stafford) in a given time. The money was placed in Toombs' hands. The hostler alleged that they did not allow him the specified time to open the box, but went off with the money. A compromise was effected.

INTERIM COURT.—JAS. Jones was brought before Judge Toms on Friday, charged, as already mentioned, with obtaining $32 from Robert John Pollock of Blyth on a promissory note for $64 said to be made by Roland Jenkins, senr., of Goderich Tp., who repudiated the note. He pleaded guilty, and was was remanded until yesterday, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the Central Prison.

—Thos. Noon, on the same day appeared before Judge Squier, having been found guilty of larceny. He was sentenced to one week's imprisonment, having already been about two weeks in jail. Voluminous evidence of the prisoner's previous good character was presented, and it was apparent that whiskey had been the cause of his trouble.

—John Sullivan, of Exeter, was also brought before Judge Toms, on the charge of breaking into the Great Western freight house at Exeter. One Boyle, an accomplice, who has been brought from St. Catharines, gave Queen's evidence which being substantiated by circumstantial evidence proved the prisoner's guilt. Boyle confessed that he and Sullivan had entered the freight house together, and told how some of the articles had been disposed, and of his escape to St. Catharines. Mr. E. Campion appeared for prisoner, who was remanded until Monday.

CONCEALMENT OF BIRTH.—Last week one Jane Radford, of Ashfield, was committed to jail to await trial on the above charge. A hearing of the case took place on Saturday before C. Crabb, Esq., when one James Smith appeared as an accomplice. Both were admitted to bail, and again appeared on Tuesday, when the girl was committed for trial and Smith was discharged. The girl is now out on bail. One Robt. Smith laid the information. He it appears formerly kept company with Miss Radford, but their intimacy ceased some time last winter. Ugly stories got round about Smith and his relationship with the girl, and to clear himself from unjust imputations he induced her to make an affidavit before Chas. Girvin, Esq., clearing him from the allegations of improper intimacy with her. The birth is said to have occurred in February, the only evidence of the fact being the girl's admission to a lady with whom she was employed. This admission is very indefinite, but the charge will be more fully heard at next assizes.

Dr. T. T. Coleman, Seaforth.

The Toronto *World* last week published an excellent portrait of this gentleman, and gives the following sketch of his life:

Was born in the County Kerry, Ireland, in 1827, and received the benefit of a liberal education. Not satisfied with home prospects he, in 1849, emigrated to the United States, first settling in Le Roy, N. Y., where for nearly two years he filled the position of teacher. In the latter part of 1851 he removed to Toronto and entered himself as a student in the Medical Department of the University. After a time he again served as a teacher, conducting schools in townships of York and Scarboro'. After two years more experience at the desk he removed to Ann Arbor, Mich., and there renewed in earnest his medical studies. He took his degree in 1857 and immediately returned to Toronto, passed a second examination, and at once commenced practice at Harpurhey, near Seaforth, in the County of Huron.

The doctor has remained in this locality ever since, and is one of the most widely known residents of that section of the Province. In addition to his professional duties he has engaged himself very extensively in the salt business, the firm of Coleman & Gowanlock ranking as one of the representative ones in that branch of industry.

The doctor is a thoroughbred Irishman, full of life and vigor, generously social in his habits and personally popular with all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. He is one of the live men of the Huron district, keen, energetic, and full of enterprise. In 1867 Seaforth was first incorporated, and as a compliment to the ability and public spiritedness of the subject of this sketch he was elected Reeve, and he now occupies the position of Mayor of the town. The doctor is also Colonel in the volunteer militia force. His present position has been gained by the sheer force of energy and steady application, and when we remember that he is in the very prime of life, his many friends and admirers have just reason to expect that he will yet fill a still more representative position in the Huron district.

NILE.

PERSONAL.—Mr. J. Patterson has been engaged for the Nile school for next year.

IMPROVEMENT.—Mr. J. McWhiney is putting up a house on the lot purchased from Mr. Rice.

HOUSE BURNED.—Mr. Wm. McGrattan, Ashfield, had his house and nearly all its contents destroyed by fire about 10 o'clock on Friday evening last. The origin of the fire must have been from defective chimney or stove pipe. The building was partly insured.

The Guelph *Herald* has a handsome three story building of its own now, and is putting on immense airs.

London merchants are petitioning for an allowance of a certain space on the sidewalk for displaying goods.

CLINTON.

GRANGED HANDS.—Mr. L. Kennedy, of the Bayfield con., has sold his place, consisting of ten acres, with small house thereon, to Mr. John Plewes, of the same con., for the sum of $1,000, a very good figure indeed.

RUNAWAY.—On Saturday morning a team of horses belonging to Mr. Peter Aikenhead, London Road, were tied to a post on Huron Street, when they broke away, and wheeling round, dashed madly down the street. At Tipling's shop a buggy belonging to Mr. Robert Marshall was standing outside and into this they ran, smashing it badly, one of the shafts breaking and piercing the side of one of the horses, inflicting a fresh wound.

TEACHER'S MEETING.—The last meeting of the Huron Teachers' Association was not so large as usual. Mr. McFaul, President, occupied the chair. On the first day (9th), Mr. Hicks gave an account of the Provincial Association meeting, after which Mr. W. Ross addressed the gathering on topics relative to their profession. In the evening the same gentleman gave an excellent address on educational topics, in the Town Hall, to a fair audience. On Saturday general business was discussed, and then Mr. Turnbull gave an admirable address on the first class grammar paper. Messrs. J. R. Miller, Dowar and Strang were present and took part in the discussions. The following resolution was adopted on the second day: Moved by Mr. S. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Sellars, that this association express their hearty approval of the introduction into our educational system of County Model Schools, for the purpose of training, and that the several Boards of Trustees who have so readily accepted the selections made by the Minister of Education are entitled to the thanks of teachers, and more especially of young teachers, beginning their professional career.—*New Era.*

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—Thanksgiving to-morrow.

—May your turkey be a big one.

—Read up some work on turkey and goose carving to-night.

—A. J. Hollins, of Centralia, is about removing to Arkansas to take up land.

—Mr. P. Botz lot 4, con. 11, has two turnips which weighed 39½ lbs.

—Mr. F. Rumball, late of Bayfield is about to erect a saw mill at Brucefield.

—An effort is being made to have regular cattle fairs in Brussels.

—R. Adams, of Londesboro, is buying [illegible] for the American market.

—St. Marys Chess Club has challenged the Detroit players to a series of games.

—The Seaforth Dramatic Club has been reorganized.

—The Seaforth street lamps cost the town $115.65.

—We learn that steps are being taken to secure a High School for Seaforth.

—A new brick church is to be erected by the Egmondville Presbyterian congregation.

—Mrs. Wilkie, of Exeter, while walking a few days ago slipped and fell, breaking her leg.

—Mr. Wm. Fulton, 16th con., Grey, is visiting the scenes of his boyhood in Ayrshire, Scotland.

—Messrs. John Zimmer, Lewis Framer and Gottleib Poppie left last week for Wisconsin, to take up land.

—Mr. Joseph Carter has bought Ransford's old stave and shingle factory at Blyth.

—John Neelands and Thomas Gregory were elected to fill the vacancies in the Wingham School Board.

—Last Sunday the Clinton volunteers had church parade, attending St. Paul's church.

—The stock and implements on Mr. Jas. Forsyth's farm, Tuckersmith, were last week sold by auction for $1,650.

—The Blyth *Review* offers a $10 reward for the name of a party who sent it a bogus marriage announcement.

—Several Winghamites who went to California last spring to better their condition have returned, satisfied that they can do better here.

—Mr. Geo. McKenzie, of Wingham, has let his tannery to Messrs. Brennan & Co., of London. Mr. Geo. Green is erecting another tannery in the village.

—The Town Council of Listowel have decided not to employ a collector this year. Each ratepayer has to pay his taxes at the Clerk's office.

—A 15 year old boy named Keef, got a bruise in Exeter a few days ago, that he had to be taken home in a wheelbarrow.

—Mr. P. Fox has sold his farm of 50 acres in Grey con., Hullett, to Mr. [illegible] for something over $[illegible]

—A [illegible] was left out all night in the Clinton city goods shed and was found in the morning [illegible]

—[illegible] has been awarded the [illegible] school weigh scales, his [illegible] brought only $[illegible]

—Mr. [illegible] of the London [illegible] of Goderich [illegible] been engaged as teacher in Goderich township.

—[illegible] institute is about [illegible] to the value of [illegible] in arithmetic, book keeping, drawing, &c., will be started next month.

—A few days ago a burglar was seen in the act of entering the house of W. H. Verity, Exeter, by way of a window in the second story. Discovering that he was seen, the rascal made good his escape.

—[illegible] inst., a lad named [illegible] had his thigh broken above Mr. Cameron's [illegible] accounts gave way, [illegible]

—[illegible], Carlstedder, and John Moffat, of Exeter, left there hurriedly last week, expecting trouble through close intimacy with two young women of the town. So says the *Times*.

—The Brussels Reform Association has elected the following officers for the new term: J. Ballantyne, President; T. Fletcher, Vice President; F. S. Scott, Secy-Treasurer; A. J. MacDill, and J. R. Grant, Auditors.

—[illegible] ago a young man in Clinton paid his daughter, of a respectable farmer in the vicinity of the town, who had formed a warm attachment against the wish of the latter's father, came secretly to Goderich and were married. Returning home matters went on as usual for a time, but the affair leaking out the daughter left suddenly and joined her husband. The parent is very indignant.

—Says the *New Era*: On Monday Mr. A. Jones, of Stanley, caused quite a sensation in a horse market in town, by exhibiting a trotting stallion Sorrel Cloud, which he has just purchased from Mr. Dimond, of Port Rowan, on Lake Erie. It is a beautiful golden chestnut, well built, and competent judges pronounce it the finest gaited stallion in the Province. It has taken several prizes, and Mr. Jones will doubtless be amply repaid for his investment. As this is a breed now much in demand in England, stock raisers are likely to go more into the raising of speed roadsters than formerly.

—A [illegible] meeting of Huron Presbytery [illegible] on the 13th inst., the following business was transacted: The [illegible] of Manchester and Smith's [illegible] were invited to form one [illegible] promising to pay an annual [illegible] $850 with a manse, Mr. [illegible] was appointed moderator of session [illegible] Hullett and Londesboro were [illegible] for a pastoral charge Mr. McL[illegible] was appointed moderator of session [illegible] was appointed to organize [illegible] at Chin Burn [illegible] Steps were taken [illegible] the 22nd of December [illegible] appointments [illegible] Bethany, Manchester and Smith's Hill, Londesboro and Hullett, Clinton, Egmondville, and Belgrave. Some other matters were attended to after which the meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held in Blyth in January.

—At the Dow is and North Kinloss ploughing match, at Kintarville, recently, the following prizes were taken by Huron men: First class—1st Douglas Hanna, Brussels, winning a milky horse rake valued at $32; 3d J. Marquis, Goderich Tp., $10. Second class—1st P. McDougall, Goderich Tp, horse rake valued at $32; 3d Wm. McKertcher, Wroxeter, $10; 5th Thos. Forsyth, Brussels, $5.

ASHFIELD.

COUNCIL MEETING.—Council met at Martin's Hotel, Dungannon, on 12th inst., all members being present.—Widow McKay was exempted from taxation, being indigent, and $20 was granted for the relief of Rory Munro. Officers and polling places for the next municipal election were appointed as follows:—Sub-div. No. 1, at school house No. 6, J. Whitty returning officer; No. 2, at school house No. 9, R. McGrory; No. 3, at school house No. 7, Wm. T. Gardner; No. 4, at school house No. 2, Maurice Dalton, jr.; No. 5, at school house No. 12, John McLennan. Several accounts were ordered to be paid. Geo. Hawkins presented an account for attendance on R. Munro, which the Council refused to pay. Council adjourned to meet again in Black's Hall, Dungannon, on third Monday in December.

"Materialization."

A MEDIUM THAT GIVES OUT SPIRIT-FORMS AND SUCKS THEM IN AGAIN.

The *Medium and Daybreak*, of London, gives an account of a seance which the Rev. Thomas Cooley and others have had with the celebrated Dr. Monck, The account relates:

"I have just witnessed the most marvelous materialization phenomenon I have ever heard of or can conceive. About half-past six o'clock this evening Dr. Donald Kennedy, of Boston, with Dr. Monck, called upon me to accompany them to a hastily-improvised sitting at the house of a friend near London.

After some slate writing and other tests, having half an hour still to spare, the two ladies of the house joined us, and we sat for materialization. The back room, divided from the front by folding doors (one shut and a curtain partly covering the other), formed the cabinet, which was little needed; for Dr. Monck, under control of 'Samuel,' was by the light of the lamp—the writer not being a yard away from him—seen by all to be the living gate for the

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for the realm of mind into this world of matter; for standing forth thus plainly before us, the psychic or spirit-form was seen to grow out of his left side. First several faces, one after another, of great beauty appeared, and in amazement we saw most plainly, several times, a perfect face and form of exquisite womanhood partially issue from Dr. Monck about the region of the heart. Then, after several attempts, a full formed figure, in a nebulous condition at first, but growing solider as it issued from the medium—left Dr. Monck and stood, a separate individuality, two or three feet off, bound to him by a slender attachment as of gossamer, which, at my request, 'Samuel,' in control, severed with the medium's left hand; and there stood embodied a spirit form of unutterable loveliness, robed in attire spirit spun, a meshy web-work from no mortal loom, of a fleecines inimitable, and of transfiguration whiteness truly glistening.

"But Dr. Kennedy was now invited to draw equally near me and realize closely with me the marvel of the separate identity of the spirit form from the medium, and as we stood looking with all our soul upon the mighty fact of spirit birth from mortal man, Dr. Monck still entranced, placed the lonely visitant from the inner world between us, and affording it the support each of an arm, we advanced with our

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some steps further into the room. Meanwhile, holding the hand of the spirit arm that rested on mine. I felt the wrist, palm, fingers and finger nails. It was in every respect a living hand, answering to my touch, yielding to pressure, having natural weight and substance, and all things pertaining to humanity; but it was damp and stone cold, and the thought passed through my mind, how, like steam, first invisible, congealed, is then seen as cloudy vapor, which precipitated, may finally take solid form in ice, this figure at my side had, by a somewhat analagous process, been rendered visible and tangible from the vital force, viewless and imponderable, of the medium, being under chemistry, not yet understood, of the higher life congealed into the nebulous condition instanced of the form's first appearance, further to solidify into the lovely creature we supported and wistfully beheld.

"But not to thsorize, I come now to the climax of the night's most wonderful phenomena.

"When the form at first retired, I was, as an extreme favor which might cost the medium great prostration, permitted to accompany it, and draw near with it slowly and cautiously, until I came close up to Dr. Monck, as he, still entranced, stood forth full in view of all, waiting to receive back into himself the marvelous zeon, phantasm, or emanation that we must call angel or spirit, As it nerved him the gossamer filament again came into view, its

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point being, as before, toward the heart. By means of the subtle cord. I noticed how the psychic figure seemed to be sucked back into the body of the medium For like a water spout at sea—funnel-shaped—or sand column, such as I have seen in Egypt, horizontal instead of vertical, the superior vital power of Dr. Monck seemed to absorb and draw in the spirit form, but so gradually that I was enabled closely to watch the process; for leaning against and holding the medium, with my left arm at his back, and my left ear and cheek to his breast, his heart beating in a most violent and alarming way, I saw him receive back the lonely birth of the invisible spheres into his very person, and, as I gazed for the last time on the sweet face of the disintegrating spirit within three or four inches of the features, I marked its fair aspect, eyes, hair and delicate complexion, and kissed the dainty hand, as, in progress of absorption, it dissolved, and saw the angel face dissapear and fade, as it was drawn, positively, into the bosom of the medium. Gazing thus closely, with awe and brotherly interest, did I, therefore, watch the departure of our angel friend, and through the living gate and avenue of the medium's very self, with feelings indescribable, mark the steps of her progress to regain, through the living organism and body of Dr. Monck, her home in the viewless spheres."

A meeting of the Barristers' Society of Halifax was held on Saturday, when the abolition of trial by jury in civil cases was discussed, and a committee appointed to draft a bill for presentation to the Legislature for that object.

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Communications.

To the Editor of the Signal.

SIR,—In your last issue I see my supersensible, hypocritical friend, "Fair Play," has taken the liberty to impeach my veracity by insinuating that I have been ponning lies, by turning Sir J. Clark Ross' figures upside down so as to make 6,000 read 9,000 to order to support a theory. And also complains that the habit of lying is becoming too prevalent, for he says, temperance lecturers, and even ministers, are guilty of this great evil, and then nails it with a quotation from Bobby Burns. But whatever truth there may be in all these assumptions, one thing is certain: that such statements coming from such a man as "Fair Play," sound very much like "Satan reproving sin," for this scribbler is perfectly well known to me, and he no doubt assumes the *nom de plume* of "Fair Play" hypocritically, well knowing that the public would implicitly take to any statements which he might make over his proper name at a discount of at least fifty per cent; for he is one of the most bitter, unscrupulous, uncompromising opponents of the *Zetetic* system of astronomy I have ever met. The idea of a man signing himself "Fair Play," when every line he has written betrays the malignant spirit of the partizan, is too transparent to deceive even the most superficial readers.

Now, in the first place, it is not true that I turned the figure six upside down to make it read 9,000, as "Fair Play" assumes, I have given Sir J. C. Ross' South Sea voyages, page 236, vol. 2nd, for my authority. Let him refer to it, and if then he find I have perverted the quotations it will be time enough for him to make charges, and until then he had no right to assume anything of the kind, for the 9,000 miles given by Ross is for the shortest route, and for an air line by plain sailing. The degrees then for the shortest route is about 143 from