New Advertisements.

Apprentice Wanted—This office.
Card of thanks—G. N. Davis.
Gardening—Geo. Stiven.
Adjourned Sheriff's Sale—John Macdonald.
Wanted to Exchange—Wm. McAllister.
Agricultural Implements, &c.—L. S. Willson.
Improve Nutrition—Dr. Wheeler.
Parliamentary Notice—Alfred Patrick.
Fellows' Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites.

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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.

Trains are due as follows,—

Express	2.00 p. m.
Mixed	5.10 " "
Mail	9.35 " "

Subscribers will confer a favour by notifying us of any irregularity in the delivery of their papers.

We shall be glad at all times to receive items of local news, reports of meetings, accidents, or any incident of interest either in the locality where it occurs or to the county at large. Such matter may be sent at the rate of one cent per oz. if marked Printer's Copy and not sealed. To ensure publication in any particular issue it should reach the office not later than Monday evening.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, FEB. 19, 1873.

Extra copies of this day's Signal can be had at the Office—price 5 cents.

Canadian Pacific Railway.

The charter of the Canadian Pacific Railway was published last week. It is an extensive document and fills five columns of the daily *Globe*. The contract is dated 5th February, 1873. The company is allowed till 1st January, 1874, to complete their financial arrangements. The road is to be built in accordance with the terms of the Act of last Session. It will be of the guage of 4 feet 8 inches, and is to commence at a point on or near the south shore of Lake Nipissing and terminate at the Pacific ocean. The terminal points will be fixed by the Government while the company is left to select its own route. In addition to the main line, there are two branches, one from some point in the eastern section to Lake Superior, and the other from some point in Manitoba to the United States boundary line, to connect with the American system of railways, the Government, as in the main line, selecting the terminal points. The road is divided into five sections as follows:—]

The Eastern Section—Extending from the eastern terminus to Red River.

The Lake Superior Section—Extending from some point on the Eastern Section to Lake Superior.

The Central Section—Extending from Red River to a point in the longitude of Fort Edmonton.

The Manitoba Section — Extending from the main line in the Province of Manitoba to the boundary of the United States.

The Western Section—Extending from a point in the longitude of Fort Edmonton to the Pacific coast.

The company is bound to commence work by the 20th of July next, and to have the Manitoba Section completed by the end of 1874, the Lake Superior Section by the end of 1876, and the main line by the 20th of July, 1881, unless the last mentioned time shall be extended by Act of Parliament. The subsidy in money and land will be given as the work progresses, in accordance with the length and difficulty of the portion constructed. The Company are empowered to make arrangements with any Company to use for connecting purposes sections of their lines. We may now expect to see this great work pushed on at once.

Spain.

Exciting news comes to us from Spain. Weary of the insurrections and civic disturbances throughout the Kingdom, and of his trials and troubles, King Amadeus has resigned the throne and returned to his father in Italy. Strong pressure was brought to bear to induce him to change his resolve and his father at first refused to allow him to return to his native land, but he remained firm and Victor Emmanuel on further reflection, has sanctioned and approved of his course. The message of the King, in which he announce d his abdication, contain the reasons which led him to take the step. They are mainly that he did not receive the support and encouragement of the people to the extent he was led to expect when had accepted the throne, that he was merely the king of a party, and not of the nation, and as such he declined to make any longer The abdication was accepted by the Cortes without debate, and that body having voted themselves sovereign powers, proclaimed a Republic. It is difficult to forese the complications that may arise in this unhappy country. A civil war is feared, as the people are divided in opinion as to the form of government they will have. There are three parties, the Republicans, the Monarchists who desire to place a Carlist Monarch on the throne and the Monarchists who desire to raise another member of some royal family in Europe to fill the throne of Alphonso. Great excitement prevails, and the future of this magnificent country, which is never happy unless it is in a state of rebellion, is anything but cheering.

The Chicago Guardian denounces the *Nor'-West* for its course on temperance efforts.

A Charge of Inconsistency.

A "Ratepayer" in a letter which appears in the last issue of our town contemporary, accuses us of inconsistency in supporting Mr. Hood for the Street Inspectorship and in the same issue stating that the tank opposite Davis' was covered with a snow drift the night of the fire. Had 'Ratepayer' taken the trouble to find out what were the duties of the Street Inspector, he would not have made himself ridiculous by bringing such an unfounded charge against us. It was no part of Mr. Hood's duty to keep the tanks clear. By a resolution of the Town Council passed last Friday evening, when he was re-appointed, it is made part of his duty for the future, and if he does not attend to it we will very soon let him hear of it. In the meantime, "Ratepayer" in his eagerness to have a slap at us, allows his valour to over run his discretion. As to his remark about the License Inspectorship, it is impertinent and uncalled for. He does not know our opinion of the relative merits of the two candidates as we never expressed it, and he has therefore no right to insinuate as to which we consider most fit. The Council on Friday expressed *their* opinion by re-appointing Mr. Graham.

Public Accounts.

We have received a copy of the Public Accounts for the past year. The totals show a surplus of receipts over expenditure of $2,419,990.24 as per annexed abstract:—

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance as per statem'nt No. 1, of 1871	$172,985.84
Consolidated Revenue Fund, including proceeds from crown land and timber sales, Municipal Loan Fund, asylums, licenses, etc	1,762,559.64
Amount withdrawn from special deposit account	1,500,000.00
Open accounts, being receipts from Dominion of Canada, municipalities' fund, and common school lands	1,298,188.33
Total	$4,733,733.81

PAYMENTS.

Consolidated Revenue Fund, being cost of legislation, asylum maintenance, etc	$1,580,911.84
Open accounts	266,765.95
For Railway and Municipal Funds, etc	473,065.78
Total	$2,320,743.57

Western Salt

A correspondence has been going on in the *Globe* for some time with reference to butter. It appears that Western butter has a bad reputation, and some of the dealers have gone so far as to state that it is owing to the use of the salt manufactured in this district. Now this is simply absurd. The Goderich salt has been pronounced by competent judges to be the best and purest in the world, and to say that *impure salt* is better for butter making than *pure salt*, is nonsense. The dried and ground dairy salt manufactured at Platt's mills is rapidly gaining a reputation not only here but in the neighbouring republic. It cannot possibly have any injurious effect on the butter in which it is used. That Western butter has a bad name we are sorry to have to admit, but that it has is due to carelessness on the part of the makers and dealers and can in no wise be attributed to the quality of our salt.

Serious Charge Against the Dominion Government.

A Hamilton correspondent of the *Globe* brings a serious charge against the Government and the Great Western Railway Co., to the effect that the latter have been in the habit for the last three years of smuggling cars of American manufacture across the lines without paying duty. Two cars have just been seized and an investigation is now going on. It is said that the government has been aware of it for some time, but in consideration of the railway influence being cast in favour of their candidates at the recent election, connived at it. The matter has been brought up now by two parties who claim to have documents in their possession to substantiate their case.

The Proton Slander.

We hope we have heard the last of the Proton "Outrage." A whole day was spent over it last week in the Ontario Parliament, and it has surely now received its quietus. The members of Mr. Blake's Government have been completely exonerated from the calumnies which have been heaped upon them by Lauder, Rykert and others. There was never any ground for the assaults made upon Reform Ministers by those who it appears have no character to lose. The Attorney General introduced a series of resolutions relating to the matter in question, on Tuesday last, and the opposition were only able to muster 17 votes against them. We trust they are satisfied with the result.

Provincial Insurance Co.

We are glad to learn from the *Guide*, a little paper issued from the office of the Provincial Insurance and Toronto Life Insurance Companies, that the affairs of those companies are in a prosperous condition. The Provincial, though it has, in common with other companies, met with serious losses during the past year, is doing a large and increasing business. Its receipts during the month of January were over $19,000. We trust that under the management of Mr. Harvey it may continue to prosper.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Earl Granville has announced in the House of Lords that steps are being taken to settle all boundary disputes between Canada and the United States. The British Commission have surveyed the line between Manitoba and Minnesota and westward and find it almost identical with that laid down by the United States.

Dr. Robillaile the new Receiver General at Ottawa has been re-elected by acclamation.

It is stated that some United States navy officers in an interview recently had with the Pope, assured his Holiness in answer to a question, that he would be well received were he to make his home in America.

Orangeville was visited by a destructive fire on Wednesday morning which destroyed six stores. Peterboro and London have also been visited by the fire fiend. An inquest has been held on the Barrie fire and the cause decided to be incendiarism. Several disastrous fires are reported from the United States.

The Great Western Air Line was opened for traffic on Monday.

Judge Boardman has refused Stokes a new trial. The case will by carried before another Judge.

A locomotive exploded at Montreal on Friday killing the engineer and injuring several other persons.

Loud complaints are being made against the management of the Great Western Railway.

A union between Spain and Portugal is talked of.

LOCAL NEWS

Telegraph Office.—The Montreal Telegraph Company have fitted up an office in John Butler's Book store in place of that recently destroyed by fire.

Trains cancelled.— The mixed train on the Grand Trunk, which left here at 3.30 p.m. and that due at 10 a.m., have been cancelled for the present.

Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.—Several cases of this disease have made their appearance in town and neighbourhood. It also prevails in the neighbourhood of Seaforth.

Curling.—A return match between Wingham and Wroxeter was played at the former place on Friday. At the close the score stood, Wingham 44, Wroxeter 82.

Passed.—Mr. E. E. Wade, student in the law office of Messrs. Sinclair and Seager of this town, passed his first intermediate examination before the law Society in Toronto during the term just closed.

W. G. & B. Railway.—Work was commenced at the Kincardine end of the southern extension of this road last week. The Kincardine people are in hopes of seeing the iron house there next summer.

The "No. 1 Railroad Track Scale," manufactured by the Fairbanks Company, has a platform nine rods long and a capacity to weigh 105 tons! Last year the company turned out 218 of this variety of weighing-machine.

Agricultural Dinner.—The Annual Dinner of the North Riding of Huron and Hullett Branch Agricultural Societies will take place at Joslin's Hotel, Clinton, this (Wednesday) evening. We have to thank the Secretary, S. Malcolmson, Esq., for a ticket.

No Saloons.—The Town Council decided on Friday night last to continue the interdiction of Saloons this year. The number of tavern licenses was limited to ten, the same as last year. Ten shop licenses will be granted, being one more than last year. The rates of license remain the same.

Fire.—An old couple named Graham, who lived on the point below the Ridge, locked up their house on the afternoon of Sunday week and came to town to church. On their return they found it with all its contents reduced to ashes. The fire is supposed to have communicated from the stove.

Death of a Centennarian.—The age of 100 years is one seldom reached in this country. We have this week to record the death of a resident of Goderich who had reached that advanced age, namely Mrs. Ann Kelley, who died on Tuesday morning of last week. Deceased was the mother-in-law of Mr. Jas. Doyle of this town.

Trustee Meeting.—A special meeting of the Board of School Trustees was held on Monday evening to consider the resignations of Miss Walker and Miss Dickson which had been tendered. That of Miss Walker was accepted, and a committee was appointed to confer with Miss Dickson, as she was evidently labouring under a misapprehension.

Masonic.—A Masonic Lodge of instruction will be opened here at noon to day by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, D.D.G.M. for Huron District, and will be continued to-morrow and next day, when instruction will be given on the manner of carrying on and working a lodge efficiently. The brethern are cordially invited to attend.

Auditorium re-roofing.—We understand it is the intention of Mr. Geo. Acheson to re-place the buildings recently destroyed by fire by a brick block, extending from R. Mackay and Bros. to Wm. Kerr's. The lower flat will contain stores and the upper a public hall or offices. Workmen are now engaged in clearing away the *debris*, and building operations will be commenced early in spring.

A Rare Chance.—We have received to-day a very fine Illustrated Seed Catalogue from Mr. W. J. Marcon, Seedsman, Guelph. He informs us that any person sending 1 dollar address to him will receive a catalogue *post free*. The book is very handsomely got up, and will be a great acquisition to gardeners. He also supplies choice collections of Flower Seeds containing 25 varieties of annuals for $1. We advise our readers to send their names to Mr. Marcon.

Entertaining.—The neighbouring village of Clinton is determined to have the London, Huron and Bruce Railway at all hazards. It is stated that if any of the bonus schemes fail to carry in the township, Clinton will make up the amount. The village has incurred liabilities to the amount of *only* $40,000 and seems to think it could stand $30,000 more. If it goes on at that rate it will soon have a very respectable debt and will be in a good position to repudiate.

Died in Jail.—Edward Hefferon, the young man who was committed to jail in October and sentenced to 9 months imprisonment for the theft of a pair of pants from the tailoring establishment of Abraham Smith, died in that institution on Saturday last. Since his incarceration he has been gradually sinking from consumption, and was also suffering from a running sore on the leg, caused by a kick received from a horse a few years ago. He stole the pants with the avowed object of being sent to jail as he had no home.

Lake Huron Harbours.—Some of our up north friends are making a move towards obtaining assistance for their harbours. The Ashfield people are preparing petitions to the government for aid to the Port Albert pier and harbour, and a deputation is about to proceed from Fort Elgin to Ottawa to solicit aid for that place. Mr. Austin, engineer in charge of the Goderich works, has been taking soundings at Kincardine with the view of reporting the result to the Public Works Department. Bayfield is also on the *qui vive*, and will consent to a bonus from Stanley to the London, Huron and Bruce Railway only on the condition that a like bonus be granted for their harbour.

Another Railway Scheme.—A number of towns have been agitating for an extension of the Credit Valley Railway westward from Galt in their own direction. The latest scheme is that that road should be extended through St. Mary's to Goderich or Bayfield on Lake Huron. An exchange says: "A public meeting was held in St. Marys, a few evenings ago, at which the propriety of taking steps to secure an extension of the Credit Valley Railway, from Woodstock to that town, was favorably considered. Mr. George Laidlaw, the promoter of the Credit Valley scheme, had been interviewed, and had expressed himself very favorably impressed with the St. Marys extension. The proposition is, we believe, to carry the extension from Woodstock to St. Marys, and from thence to Lake Huron, to touch that point either at Bayfield or Goderich."

Losses by the late fire.—The following are the losses by the late fire as near as we can ascertain them; Geo. Acheson on buildings about $7000, insured on brick block for $1500 and on wooden building for $1600. A policy for an additional $1500 on the brick block expired the day before it was burnt. John Acheson & Co., loss on stock about $1060, covered by a policy for $4000 in the British American. G. N. Davis loses about $12,000, insured for $4200. Douglas McKenzie lost a portion of his stock and tools and all his household furniture. He is insured for $1150 in the Lancashire. Thompson & Sleight lose about $1500, insured for $800 in Waterloo Mutual. H. Armstrong saved nearly everything. Insured for $600 in the Western. Mrs. Warnock lost a part of her household furniture and stock. Insured for $500 in the Western. Mrs. McMullen lost nearly everything, no insurance. R. Knight, barber, saved what was in his shop but lost his furniture up stairs, valued at about $75, no insurance. The losses of J. W. Weatherald, J. Waddell, Davison & Johnston, Jas. Ferguson, E. Woodcock and W. J. Whitely are small. Mr. Weatherald lost three small sewing machines and Mr. Waddell a little furniture which he had left in the office. The others, who had rooms over Acheson's Store, had plenty of time to remove their property so the only damage done was by breakage.

Town Council.

FRIDAY, 14th February.

The Council met this evening pursuant to adjournment, all the members present except Mr. Gordon.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Finance Committee reported in favour of paying the accounts of Messrs. Crabb and Davis. Adopted.

A petition was received from John Donogh asking the Council to re-consider its decision of last meeting and grant him a rebate of two months license to the amount of ten dollars. Granted on motion of Mr. Detlor seconded by Mr. Gardiner.

Accounts were received from Joseph Morris for shovelling snow on Dunlop's Hill $6.50, and from D. Ferguson for Relief $11.68, and were ordered to be paid.

Communications were received from C. W. Nunn and Hyslop & Ronald regarding fire engines. Referred to the Fire Committee.

The Council resolved itself into Committee of the whole on the By-law for appointing Officers for the year 1873, Mr. Doyle in the Chair.

Moved by W. G. Smith seconded by Mr. Mackay, that Thos. Hood be Street Inspector and Chief Constable.

Moved in amendment by A. Smith seconded by Mr. Sloan, that Stephen Yates be Street Inspector and Chief Constable.

For the amendment, Passmore, Smaill, A. Smith, Detlor, Sloan and Doyle.

For the motion, W. G. Smith, Mackay, Clifford, The Mayor, Gibbons, Watson, Gardiner and Robertson.

The motion was declared carried.

Moved by Mr. Gardiner seconded by Mr. Gibbons, that Mr. Hood's salary be $300.

Moved in amendment by A. Smith seconded by Mr. Sloan, that the salary be $250. Lost.

The motion was carried.

Moved by Mr. Passmore seconded by Mr. Sloan, that E. Graham be License Inspector.

Moved in amendment by A. Smith seconded by Mr. Robertson, that Geo. Swanson be License Inspector.

For the amendment, W. G. Smith, Watson, Robertson, A. Smith and Detlor.

For the motion, Mackay, Clifford, The Mayor, Passmore, Gibbons, Gardiner, Smaill, Sloan and Doyle.

The motion was declared carried.

The Committee rose and reported and the By-law was read a third time and passed.

Moved by Mr. Watson seconded by Mr. Smaill, that all accounts be referred to the Finance Committee before being paid. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Smaill seconded by Mr. Detlor, that $50 be placed in the Mayor's hands to purchase wood for relief. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Smaill seconded by Mr. Gardiner, that the Clerk prepare a By-law for next meeting, appointing Councillors Watson, A. Smith, Clifford and Smaill and Dr. McLean a Health Committee. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Doyle seconded by Mr. Detlor, that the Street Inspector be in future charged with the duty of keeping the Fire Tanks clear and properly in repair. Carried

Applications for certificate for Tavern License were received from Wm. Cox, F. West, E. Martin, H. Martin, E. Hooker, J. Craig, J. J. Wright, John Johnston, John Donogh, E. Bingham, J. W. Pharis and Mrs. Mack; and for Shop License from H. Horton, Shephard & Strachan, D. Ferguson, John Mitchell, Wm. Kerr, Geo. Kerr, Geo. Cattle, Whitely & Elliott, John Payne & Bro. and J. L. Sturdy.

The Inspector reported in favor of all the above except E. Bingham, J. W. Pharis and Mrs. Mack, whose premises he had not yet inspected.

By-law No. 2 of 1873, for granting certificates for license was read a first and second time and referred to committee of the whole, Mr. Mackay in the chair.

Moved by A. Smith seconded by Mr. Sloan that the number of tavern licenses be limited to ten.

Mr. Gibbons thought we had not sufficient hotel accomodation in summer. He moved that 12 tavern licenses be granted.

Mr. Gardiner seconded the motion.

Mr. Sloan thought there was plenty of hotel accomodation in town for the travelling public. He was opposed to licensing saloons which would not accomodate summer visitors and if there was any profit to be derived from the sale of liquor it should go to the hotel keepers who were obliged to furnish stabling for a certain number of horses, often at a loss.

Mr. Watson thought the temperance men were inconsistant. They would limit saloon licenses but were willing to grant licenses to shops where people could purchase liquor and take it home. He looked upon home drinking as the worst kind of dissipation, as those who indulged in it set a bad example to their children. He did not think temperance bodies accomplished much good after all, and looked upon their proceedings as child's play to great extent.

Mr. W. G. Smith had last year voted against saloons but the plan had proved a failure. The tavern keepers were in favor of granting saloon licenses. The saloons had sold all year without license and a certain liquor dealer had told him that the saloon keepers had been better customers last year than ever before.

Mr. Gardiner thought the practice of temperance men did'nt agree with their principles. He was in favour of granting licenses to saloons.

Mr. A. Smith denied the insinuation of Mr Gardiner that the professed temperance men were guilty of taking a "sly glass."

Mr. Smaill was not a teetotaller but was opposed to drinking and would vote against granting licenses to houses without proper accomodation for the travelling public.

Mr. Detlor held similar views.

Mr. Doyle agreed with Mr. Gibbons as to the want of hotel accomodation in summer, but thought the worst way to secure it was to take away the most profitable part of the business from the hotel keepers. The latter did not want saloon licenses to be granted, and two of the principal ones in town had told him so. It would be absurd to grant Mr. Bingham, Mrs. Mack and other places of a like kind, hotel licenses, as their premises were not suited for hotels. The shutting up of a certain saloon he could mention had done great good The more drinking places there were the more drinking there would be. He contended there was no necessity for saloons as the public could be sufficiently accomodated by hotels. He had been taunted with having favoured the establishment of a distillery, but that would not increase drinking in the slightest degree.

The vote was then taken on Mr. Gibbons motion which was lost, the vote being a tie.

Moved by Mr. Horton seconded by Mr. Robertson, that 10 tavern and 3 saloon licenses be granted. Lost, Yeas 7, Nays 7.

Moved by Mr. Watson seconded by Mr. Robertson, that 9 tavern and 3 saloon licenses be granted. Lost, Yeas 7, Nays 7.

Moved by A. Smith seconded by Mr. Detlor, that the Committee rise. Lost.

Moved by Mr. Robertson seconded by Mr. Watson, that 9 tavern and 3 saloon licenses be granted. Lost, yeas 7, nays 7.

Moved by Mr. Gibbons seconded by Mr. Clifford, that the Committee rise. Lost.

Moved by Mr. Horton seconded by W. G. Smith, that the fee for license be $130 and that licenses be granted to all who shall satisfy the Inspector that they have the required accomodation. Lost, yeas 7, nays 7.

The original motion to grant 10 tavern licenses was then carried.

Moved by Mr Horton seconded by Mr. Gibbons, that 10 shop licenses be granted.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Passmore seconded by A. Smith, that the number be limited to 5.

The amendment to the motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Doyle seconded by Mr Watson, that shops be not allowed to sell in less quantities than 3 gallons. Lost

The rate of tavern license was then fixed at $60 and of shop license at $50.

The Committee rose and reported.

Moved by Mr Watson seconded by Mr Smaill, that the number of tavern licenses be limited to 9. Lost.

The By-law was then read a third time and passed.

By-law No. 3. of 1873, to divide St. Patrick's and St. Andrew's wards into two polling subdivisions for legislative purposes was introduced and passed through its various stages.

The Council then adjourned.

The Late Fire.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

There being strong reason to suspect that the recent destructive fire was caused by incendiarism, an inquest was deemed advisable in order to elicit if possible such information as would lead to the discovery and punishment of the guilty parties. Accordingly an inquiry was opened at the Council Chamber on Friday last before Dr. McLean, Coroner, on a requisition presented to him to that effect by H. Horton, Esq., Mayor, and others.

The following composed the jury,—

Wm. Kay, Foreman.

Dan. McKay,	M. Nicholson,
W. D. Allen,	E. Martin,
Henry Horton,	Daniel Ferguson,
John Story,	E. F. Moore,
Hugh Dunlop,	Daniel Gordon,
J. H. Williams.	Samuel Sloan.

F. Jordan, sworn.—Heard the alarm of fire on Tuesday morning last and hurried to the spot. D. McKenzie's and Mrs. McMullen's were on fire. I broke open the door of Waddell's office, which was between them, and saw fire running along the floor as if there was coal oil on the floor. A party standing beside me said "Jordan that is coal oil." I don't know who the party was. From what I saw I thought the fire originated in the back part of Waddell's office.

Mark Whitley, sworn.—Am night constable. On Monday night last I passed round the square 10 or 15 minutes before I saw the fire. When opposite Crabb's buildings I heard a voice and when I got opposite Cattle's Drug Store, I saw smoke rising and a light in the direction of Acheson's block. I called to the other constable to ring the bell and open the doors of the engine house, and I went round the square shouting fire. I saw a woman in her night dress on the side walk opposite Mrs. McMullen's. She asked if I could not render some assistance to get the things out. I went into Mrs. McMullen's. There were some girls there. Mr. Bingham came in immediately with two pails of water. I saw fire coming through the partition between Waddell's office and Mrs. McMullen's back shop. Went from there to D. McKenzie's shop on the other side of Waddell's and helped to take out his property. D. McKenzie was there with his shirt and pants on. Roderick McKenzie was also there. He had his coat on. Wm. Reid was also there. Have been night constable since 1st January. Have seen people going out and in to Mrs. McMullen's at late hours, say between 12 and 1 o'clock. My impression is that the fire originated at the back of Waddell's office.

E. Bingham, sworn.—On Tuesday morning heard the cry of fire and turned out. Saw two persons walking leisurely towards the fire which I saw was in Acheson's buildings. Mrs. Warnock was on the side walk in her night dress and bare feet. Went into her store and saw there was no fire there. Asked Mrs. Warnock if she had any water. She gave me a pail. I took it into Mrs. McMullen's where I saw fire coming through a window from the side towards Waddell's. Threw the water on it which checked it. Went from there to the front of Waddell's office and found the door fast so I went into McKenzie's shop where I saw the fire coming through. As it was too far gone to put out, so I looked round to see if I could assist in saving his stock. It appeared to be pretty well cleared out so went back and assisted Mrs. Warnock. When I was in Mrs. McMullen's I did not notice any one there. Can't say who the parties were who were engaged in carrying out McKenzie's stock.

Douglas McKenzie, sworn.—On Tuesday morning last my brother Roderick wakened me by calling fire. I ran down stairs and set to work to save my stock. My brother sleeps down stairs in the back shop. I did not see him when he wakened me as I was confused being awakened out of my sleep. My bedroom is up stairs in the back corner next Waddell's. My brother had the key of the shop that night. He was in at 9 o'clock that night and was not out again so far as I know. He could not get in at the front door as the door was fastened on the inside by a bar. I intended to go up stairs again to save the things there but by the time the shop was cleared out the fire had got such headway that it was impossible to get up. My wife was in bed with me. She was startled first and roused me. Was insured for $1150. My stock, furniture, &c. was worth much more than that. I saved no furniture, no tools or material, the goods in the safe were saved but are in a damaged condition, the clocks and jewelry not in safe which were saved are mostly damaged. My brother went to Stratford yesterday. He was learning his trade with me. I told him the night of the fire he could try to get another situation. I intend to start again if I can get a place. My brother has wanted to go away for some time. I had no dispute with him. I started business about 3 years ago. I put in over $1400. It was my own money. I do not sell goods on commission. My liabilities are not large. I kept a dog which was usually shut up in the back kitchen. He barked if there was any disturbance. He was there that night so far as I know. I did not hear him make any noise. I was getting so accustomed to his noise that I did not always hear him.

Mrs. McMullen, sworn.—On Tuesday morning about 1 o'clock I and my two girls had just gone to bed and the lamp had just been put out when I heard a roaring. I thought the barber's chimney was on fire. I saw a glimmering light on the side toward Waddell's. I saw the house was on fire. We all got up and I went to that side of the house and called Roderick McKenzie but got no answer. I then called Douglas McKenzie but got no answer. We all went into the front shop. I tried to open the front door but could not. I then broke the front window and knocked down the shutter. Roderick McKenzie was on the sidewalk. He spoke and I recognized the voice. He said the place was on fire. He was fully dressed. My daughter got the door open. I saw Mrs Warnock in her night dress. She was calling for water. A man came in and threw two pails of water, which were brought, on the fire where it was coming through. Roderick McKenzie and Percy Bell were the last to leave my place that night. Can't say how long that was before the fire broke out. Heard some one in the yard behind about half an hour before we went to bed. Thought it was McKenzie's dog. The dog always barked when anyone came about the yard. Roderick McKenzie had time to dress between the time I called him and his appearance on the sidewalk.

Edward Graham, sworn.—Am night constable. On Tuesday morning heard the alarm of fire. Went to the engine house and got the doors open and rang the bell. I passed the place where the fire broke out a few minutes before one o'clock, there was no appearance of fire then and I saw no person about.

Gertrude McMullen, sworn.—It was half past eleven on Monday night when our place was closed. The last man who left was a stranger who came asking for oysters. He was there just before we closed. Roderick McKenzie and Percy Bell were in about twenty minutes to eleven. I knew of a previous fire in the same neighbourhood about 5 or 6 weeks ago. It was about 12 o'clock one Saturday night. It occurred in Mrs. Warnock's hen coop, my mother sent me out to the yard to empty some water when I saw the fire. We put it out. The hen coop was in a shed near our house and if it had taken fire it would probably have set fire to our house first. The two McKenzies came out and looked round their own shed in other respects the evidence of this witness was corroborative of that of her mother Mrs. McMullen.

J. D. Hayhurst, sworn.—I left the Maitland Hotel on Monday evening last about 12 o'clock. In passing the corner of Acheson's block I saw two men standing against the wall but can't tell who they were. I said to Mr. Platt who was with me, that it looked suspicious to see them lounging there at that hour. I thought it was suspicious because I heard an attempt had been made to burn down the buildings near there a short time ago. One of the men was tall the other short. They were both young men and had no whiskers. Can't say whether I could recognize them again. When I got home I remarked the circumstance to my wife and said I shouldn't be surprised to hear of a fire. In about an hour the alarm was given. The witness described the manner in which the two men he saw were dressed, but had no idea who they were.

Harry Reid, sworn.—About a quarter to one o'clock on Tuesday morning my brother and I were talking near West's Hotel on the square when we heard the cry of fire very faint as if called by a person in bed. We heard it again called in a loud voice. My brother said it was Douglas McKenzie's voice and that we had better run over. Saw Douglas McKenzie and his wife at the door. They had very little clothing on. Saw Roderick McKenzie come out of the back shop. Douglas McKenzie, my brother and I, set to work to carry out the stock. Roderick McKenzie appeared to be suffocating and did not do much at saving the stock. His clothing appeared as if put on in a hurry. It appeared to me as if Douglas McKenzie had heard the alarm first and Roderick McKenzie afterwards.

George Grant, sworn.—When I got to the scene of the fire they were carrying the things out of McKenzie's. The fire appeared to be in the rear of Waddell's office. It was and McKenzie's were burning when I got there.

Mrs. Douglas McKenzie, sworn.—Was awakened on Tuesday morning last about half-past twelve as near as I can tell. Think it was Roderick McKenzie who awakened me. I roused my husband. When I was awakened the room was full of smoke. The fire burst in just as we got up. Roderick was not in when I went to bed about half-past nine. Can't say when he came in. He was allowed till 10 o'clock to stay out. When he was out he rapped at the door and my husband let him in. He had the key sometimes and let himself in. My husband and I went to bed at the same time. I did not save anything from the fire.

William Knight, sworn.—Heard the alarm of fire on Tuesday morning. Was asleep over my shop at the time. I occupied the back apartment over my shop and Mrs. McMullen's. I jumped up and found the blaze coming into a passage opposite the door of my room from the side next Waddell's office through a window which had been closed up. Went down stairs and got to work to save what I could. I went to bed about 11 o'clock and heard nothing till I was wakened up. I saved had I had in my shop but nothing from up stairs. I had no insurance. I heard Roderick McKenzie in Mrs. McMullen's at 5 minutes to eleven. There was a very thin partition between us. Think the fire commenced in Waddell's office.

Troy Savage, sworn.—Was in Mrs. McMullen's about 8:30 o'clock on Monday evening. There were a number of boys there. When I heard the alarm of fire I went over. There were a number of people there. The fire appeared to have commenced in the rear of Waddell's office.

Andrew Waddell, sworn.—Did not know of the fire till about 4 o'clock on Tuesday morning. Know that several attempts have been made to burn down the wooden buildings on West street. I gave up the key of the office I rented from Geo. Acheson the Friday previous to the fire. I had not used the office for 10 or 12 days before.

The inquest was then adjourned, and the Coroner issued his warrant for the apprehension of Roderick McKenzie, who had left town. He was arrested in Clinton and brought back to Goderich, there being certain suspicious circumstances which rendered it advisable to detain him.

On Saturday afternoon the inquest was resumed.

Roderick McKenzie, sworn.—On the night of the fire was in my brother's about 9 o'clock. Went out again. Went to Mrs. McMullen's where I found Percy Bell. Sat with him a while. Was waiting for the Templars' Lodge to come out. Went to billiard room and to Mrs. McMullen's again. Asked her if our place was not closed up as it was late. Went back to my brother's between 11 and 12 o'clock. Went to bed. After a while I heard the cry of fire and ladies. My brother was called. Had on a dark woolen shirt and my drawers. Saw Mrs. McMullen at the door. Went back and wakened my brother. Put on my clothes. Don't know when my brother went to bed. Was not in then. Had the key of the shop that night. Generally took it with me. I was in the habit of going in at the back door sometimes but have not done so lately. After the fire came out I ran round the square with Edward Belcher, George Swanson, John Wilkinson, and some other boys. They dropped off one by one and I went home. Did not visit Mrs. McMullen that time that evening. My watch was not going. Was not at the rear of the buildings that night before the fire broke out. I was in the habit of putting up things in the safe at night when closing up. My brother and I each had a key of the safe. I put the things in the safe that night. When I went back at 9 o'clock it was for my muffler. I didn't see my brother. Left Goderich after the fire, on Thursday morning. Went to Ainleyville to see Albert Trainer. Came back to Seaforth and took a ticket for Goderich. Borrowed money to go away. Had a little of my own. My brother did not give me regular wages but paid for my clothes and board and gave me money when I wanted it. Met my brother accidentally at Clinton yesterday. He told me I was wanted here for this inquest. I met a friend named Tom Joslin at Clinton. That is the reason I stopped over there. Know of a previous attempt to set fire to the place. Mrs. McMullen wakened me. It was in Mrs. Warnock's hen coop.

John Wilkinson, sworn.—Was at the templars' lodge the night of the fire. It closed about 11 o'clock. Stood at Acheson's corner with Roderick McKenzie talking. This was some time after the lodge closed. McKenzie was the last person I was with. Went straight home from there. It might have been 12 o'clock. Know Mr. Platt. Don't know Mr. Hayhurst. Think Samuel Platt passed when we were standing at Acheson's.

John Thompson, sworn.—When I arrived at the scene of the fire, as far as I remember, McKenzie's shop was burnt. The fire was spreading towards my shop of which the door was open and the goods being carried out. I had about $3000 worth of stock of which $2000 was in the front shop. I consider my loss in stock was about $600 exclusive of tools. My tools were worth at least $100. I had $800 insurance on stock. Got $450 from the insurance company in full of my loss.

John Wilkinson and Roderick McKenzie were recalled and examined by Mr. Macdermott, but nothing further was elicited which would go to convict any one in particular with the origin of the fire.

The room having been cleared the Jury took the evidence into consideration and brought in the following

VERDICT.

"That after having carefully weighed all the evidence brought before them they are of opinion that the fire in question was the work of an incendiary, (that opinion being strengthened by two or three previous attempts to set fire to the same buildings) though they have failed to implicate any one directly in the act. They are also of opinion that by better organization the fire might have been prevented from extending to George Acheson's brick building on the east and G. N. Davis' on the north. They are of opinion, moreover that for reasons known to the unknown, the fire brigade failed to accomplish what might reasonably have been expected from them, and that on similar occasions the Mayor of the town or any Magistrate ought to detail able bodied men on the spot to any particular service required, or to order the buildings to be pulled down for the purpose of arresting the progress of the fire. Had a timely supply of water been carried to the roof of the adjoining buildings and the wetting them kept wet until the flames from the adjoining buildings subsided, that would have escaped, and had the connection of the fire hose broken by pulling down one of the wooden structures in the rear it would not have extended to the nearly fire proof building of G. N. Davis."

"There being nothing to justify the further detention of Roderick McKenzie he was released, and the inquest brought to a close without having accomplished any very satisfactory result.

Bayfield.

Serious Accident.—A man named John King, of Bayfield, was seriously injured on the 7th inst., by a young lad named Bell, who made a villainous attempt to run by him with a team of horses. His recovery, at present, is doubtful. The authorities should punish the perpetrators of such deeds. This is not the first in this locality.—*Expositor.*

Usborne.

Council Meeting.—Council met on the 8th inst. Present, all the members. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Moved by J. Hackney, seconded by W. Brock, that Mrs. Clack receive $5 for relief.—Carried. Moved by J. Hogg be allowed $1 for extra services as Tavern Inspector—Carried. Moved by J. Hackney, seconded by W. Brock, that no tavern licenses be granted for 1873, till the fee for license be paid in full, and that the Clerk notify the various tavern keepers in this township accordingly—Carried. Moved by G. Willis, seconded by J. Hackney, that the account of McLean Brothers amounting to $23 be paid—Carried. Moved by G. Willis, seconded by J. Hackney, that the Clerk receive $12 for registering the births, marriages and deaths for 1872—Carried. Moved by G. Willis, seconded by J. Hackney, that the Collector return the Collector's Roll for 1872, to the township Treasurer on or before March 1st, 1873—Carried.