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GREAT POWERS

Are always neutral in small squabbles.

SO IT IS WITH

PREST & HEPBURN

In the leather war now going on between their opponents on the south side of Wyndham-st.

WE do not believe in bosh and bunkum, but deal with facts, and leave the verdict in the hands of the intelligent people of Wellington. We are prepared to prove, and we positively affirm, notwithstanding all the puffing and blowing which has become the order of the day, that PREST & HEPBURN, Wyndham Street, Guelph, manufacture more

BOOTS AND SHOES

And employ double the number of Workmen of any other establishment in the County of Wellington. We invite the public to call and look through our Factory, and they will be convinced that we are telling the truth, and nothing but the truth.

A great deal has been said for and against machine-made Boots and Shoes. Now we believe, and we are confident that every well-balanced mind in Wellington will agree with us, that the less machine made Boots and Shoes. Now we believe, and we are confident that every well-balanced mind in Wellington will agree with us, that the less machinery used in manufacturing Boots and Shoes the better. All our staple Boots and Shoes are made by hand, which must be admitted is far superior to any machine made goods. We have now on hand the largest and best assortment of Boots and Shoes ever offered to the people of Wellington, which we will sell as cheap as the cheapest.

Remember that our Work is warranted, and no second price. Repairs done as usual,

PREST & HEPBURN.

Guelph, 2nd November. dw

THE OLD ESTABLISHED SADDLER SHOP.

The subscriber in returning thanks to the public for the patronage bestowed on the late firm of Galbraith & Beattie, would beg to say that he intends carrying on the business in all its branches at the old stand, West Market Square, Guelph, and hopes by strict attention to business, and moderate charges, to merit a share of public support. As he intends using only the best of stock, and employing none but first-class workmen, the public may depend on getting a good article. He will always keep on hand, and make to order, the newest and best styles of

Harness, Saddles, Bridles, Martingales,

And a large assortment of Trunks, Valises,

WHIPS, HORSE BLANKETS,
CURRY COMBS, MANE COMBS,
CARDS, SPURS, WHIP Lashes -all kind

OIL AND VARNISH

For Cleaning Harness, and all other articles connected with his business.

☞ A liberal discount made for cash. All kinds of repairing done with neatness and despatch.

GEORGE BEATTIE,
January 19. dw3m West Market Square

THE QUEEN'S HOTEL,

West Market Square, Guelph.

J. MILLER, Proprietor.

THIS FIRST-CLASS HOTEL has recently been opened and fitted up in a style to meet the wants of the TRAVELLING PUBLIC, and secure to his patrons all the comforts and convenience of a home.

Particular attention is paid to the Table,

Which will always be furnished with all the delicacies of the season.

FIRST-CLASS SAMPLE ROOMS FOR COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS, with

LIVERY STABLE

Attached to the Hotel to meet the requirement of all permanet as well as transient customers.

Guelph March 5. do t

SPECIAL NOTICE

The subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed on him in former years, begs to announce that he has erected a NEW OPERATING ROOM at considerable expense, introducing all the improvements of the day, as well as

New RUSTIC Accessories.

He is prepared to execute Photographs and Portraits of all kinds

From the Locket to Life Size

Equal, as regards finish and life-like appearance, to any that can be obtained in the Dominion.—Copying of PORTRAITS in all its branches as usual, done in a satisfactory manner.

In Large Photographs with Frames he intends offering Special Inducements during the coming Holidays.

Parties requiring a large sized Photograph with handsome frame, or any other Portrait of themselves or friends, will find it to their advantage to call and examine specimens and prices.

Rooms: Directly over John A. Wood's Grocery Store, Wyndham-St.

WILLIAM BURGESS.
Guelph December 12. dw

INSOLVENT ACT OF 1864 & 1865.

IN THE MATTER OF

JOHN HENDERSON, OF ELORA

AN INSOLVENT.

THE Creditors of the Insolvent are notified that he has made an assignment of his estate and effects, under the above Act, to me, the undersigned assignee, and they are required to furnish me within two months from this date, with their claims, specifying the security they hold, if any, and the value of it, and if none stating the fact; the whole attested under oath, with the vouchers in support of such claims.

JOHN KERR.
Official Assignee.
Toronto, 31st March, 1869. do 12

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OF the best quality always on hand, and served up in all styles at short notice; also for sale by the keg or can. The Bar is supplied with Liquors, Wines, Ales and Cigars, of the choicest brands, likewise with the favorite drink, "Tom and Jerry." ☞ LUNCH between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p. m.

DENIS BUNYAN
Guelph, 17th October d

BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

CHURCH-ST. - - - GUELPH

MISS WIGHTMAN begs to announce that her school will re-open on the 5th of April.
Guelph, 27th March, 1869. do

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E. MORRIS, Agent
Guelph, December 21 d1

Evening Mercury.

SATURDAY EV'NG, APRIL 3, 1869.

Military Officers in Canadian Society.

(*From La Minerve.*)

We certainly do not wish here to pass a eulogy on those who take a stupid pleasure in sowing around them, under the guise of so many conquests, shame, remorse, and dishonour; but if the honor of our families could not be defended but by pistol shot, it would be too far gone to be susceptible of restoration. Is it supposed, because one officer has been killed and another thrashed, that therefore the doors of our drawing-rooms will be shut to the military, or that they will no longer be allowed the place of honor in our society? Not the smallest danger; for they enjoy still the good graces of those who are mistresses in our *salons*, and who command at our most brilliant and select entertainments.

What is it that gives to English officers such a superioity over our Canadian youth? They are very rich and we are poor. They have great names, and we have vulgar ones. Their ancesters accompanied William the Conqueror, Cœur de Leon and Wellington; ours have, perhaps, been at St. Foye or Chauteaugay. Their relations control to-day the politics of the empire; ours may, perhaps, have been Justices of the Peace or churchwardens. They have brilliant equipages to exhibit on Notre Dame Street, while we must content ourselves with a six sous ride in the cars. They risk foolish sums on the fleetness of their horses, while we can scarcely buy a ticket to the grand stand that we may the better applaud their success when they return with all their limbs. They dress themselves in London, while we have scarcely credit with our tailor to enable us to renew our clothes once in two years. They have travelled the world over, while we have not yet had the means to go to Cacouna.

Add to this a varnish of good education, a well-studied wit, the manners of good society, a dash authorised by many successes, and say if the Canadian youth is not doomed forever to march in the second rank. The scarlet fever rages everywhere with the same virulence; only in other places society is more prudent and takes precautions against its outbreak; while in the colonies it is carefully allowed to run its course. Military men sent to the colonies seem often possessed with the notion, more or less disguised, that the colonies are to be treated like conquered countries, and we do not act in a way to cure them. They would have been satisfied with toleration; they are met with unlimited adulation. We do not wish here to cast blame upon the officers, believing that most of them are men of good education, and know how to honor their position, and worthily to sustain their rank; besides they represent here the protection which the Imperial government accords to us, and for that reason should be respected.

The Colonial Minister and the Hudson's Bay Company.

At the opening dinner of the Colonial Society, held in London on the 10th March, Earl Granville, the Colonial Secretary, referred as follows to the negotiations on foot for the transfer of the Hudson's Bay Territory to Canada, foreshadowing the arrangement which has since been announced as recommended for adoption. He said:—

"The transfer of the whole of British North America (excepting British Columbia) to the Dominion of Canada has been one of the most important subjects with which I have had to deal. The proposal of my predecessor, who had invited the presence of the delegates and taken much pains on the subject, has been rejected. My strong political opponent, but old friend, Sir Stafford Northcote, and Sir Curtis Lampson, who both enjoy the confidence of that great company (the Hudson Bay Company) and the eminent statesmen representing Canada held views so widely divergent that I almost despaired of success. They all treated me in a most straightforward, courteous and patient manner, but each seemed to consider me as hostile to themselves and favorable to the other side. I had only one weapon, but an arm of great power in public and private transactions. It may be termed the power of 'bore.' I bombarded them with dispatches, private letters and confidential notes. I plied them with uninterminable talk, and at last, when I judged them exhausted and prostrate from mere fatigue, I fired at the whole covey with a proposal which, unpalatable to each, might be accepted as a reasonable compromise by both. The handicapper of racehorses is, by the rules of an art invented by Charles Fox, supposed to succeed if both the owners object or if both accept; and I should consider myself fortunate, indeed, if my proposal should be objected to by each, but accepted by both."

THE VALUE OF A NEWSPAPER.—But not half the world knows the luxury of reading a newspaper. We see too many of them. We are glutted with news. Go into banishment! Remove far out into the country, to some point where the mail comes but twice or thrice a week; where few strangers break in, and where the few neighbors live in primeval simplicity! Now let the day come round for the newspaper! That day is reserved for errands, and the father is always at the store when the mail arrives. He takes his weekly paper fresh and moist from the bundle, and hastens home with his treasure. It is Saturday. All the house knows that the paper has come. After supper, all gather around the fire. The father puts on his spectacles and reads the secular news, and some of the amusing items, stopping to join the march of events to last week's knowledge. Questions are put; paragraphs are re read. Calculations are made. Domestic or industrial questions are discussed. The whole family are alive. New thoughts stir them.

A TOUGH STORY.—We do not like to doubt the truth of any of our contemporaries' statements, but the following from the Elora *Lightning Express*, appears to us rather too tough for deglutition:—Mr. Jas. Gerrie's hired man was driving a team down the 10th line of Peel, a few days since, when he was thrown out of the sleigh, and the spirited team started on the run. A large dog, owned by Mr. Gerrie, seeing the accident, bounded forward with the speed of a grey hound, leaped into the sleigh, secured the lines in his mouth, and stopped the team.

Town and County News.

The contractors of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway have ordered a large lot of one-wheeled velocipedes. This looks like work.

Mr. George Easton will deliver a gospel address in Zion Chapel, (Rev. James Howie's) to-morrow evening. Worship to commence at half-past six o'clock.

A correspondent asked us why there was never a scarcity of water in the Guelph Post Office. We gave it up, and he replied, "Because there's Wells in it."

Remember the auction sale of dressing cases, work boxes, writing desks, travelling bags, &c., &c., this evening, at Clark's Music Store. Great bargains may be expected.

HALF DIME MUSIC.—Mr. J. B. Thornton has received a very large assortment of the popular Half Dime Series of Music at his Bookstore, Wyndham street. All the favorite new songs are comprised in this series.

Mr. Geo. Easton will preach in the Wesleyan Methodist church to-morrow morning, at the usual hour; and at the evening service the Rev. Mr. Griffin will deliver another of his series of sermons specially addressed to young men. The general public are respectfully invited to attend.

GOOD WORDS.—Mr. Thornton has sent us this excellent English periodical for April. Dr. Macleod, the Bishop of Oxford, the Dean of Canterbury, and other eminent writers have articles in this number. Those capital serials, "Debenham's Vow" and "Noblesse Oblige" are still continued. For sale at Thornton's.

ENGRAVINGS.—Mr. J. B. Thornton has received some chromo-lithographs after the best masters, which he takes great pleasure in showing to all who drop in at his Bookstore, and his window presents the appearance of an Art Gallery. The English, Scotch and Swiss landscape views are particularly excellent. Call and inspect them.

BE WISE AND SAVE MONEY.—At this season of the year it is an important matter to the business man how, and through what channel, he can reach the million to make known his business, and to inform a discriminating public what he has for sale and at what price. THE MEERURY, daily and weekly, having almost triple the circulation of both the other local papers combined, gives it an unrivalled position, and makes it the best advertising medium in North-Western Canada.

LECTURE.—Mr. Easton's second temperance lecture in the Town Hall last night was well attended, and the speaker in proving that the Scripture did not countenance the use of intoxicating liquor in any form, was loudly applauded. The Rev. Mr. Ball also made an energetic appeal to the audience in favor of the temperance cause, and the meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Howie. Mr. Easton will deliver another address in the Town Hall to-morrow afternoon, at half-past two o'clock.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—An association called the Union Teachers' Association for Garafraxa and Erin for the mutual improvement and benefit of teachers, has been formed. The organization meeting was held last Saturday, when the following office-bearers were elected and expected to act: A. Petrie, President; D. McDougall, Vice-President; T. Chisholm, Chaplain; —Anderson, Secretary. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 17th, at Price's Corners, commencing at 1 p.m., when the following subjects will come up for discussion, viz: The best method of teaching arithmetic, and the new school bill. All interested in education in that district are cordially invited to attend, and it is hoped that teachers will endeavor, if possible, to be present and render to the Society whatever assistance may be in their power.

DULL TIMES.—Business in general has been rather flat in Guelph during the present winter, but with the approach of spring, and its balmy breezes, better times are anticipated. The various building operations going on in town, as well as the construction of the Wellington, Grey, and Bruce Railway will make business lively till next fall at all events. Our merchants should be prepared for this, and keep in remembrance that at the MERCURY STEAM PRINTING HOUSE, Macdonnell street, they can have their orders better, cheaper, and quicker executed, than can possibly be done at any other establishment in the County.—Next Wednesday is April fair day, and a crowd of eager buyers will be in town, anxious to know where the cheapest and best goods are to be had. This can only be done by telling it to them with printers' ink. Our office is fully prepared to meet any emergency in the shape of a rush.

LOSS OF APPETITE IN HORSES.—Horses lose their appetite from various causes, but most frequently by the approach of some disease. This circumstance ought not to be overlooked by those who own horses, but should be immediately attended to, as by so doing the disease may be checked, and the life of the horse saved. To do which we are positive there is nothing equal to 'Darley's Condition Powders and Canadian Heave Remedy;' it purifies the blood, corrects all derangements of the digestive organs, and as a necessary consequence the appetite is restored, the skin becomes soft, and the coat assumes a soft and shining appearance. Remember the name and see that the signature of Hurd & Co. is on each package. Northrop and Lyman, Ont., proprietors for Canada. Sold by all medicine dealers.

BRYAN'S WAFERS, (the great public remedy), have now been in use over twenty years, hence it cannot be said that they are on trial. They have been thoroughly tried, and pronounced (on the authority of those lives and health they have preserved) to be a cure, harmless and eminently salutary preparation, and if taken in season will invariably cure colds, coughs, sore throat, and all Bronchial affections. One fair trial will convince the most skeptical. Sold by all medicine dealers, at 25 cents per box.

On Thursday morning information was laid by Mr. Cameron, reporter of the *Globe*, against Detective McKendry, of the police force, charged the latter with threatening to do him bodily harm. The threats are the result of feeling engendered by the recent showing up of the inefficiency of the detective force. That irrepressible snob, Prince, still remains Chief of Police at Toronto. McKendry has been bound over to keep the peace.

The Quebec Legislature has voted $2,500 to the Red River sufferers.

American Despatches

Execution of the Murderer Price.

RISE OF THE OHIO RIVER.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT MEMPHIS.

CINCINNATI, April 3.

Andrew Price was hanged yesterday at Ironton, for the murder of Halgenberg in October, 1868. An immense crowd assembled to witness the last scenes. Peace and quietness were maintained throughout.

LOUISVILLE, April 3.

The Ohio River at this point has been rising at a very rapid rate for several days. The water yesterday reached the sidewalks on the lower wharf, and it is feared that the inhabitants along the levee will soon be driven from their quarters by the approaching floods.

MEMPHIS, April 3.

The machine shop of the Memphis and Ohio Railroad at Memphis was burned last night. Most of the machinery was saved.

The New School Bill--Meeting in Erin.

A meeting convened by order of the Trustees, was held in the school house in section No. 12, Erin, on Wednesday evening, 24th ult., for the purpose of discussing the new School Bill. John Burt, Esq., was called to the chair, and commenced the business of the evening by stating the object of the meeting. Mr. George Dixon and others were then called upon, and spoke in most decided terms against the Bill, as a whole, pointing out as some of the more objectionable features, the centralizing nature of the whole measure by confining the power too much in the hands of superior officials, the appointment of the Local Superintendents, and the infringement of the rights of the people in many instances. The following resolution was then put and carried unanimously:—"Resolved, that this meeting after due consideration of M. C. Cameron's Bill to amend the Common School Act for Ontario, is in favor of a total rejection of the measure as one injurious to the interests of education, more especially in rural districts." It was also stated that although Dr. Ryerson claims a hearty approval of the Bill in the County of Wellington, yet the rural sections were not at all represented at the meeting he held a few weeks ago in Guelph, not more than half a dozen teachers and very few people from the country being present. It was therefore resolved "That this meeting do advise all school sections in the County of Wellington to call meetings for the consideration of the Bill, and prepare petitions against the measure to be presented at the next session of the Provincial Legislature." The only clauses recommended were those relating to compulsory education. A committee was then appointed to draft a petition against the Bill, and a resolution was passed that the report of the proceedings of the meeting be forwarded to the Guelph *Mercury*. It is hoped that the action taken by the residents of S. S. No. 12, Erin, may stir up others to give expression to their views on the important question that is now before the country.

The Pork Question.

We find a letter in the Hamilton *Times* from Dr. Macdonald, relative to the feeding of pigs in that and other cities—on slaughter house offal, and refers also to the case of *trichinosis* which occurred in the Getz family. He mentions that so far from the dealer from whom the Getz family purchased the ham supposing it to be other than perfectly good—he himself used some of the very same, but without any bad effects, for the simple reason that he had it sufficiently cooked. Dr. Macdonald adds, however, that he detected veritable *trichinæ* in the remains of a piece of cooked meat in the soap grease box, and thinks it was the cooking that saved the individual in question—that time. A neighbor of Getz says that he ate some of the same (from Getz's house)—cooked, of course—thought it perfectly good, and felt no bad effects whatever. Getz, with his wife and daughter, ate the meat (smoked ham), just as it was, without any cooking, and were attacked with *trichinosis*, so the doctors say. Mr. F. W. Fearman, one of the largest dealers in Hamilton, says that he buys no town-fed pork under any circumstances, or at any price—he invariably refuses it—and buys only what he knows has been fed by farmers, at home. It does appear as if the feeding of hogs in towns and cities might very properly be prohibited and sternly repressed by law.

The Midnight Murder.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

SIR: Allow me to correct a mis-statement in your report of the above, in last night's *Mercury* Old Mr. Rye and Mr. Thos. Jin were not pall-bearers at the funeral, but were kept in custody charged with being accomplices of Mr. D. Seeve, in the murder of Thos. Pheeline, and although the evidence appears to be so conclusive that no intelligent jury can do otherwise than bring in a verdict of "guilty;" yet, as very able counsel, Messrs. G. Overment and C. Orporashin, are employed for the defence, the friends of the accused feel sure that the prosecution will be defeated on point of law; that they will insist that it was a case of suicide. BELLA.

Guelph, April 3, 1869.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.—We observe that a man named John Playter was fined $10 by the Police Magistrate of Toronto, the other day, for striking a horse with a whip stalk. Had Chief Justice Hagarty presided as Cadi on that occasion, we suppose he would have enquired whether the horse neighed after the assault was committed, and would also have accepted of affidavits as to the character of Playter before he imposed the fine. If the horse gave the slightest indication of disapproval of the action of Playter, after he had been struck, why of course the sentence ought to have been 'mitigated,' according to the Hagarty code of justice. Cadi McNab should be made to change places with the Chief Justice at once.—*Dundas Banner.*

BRIDGE GONE.—One of the piers of the bridge known as McInnis' bridge, on the Elora and Saugeen Road, and distant from Southampton about five miles, has been taken away. The bridge, in consequence, has been rendered impassable.

The World Over.

Not less than one hundred Canadians are leaving Montreal daily for the United States. They are nearly all young and vigorous men.

The Entire Horse Show for the North Waterloo Agricultural Exhibition, will be held in Waterloo on the next market day, April 13th.

Patrick Murphy, in a Nashville saloon, on Friday, shot John Perry, the bar-keeper, because the latter declined to give him a "free drink." Murphy is now in jail and Perry in the grave.

ACQUITTED.—Mr. Duncan Stewart, Esquesing, was tried at Milton on Saturday last on a charge of perjury preferred by the Sheriff of Halton. The case, after a lengthy examination, was dismissed.

Mr. Thos. Baker of Galt, passed a successful examination at the Ontario Veterniary College, Toronto, on Tuesday, and was awarded a diploma They have now two licensed veterinary practitioners in Galt.

The net profits of the Bank of Montreal last year, upon a capital of $6,000,000 was, deducting a number of heavy losses, all expense, &c., $902,410.43, or a trifle over 15 per cent. per annum! *Capital* business is banking.

A few days ago, as Mrs. McCutcheon, Senr., Crosshill, was shovelling the snow from around the back door she fell and broke her arm. Dr. Morton reduced the fracture and the patient gives promise of a speedy recovery.

About a hundred men, employed in McLaren's, late of Guelph, shoe factory, Montreal, struck on Monday, because they were refused permission to smoke while at work. They thought better of their decision next day and resumed work.

It is said that public opinion in Spain is gradually coming to the conclusion that the Duke of Montpensier is the best King available. There is nobody else very suitable, and he is the candidate to whom the late Queen would most object.

A correspondent wishes to know if he should apologise to a lady for stepping on her dress on the street? He should not. Ladies who have no more sense than to wear long dresses in the street long enough to be stepped on, are not deserving of apologies.

The press, type, &c., of the Brampton *Review* office have been sold to Messrs. Clark and Gissing, of Princeton, County of Oxford, where the *Review* will be again issued as soon as the removal can be made. Henceforth it will be published as a sterling Reform journal.

Mr. Aird, a noted London barrister, was a printer; so, too, was Douglas Jerrold; John Kitto, the editor of the pictorial Bible, was by trade a shoemaker; Dr. Livingstone was a factory operative; John Cassell a journeyman carpenter; and Wm. Gifford, the founder of *The Edinburgh Review*, first a cabin boy and then a shoemaker's apprentice.

THE TERMS ACCEPTED.—The Montreal correspondent of the *Globe* says: I learn from a trustworthy source, that information has reached the Hudson's Bay Company's officers in Montreal, that at the meeting of shareholders on the 24th March, called to consider Lord Granville's proposal of compensation for their claims, the Company have agreed to accept the Imperial offer.

THE MARRIAGE OF PRIESTS.—The Court of Appeals at Naples, Italy, has decided that the marriage of priests of the Catholic Church is legal. This decision establishes the perfect independence of the State in its relations with the Church, and determines the position of a priest in presence of the law. It is expected that the Ecumenical Council, which is to meet at Rome in December next, will confirm and indorse this decision.

THE BEST PLACE FOR HIM.—The man, Ed. Short, whose brother died of starvation and whisky, as detailed in the Toronto *Telegraph* some time ago, was sent to jail for 30 days for drunkeness and disorderly conduct. Since the death of his brother the neighbors have been exceedingly kind to him, furnishing him with food and money, but he invariably dissipated the latter in whisky; and on the evening previous to his committal he was lying in a dreadful state of intoxication, and was found in a semi-delirious condition, lying amidst the filth and vermin of the pest-house in which the brother died.

AMALGAMATION.—The Elmira *Maple Leaf* establishment has been sold to P. E. W. Moyer, Esq., late editor of the Waterloo *Chronicle*, and the subscribers to the former paper are to be supplied with the latter, or the *Deutscher Canadian*, at their option, instead of the *Maple Leaf*, which is discontinued—the area of country on which it relied for its support being too circumscribed. We expect to hear of about a score more papers dying the death which knows no resurrection before the year is out—those published in places like Elmira, which have about as much need of a press in their midst as a dog has of two tails.

AN IRISH GIANTESS. — The London papers refer to the arrival of a young lady of Irish parentage whose stature fully entitles her to rank amongst the tallest of her species. Miss Anna Swan—for such is the name of this last wonder—though only 20 years of age, has reached the extraordinary height of eight feet one inch. Seated, she overtops all her own sex, and standing, the tallest of males, appears dwarfed by her side. Her figure is admirably proportioned to her height. Her face is oval; the eye is quick and intelligent, the nose straight and Roman, and the chin, of which there is a profuse expansion beneath, well turned. Her tone of voice is rather low and gentle, with somewhat of the American twang.

GONE TO CHICAGO.—Our readers may remember of a stabbing affray at Acton some time ago, by a shoedealer named Jeremiah Burrows, who was jealous of a laboring man named Jones, and cut him severely with a chisel. Burrows got off and Jones was bound over to keep the peace, Messrs. Symon and Hall being his sureties. On Monday evening Jones, who had been imbibing, got out his gun and threatened violence to Burrows, so that on the following day his sureties gave him up to P. McGregor, Esq., who was about to commit him to the County Jail, when a subscription was made and a free ticket to Chicago was bought for Jones and wife and three children, so the County was wisely spared the expense of boarding the father, and Acton the burden of supporting the indigent family.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

MADRID, April 2.—Troops are going forward to the Pyrenees to prevent parties of Carlists from crossing the frontier into Spain. Serrano informed the Cortes yesterday that orders for the holding of election had been sent out to Cuba, and that deputies from that island were expected to arrive at an early day.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 2.—The Sublime Porte has agreed with the Persian Government to refer the rectifications of the frontier to a mixed Commission of Turkish and Persian subjects.

LONDON, April 2.—Another dreadful colliery explosion occurred yesterday at the Oxely colliery in Lancashire. Twenty-eight persons were killed outright, and many others badly injured.

Infanticide.

Child murder in France; child murder in the United States; child murder in England; and, if we may trust Dr. Workman, and other respectable authorities, child murder in Canada. As we have named the countries, so, says the Ottawa *Times*, we believe ranges the degree of the crime. It is worse in France than in the United States; worse in the latter than in England; worse in England than in Canada. But in all, the fact is becoming more painfully notorious that the crime exists to a frightful extent. It is not alone that the trade of the abortionist flourishes; that in a city like Hamilton, Ont., for instance, an infamous fellow calling himself a Doctor, may announce with more or less (generally less) circumlocution, that he can extinguish the sign of shame, or the honorable fruits of matrimonial connection; not alone that newspapers pretending to be "respectable," and sometimes even "religious," advertise Dr. ——'s female pills; not alone that all sorts of artifices for destroying life in *embryo* are publicly paraded before the world, but child-murder, as an art, appears to be studied both in the Old World and the New, and to be rewarded, as is the practice of other arts, by a liberal payment of money.

This, surely, is a horrible state of things. We have not yet, perhaps, got to the depth of degradation of the Chinese, who openly drown their offspring to save themselves from the trouble of rearing them. But it must be admitted that for a confessedly christian population, both Europe and America have gone very far backwards towards heathenism in the one essential particular of respect for human life, in those early stages in which it is entirely incapable of defending itself. Surely it would not be out of place for our moralists, and all upon whose wholesome counsel society depends for direction, to make an effort for the correction of this flagrant abuse. If women can be brought to any sense of shame, decency or responsibility, by the exertions of their legitimate advisers, the task is worthy the undertaking.

It is shameful to contemplate that in a country like France, whence there is little emigration, the natural increase of population is far below what has been proved by statistics in other countries it ought to be; shameful that in England so many revolting cases should occasionally come to the surface; and equally shameful that in the United States a condition of society is fostered wherein it is not "respectable" to have a family; or at the most, a family exceeding two or three.

APRIL.

The astonishing depth of snow in the latitude of Quebec this season is a good indication that the Spring will set in early, and the warm weather setting in so early, will make our pavements sloppy and wet. Unfortunately, such streets induce Colds, Ague, and premonitory symptoms of Consumption, and warn our inhabitants to provide themselves beforehand with a supply of that invaluable Indian Medicine, the great Shoshonees Remedy, for sale by all druggists.

A coolie on a plantation on the north coast of Peru, was denied some request of his, and in revenge he at night took a butcher knife and murdered seven persons—the proprietor, the wife, her aged mother and four defenceless little children. In the morning, when every one was found weltering in their blood, the public indignation ran to such a pitch that the Chinaman was taken out into the public square, tied to an iron post and saturated with turpentine. Then in full view of the Chinamen, he was burned up alive at his fiery post.

Rev. A. D. Mayo, of Cincinnati, speaking of fashionable life, says: "This tendency is led by a class of extravagant women, who expect to go directly to Paris when they die; a dissolving view of jaded and over dressed young ladies; a sprinkling of *passese* belles and soft young men, with white neckties about their throats, their hair parted in the middle and far more Catawba under their vests than is good for them.

A correspondent of the Buffalo *Express* asserts that he has found Lawrence Oliphant, the gifted and brilliant British diplomatist and legislator—lately a member of the House of Commons—living at Brockton, on the south shore of Lake Erie. He has joined a religious sect and lives in quiet seclusion, seeming perfectly happy in his new ideas of thelogy and the pursuit of horticulture.

LOT'S WIFE FOUND.—Lieutenant Lynch in his voyage to the Dead Sea found a huge pillar of Salt on the shore, and the Arabs informed him that it was Lot's Wife; for our part we are much inclined to doubt it though we have no hesitation in saying that the best thing to cure colds, sore throat, rheumatism, neuralgia, bowel complaints, &c., is the "Canadian Pain Destroyer," to be had of all Medicine dealers for 25 cts per bottle. Try one!

IRON IN THE BLOOD.—When the blood is well supplied with its iron element, we feel vigorous and full of animation. It is an insufficiency of this vital element that makes us feel weak and low-spirited; in such cases, the 'Peruvian Syrup' (a protoxide of iron) can supply the deficiency, and its use will invigorate us wonderfully.

The Montreal Telegraph line to Listowel will be erected about the first of May. The poles are all laid down, and as soon as the weather permits, men will be set to work placing them in position.

A society for the prevention of loafing is proposed in a neighbouring town. Such a society would have its hands full in this.

A typographical mistake of a *c* for an *h* made a paper say "A locomotive ran over a cow and cut it into calves."