

lived to the venerable age of 105, and her mother died an "old woman." Mary began life as a shepherdess, "tending her father's flock." She afterwards became "the maid of the inn," kept by her grandmother at Piersbridge, where she well remembers soldiers being quartered in the rebellion of '45. She afterwards lived in services at various places; among the rest, Raby Castle, to which the noble owner, the Duke of Cleveland invited her—an honor she prudently declined. The Duke of Northumberland has also been to see her. When young she had "lovers plenty," and "took the worst at last!" "as," said she to our informant "sometimes happens." On being asked if she enjoyed unvarying health, she replied, "I never had the doctor but once, and I was so frightened that I swooned away when he came into the room." Amusing enough, to hear of the nerves that had stood rebels, giving way before the doctor! In the course of last year Mr. Bewick painted a striking likeness of the venerable matriarch—if we may use such a word—who at present resides with her grandson at Elton. Should she live to be included in the approaching census, and be entered as 120 years of age, she will doubtless be the oldest person in that record, if she be not, as we have supposed, the oldest woman in the world.

MICHIGAN AND INDIANA RAILROADS.—We have received a copy of the report of J. B. Jervis, engineer of these Railroads. The entire cost of a main line of some 252 miles, and some 40 miles of branches, is about four and a half millions of dollars, which includes station expenses, cars and engines for a liberal business. The line of these companies is over one-fifth of the route, from the Mississippi at Galena to New York, a distance of about 1,200 miles. It will be the route of a large share of the travel from the States of Missouri, and Iowa, and the Territory of Minnesota, west of the Mississippi, and from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, to New York and other ports on the Atlantic. An inspection of the maps will show its great commercial and political importance, and we can scarcely realize that within two years from this time, we may take a rail car at New York and travel 1,200 miles by a continuous railway making the distance from New York to Galena in from 50 to 60 hours.—*N. Y. Evening Post.*

AN ENGLISH HARE.—We saw a gentleman on the 18th instant who left Yorkshire, England, on the 1st of March. A day before starting he shot a hare and brought it to Hamilton in a perfect state of preservation; looking as natural as if killed yesterday. What wonders steam is producing! It is proposed to carry passengers from Galway in Ireland to the Bay of Cameros in Nova Scotia in seven days and from thence they might be conveyed by railroad to Toronto in two more making the whole time from Ireland to Toronto nine days.

SUMMARY OF NEWS.

The Wellington Square Division of the Sons of Temperance will celebrate their first anniversary on the 10th April, 1851. A procession will form at 2 o'clock, P.M., and march to the English Church where the Rev. Mr. Green of the English Church will deliver a temperance address to them. In the evening they will hold a Soiree at Knor's Church where appropriate speeches will be made.

The proceeds to be applied for erection of a Temperance Hall.

We are happy to say this Division has now increased to the number of 70.

Mr. Gorch.—The Toronto Temperance Reformation Society, have instructed their Secretary to correspond with this celebrated lecturer, and

with the London Temperance Society, with a view of having him lecture, at the great World's Exhibition.

The licenses for taverns in Toronto are reduced near one half as compared with last year. Such is also to be the case in Hamilton we hear.

It is proposed to build a Suspension Bridge across the St Lawrence near Quebec.

The Indians are committing great ravages on the miners in California.

The first rails on the Panama railroad were laid 24 Feb. 1851.

The great Western Railroad is progressing fast near Hamilton.

Ground has been broken on the railroad from Brantford to Fort Erie via the Grand River. 400,000 bushels of wheat were taken from this place last year down the river. The town is greatly improving.

The people of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia seem all in favor of an Elective Legislative Council.

The news from England bring intelligence of the reorganization of the Russell ministry again.

☞ The constitutions of the State of Michigan and Ohio are said to prohibit the sale of intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

A Roman Catholic Church to cost one million dollars is to be built in Washington.

An Anti Slavery meeting was held in Hamilton the 21st inst.

☞ The influence of the Order of the Sons of Temperance is causing a great re-action in favor of Temperance from Sandwich to Brantford.

The prospects of peace in Europe are daily increasing. Men have got tired of war.

The Cholera is said to be appearing on the South Western Rivers again in a mild form.

☞ The Hamilton Division No. 25 Sons of Temperance now number 300 members. The Dundas Division 260. New divisions are to be formed this week in Ancaster and Beverley.

EARLY NAVIGATION.—The Steamer *Admiral* left Toronto for Rochester on the 15th inst. The steamer *America* plies between this City and Hamilton, daily; and a steamer runs daily between this city and Niagara. The ice is out of our Bay up to Gorrie's Wharf. About blue birds and wild geese were seen about the middle of the month in the neighbourhood of Toronto.

☞ There is to be a Soiree at Port Credit, on this day, given by the Divisions.

COOKSVILLE TENT OF RECHABITES.—A large and enthusiastic meeting was held at this village on the 12th instant, at which over 300 persons attended. Among the speakers were Mr. Samuel Alcorn, and Mr. Sanderson.

The weather for the last week has been very pleasant and mild. In England, the winter has been mild, and on the 1st March the apple trees were budding out fast.

MARKETS.—The roads continue so bad little is doing in the market here.—Wheat averages 4s. per bushel; Oats 1s 5d Flour \$4 per barrel. Beef \$4 per 100lbs. Pork \$5 per 100lbs. Eggs are in good demand at from 6d to 7d per dozen. Good Butter is scarce. Wood \$3 per cord.

From an official statement, it appears that the total value of all the United States Mints, up to the 1st of November, 1850, is \$186,572,000. At Philadelphia Mint, \$148,000,000.

OUR AGENTS.

We would inform our readers in the county of Simcoe and the northern part of this County; as well as in the Counties of Halton and Wentworth, that Mr. Meredith Roundtree is authorised for six weeks to receive subscriptions and payments for this magazine at 5s. per year. Any persons giving their names to him shall at once have papers sent them. We can supply back numbers.

The following brethren have kindly volunteered to act as local agents for this periodical.

Thornhill.....	Josiah Purkiss
Richmond Hill.....	George Graham
York Mills.....	J. C. Moulton
Weston.....	David Maguire
Streetsville.....	Martin Deady
Churchville.....	Walter Davidson
Brantford.....	Lardner Bostwick
Markham Village.....	Thomas Wilson
Duffins' Creek.....	John Campbell
Bryantford Post-Office.....	Calvin Sherrard
Whitby Village.....	J. H. Perry
Brooklyn.....	W. A. Kelly
Oshawa.....	John Boyd
Bowmanville.....	David Hay
Oakville.....	Francis Crooks
Mimico.....	William Field
Bolton Village.....	Charles Bolton
Wellington Square.....	John H. Sanders
Waterdown.....	James Griffin
Palermo.....	Gilbert Flian
London.....	H. A. Newcombe
Barrie.....	Angus Russel
Newmarket.....	Dr. Orin Ford
Sharon.....	John Maguire
Orbridge Mills.....	John L. Gould
Dundas.....	John L. Smith
Hamilton.....	Edwin R. Owen.

N. B. Persons wishing to enclose money to the Editor from one Village had better meet together and enclose the money in one letter to save postage.

STATISTICS OF THE SEVERAL DIVISIONS OF THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE IN THE COUNTY OF YORK AS TAKEN IN FEBRUARY 1851.

YORK DIVISION. No. 24, formed October 23, 1849. 45 members and a section of Cadets: night of meeting, Monday: acting W. P., G. P. Liddle: acting R. S., Oswald Foster. This division is increasing rapidly.

OXFORD. No. 26, formed October 26, 1849; about 130 members, and a large section of Cadets: night of meeting, Monday: Geo. Williams, W. P.: J. W. Woodall, R. S. They meet at the Temperance Hall at half-past 7 o'clock.

TORONTO. No. 159, formed August 13, 1850: about 90 members, and a flourishing section of Cadets: night of meeting, Tuesday: William Rowland, W. P. Jas. Manning, R. S. Are fitting up a fine new room.

CORNWALLIS. TORONTO, No. 212, formed February 18, 1851. 35 members: night of meeting, Tuesday: John Ballard, W. P.: W. J. Turner, R. S.

MIMICO. No. 98: formed March 10, 1850: 34 members: night of meeting, Tuesday: Thos. Johnson, W. P.: Joseph Dawson, R. S.

STAIRVILLE. about 30 members; other particulars not known.

MILL-AVILL. No. 43: formed December 26, 1849: 14 members: night of meeting, Monday: Geo. Arcom, W. P.: Wm. Deady, R. S.

BRANTFORD. No. 42, formed November 23, 1849. 97 members: night of meeting, Wednesday: Robert Kelly, W. P.: Wm. Fed, R. S.

STAIRVILLE. No. 53: formed January 14, 1850: 80 members: night of meeting, not known: Martin Deady, W. P.: Wm. Beaby, R. S.