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ATL GRAND'S SHADES SALOON,)

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NEW LAW OFFICE

More Am.—A collection in aid of the suffering Nova Scotians will be taken up ly of apoplexy on Sabbath last. in the various churches in Galt to mor

former was the winner, having killed 15 birds, while the latter shot 14.

DISTURBING A SCHOOL .-- A man named Laird, an innkeeper at Teviotdale, was brought before a magistrates' court, a few days ago, and fined \$2 and costs, for disturbing a school. The complainant was the teacher, whom Laird had threatened to thrash for punishment inflicted on one of his children attending the school.

CORONER'S INQUEST .- An inquest was held in Berlin on Wednesday last on the body of a woman named Mrs Dix,a milliner, who it was rumored had poisoned monstrated that death resulted from natural causes

the past week a new and fatal disorder has appeared in East Flamboro' amongst becomes swollen and apparently paralyzthe 7th concession, has lost four valuable p.m animals during the past week, and as the spreading thereof.

cars of the Great Western Railway. As a matter of course, some people, when travelling, cannot content themselves in one car, but wift be found moving along

Vowles, of the township of Burford, bro't pile. us in a sample of peat a few days ago, dug from a peat bed on his farm. We Cornmeal, Oatmeal, Flour! Reporter copies the above and says :-DOMINION SALOON, it not be well if some enquiry was made into its adaptability for fuel?

ACCIDENT IN ELMA.—A young man named Hugh Melfay met with a severe accident on Tuesday, the 28th uit, at the saw mill of Messrs. Lyle and Sweeney, 12th con. Elma, which is feared may yet terminate fatally. He had been clearing on the 6th concession of West Flamboro, left the house for the purpose of going to a saw, which was going slowly at the time, when happening to raise his head he was caught by the saw, lacerating his head in a fearful manner. Dr. Nichel, of Lies. OPPOSITE THE MARKET, named Hugh McKay met with a severe

COAL OIL.

She at his old Stand, near the Railway Crossing GEORGE BALKWILL.

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Sewing Machine for Sale

FOR side a superior Eamlin structure.

Election Contest in Maryboro.

The Municipal Election resulted in the FREEMAN & FREEMAN Election of two Tories, J. D. Johnson and Joseph Madill, two Reformers Sam-SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY, uel Roberson and Robert Hay, and the people's Candidate, James Ferguson, who may be looked upon as the indepndent member. The Election of Robertson, Hay and Ferguson was protested, the former by his opponent Mr. Maxwell on the ground of disqualification, because one of his attendants hadn't paid his taxes by the 16th of Dec. and also of bookstores.

of Shakespeare, Mrs. Byrns, died sudden-

THE LATE ACCIDENT.—We are glad to below

Tuesday last a man named Patrick Brennan was chopping in a swamp in North Easthope, and a tree fell on his head separating the scalp from the skull.

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STRANGE HORSE DISEASE.—During Evangelical Union Services in the Temperance Hall, to-morrow, Sabbath, the has appeared in the same horses, which entirely baffles the skill will preach (D.V.) in the morning from the most expert "vets." After being the subject: "Justification and its first attacked by the disease, the horse's tongue fruits," and in the evening from the subfrom suffocation. Mr Reuben Sparks, of ship to commence at 11 a.m., and 6.30

OYSTERS AND GAME, disease appears to be contagious too much. The annual curling match for the care cannot be taken to prevent the Thompson-Scoville Gold Medal, between IMPROVEMENTS ON THE GREAT WES- three rinks on a side. After a sharp con-TERN CARS.—A decided improvement has test Toronto gained the prize by the large recently been introduced on some of the majority of 49. The Buffalo curlers were

> the entire length of the train. To avoid named James Henry, a carter, was buried disasters, the company have had portable alive on Thursday morning in Baird & platforms leading from one car to another | Co's Coal Yard, Montreal, while loading put on, so that when the train is in mo-coal. The pile had been undermined, tion passengers can leave one car and en and suddenly fell on him. A number of tion passengers can leave one car and enter another with the greatest safety. This men set to work to dig him out, but it will be found an admirable arrangement was nearly an hour before 'they accomfor the security of the travelling public.
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> The owners of the coal had given orders three days be-PEAT.—The Paris Ster says-Mr Wm fore that none should be taken from the

dug from a peat bed on his farm. We have tried the article both in a close and open stove, and found it to burn excellently—to give out a strong heat, and to make a good clear fire. Mr Vowles has fifteen acres of peat upon his farm, and we understand intends to dig a considerable quantity rext summer. The Galt Reporter copies the above and says:—We anderstand that there are large deposits of peat in North Dumfries. Would it not be well if some enquiry was made into its adaptability for fuel?

ACCIDENT IN ELMA.—A young man named Hugh McKay met with a severe McLore and the standard collection. Mr. A horse and cutter (the latter containing two young men) was almost run over this morning at the cross-ing close by the G. T. Passenger Station. They drove up just as the London mall rain was coming in, and hesitated for a moment whether they would attempt to pass the track in front of her. At last they decided to do so, and giving the posits of peat in North Dumfries. Would it not be well if some enquiry was made into its adaptability for fuel?

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MURDER IN FLAMBORO,—We take the

Saw hill of Mess, Hyre and Order Mess and Say 12th con. Elms, which is feared may yet all Hours.

DENIS BUNYAN.

Golph, Decimber 2, 1907. dayly

When happening to raise his head he was caught by the saw, lacerating his head in a fearful manner. Dr. Nichol, of Listowell, was sent for, and did what he could for the sufferer. He extracted severally the proposed of the purpose of going to a sea where his head he was caught by the saw, lacerating his head in a fearful manner. Dr. Nichol, of Listowell, was sent for, and did what he could for the sufferer. He extracted several pieces of bone, and found that the brain was uninjured.

FLOUR AND FEED

Saw hill of Mess, Which is feared may yet the 6th concession of West Flamboro, left the house for the purpose of going to a swill list month old in the child had been shot through the child had been shot through the breast and hand, and Fergusson was busily engaged taking its clothes off for Dundas, where his parents reside. He was arrese where his parents reside. He was arrese that the full particulars will be obtained.

Four crushing mills are now in active operation in the Hastings gold district, and a fifth is expected soon to be added.

other supply of the new Burners, at John Horsman's.

Note, for the future I shall keep none but the Genuine No. 1 Coal Oil JOHN HORSMAN.

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New Books.

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THE New DOMINION MONTHLY.—The February number of this Ganadian Magazine has been recived from the publishers, John Dougall & Son, Montreal its literature is not of a heavy class,but such as comes within the scope of ordinary comprehension, at the same time that it cannot fall to prove interesting to every one. There is a great deal of original matter in it, in both prose and rhyme, the selections are made with the utmost care, and all things considered, we think there are few periodicals, if any, published in America better worth the price than the New Dominion Monthly. For sale at the bookstores.

The draws of the botters is the process of a large tension with a first of the process of a large tension with a first of Dec. and also of some 50 ratepayers who voted for him, and may prove a bless of the process of Reeve. Maple Leaf. present. "Marmion, or The Lady of the Lake—eithe SUDDEN DEATH.—The oldest resident worth the price of the whole.

The American Homestead Law.

For the sake of comparison we give SHOOTING MATCH.—A shooting match took place at the Red Mill on Friday last between Mr. McElroy, of Alma, and Mr. Black, of Guelph, for \$50 a side. The learn that Mr. Evan McDonald's child- States Homestead Act, which will be seen

sinfinitely more liberal than the miserable Homestead Bill lately passed by the longstranger of the Concert in North Easthope, and a tree fell on his head separating the scalp from the skull.

BALANCE ON HAND.—The Fergus Fire Brigade met on Monday night last, and the Concert and Ball Committed handing their report, showing that after all expenses had been paid there was a balance of \$67.17] remaining.

MISSIONARY MONEY.—As shown by reports read at the late Missionary meeting, Melville church, Fergus, raised \$350 for missionary purposes during the passage, and the Presbyterian congregations of Glenallan and Hollin, \$180.

UNION SERVICES. — Remember the Evangelical Union Services in the Temperance Hall, to-morrow, Sabbath, the 9th inst., when the Rev. James Howie will preach (D.V.) in the morning from the subject; "Justification and its first fruits," and in the evening from the subject; "Justification and its first fruits," and in the evening from the subject; "Justification and its first fruits," and in the evening from the subject; "Justification and its first fruits," and in the evening from the subject; "For whom did Christ die ?" Worship to commence at 11 a.m., and 6.30 p.m.

INTERNATIONAL CURLING MATCIL.—The annual curling match for the Thompson-Scoville Gold Medal, between the Toronto and Buffalo curling Clubs only place at Toronto on Wednesday, three rinks on a side. After a sharp contest Toronto gained the prize by the large majority of 49. The Buffalo curlers were afterwards handsomely entertained by their Toronto friends.

Buffale Alive.—A youth of seventeen and alive on Thursday morning in Baird & se.—An office in the House Guards, when all the same rules will apply to such persons under the Homestead act.

From the Horse Guards, when the Horse Guards,

From the Horse Guards to the Cloister,—An officer in the Horse Guards, who would in the ordinary course of events, have been promoted, in some twelve months, to the rank of captain and lieutenant-colonel, who is little more than thirty rears of age, and had every luxury which wealth could bestow, has after mature consideration, sold out of the service and entered the Oratory as a novice. He will have to go through a probation of four years before he can be admitted to the priesthood. The officer who has taken this step is by no means a recent convert. a recent convert.

All the respectable Nova Scotia papers are thoroughly disgusted with the tone assumed by the Halifax Chronicle, with regard to the relief raised in Canada for the fishermen. The Express calls the editor a miscreant and a libeller, and does he not deserve it?

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A Paris landlady requested a Christparty to cease dancing, as a man below
them was dying. The guests acquiesced.
Returning an hour later, "my dear children," she exclaimed, with the most bedren," she exclaimed, with the most onevolent smile, "you may begin again, he is dead."

Five thousand copies of the Queen's Book, it is said, were sold in a week in England.

The ship, says George Francis Train, it is the place to read character; all there is in a man pops out when he is sea-sick.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Hon. J. S. McDonald, from the railway committee, reported the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Wellington Gray and Bruce railway, with amendments.

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Mr. Boyd presented a report from the committee on the Sheep Act. The committee reported unfavourably to Mr. Ferguson's Bill (No. 10) to amend the Act imposing a tax on dogs, and for the better protection of sheep, and reported a Bill of their own for the same purpose.

Mr. Boyd asked leave to introduce the said Bill.

Sir. Henry Smith asked the hon. member to explain. Was it proposed to repeal the dog-tax entirely? It was very unpopular through the country; he believed the best protection for sheep was good farm dogs.

Mr. Boyd said it was felt to be a very great hardship for 'municipalities which did not desire the Act to be in operation within their limits, to be compelled to enforce it. This bill made it optional for municipalities to put the law in operation within their limits or not, as they thought trooper.

The Bill was then read a first time, and

Accident Insurance in the United States.

The first successful Accident Company in this country was projected by James 8 (f. Batterson, Esq., of Hartford, Conn. With what enterprise and vigour the business of the Company has been pushed its numerous Agencies and wide reputation attest. The Travellers, being the Pioneer Company, has had all the difficulties to combat belonging to an untried experiment in a novel field of underwriting; a plan of business to be perfected, prejudices to overcome, statistics to be complied, rulings to establish, agents and the public to instruct—all of which required patience, tireless energy, and expensive persistence. Frequent affic costly changes in the mode of operations, and in their printed material have been necessitated changes of classification and rates have been made imperative by the knowledge gained of the various hazards incident to the multiplied occupations of the country. Thus a well organized plan of business is being perfected, and a scientific basis established, applicable to this branch of insurance in America—from the largest average attained by any Company in the world in a short time. We find, upon reference to their statistics, that one of the priacipal Accident Companies in England, during its existence of fifteen years, has paid \$400,000 upon 4,200 claims, while the Travellers Insurance Company, in the course of three years active business, has paid ower \$650,000 upon every \$0,000 claims, presented by one in thirteen of their 110,000 policy holders. A record startingly at variance with the popular estimate of the value of insurance against accidents in the United States.

From this severe ordeal this vigorous company emerges with the past year, place it among the important offices of Insurance, and fully entitle it to a generous patronage and confidence.

Mr. E. Morris, agent of the Ontario Bank is agent for the Travellers' Insurance Company in Guelph, from whom rates, &c., may be obtained on application.

tion.

REPORTERS' BLUNDERS.—Appropos of the errors which occasionally are made by not very clever or experienced newspaper reporters, the following story is going the rounds:—Part first—"What the Local said of the Lecturer" "The lecture last evening was a brilliant affair. The hall ought to have been filled. We are sorry to say only forty persons were present. The speaker commenced by saying that by birth he was an ecclesiastical deduction; gave a learned description of the devil; and his skill in saving trees. Among other things he stated that the patriarch Abraham taught Cecrops arithmetic. We trust the eloquent divine may be induced to repeat the lecture at some future day." Part second—"What the Lecturer said of the Local." "Dear Sir—In a report of my lecture in your beautiful city, you have made some few mistakes which I wish to correct. You make me speak of myself as by birth an 'ecclesiastical deduction.' What I said was that I was not by birth, but only ecclesiastically a Dutchman. Instead of speaking of the devil as sawing trees, I spoke of him as soving tares. I spake of him as soving tares. I said nothing. Abraham, but spoke of the Arabians as nomads of patri arch simplicity. I said that Cecrops was the founder of Athens, and instructed the people in Agriculture."

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# BY TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

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London, Feb. 7.—The London Standard has an editorial highly complimentary to Mr. Adams, expressing regret at his approaching retirement from the position he has so ably filled.

London, Feb. 7.—Later advices have been received here from the British army now operating in Abyssinia for the purpose of relëasing the English captives. The news is discouraging, and forbids the hope of a successful or safe move this season. Florence, Feb. 7th—Admiral Farragut arrived here to day, and was received with especial honors by the minister of Marine.

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Berlin, Feb. 7th—It has been officially given out by Count Von Bismarck that negotiations for a commercial treaty between the United States of America and the Confederation of the North German States, have commenced and are now progressing with the prospect of a speedy and satisfactory conclusion.

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The Bill was then read a first time, an ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday.

On motion of Hon, J. S. McDonald, the House went into Committee of the Whole to consider the resolutions appointing an inspector of hospitals, asylums, reformatories and prisons in Ontario, except the Provincial Penitentiary.

Mr. Macdonald said he proposed to fill up the blank for salary with \$2,000, which should include travelling expenses. The bill to be introduced, would authorize the Lieutenant Governor in Council to prescribe rules and regulations for the inspection. When the estimates came down, he would ask the house for an additional sum, for a special inspection of hundic asylums. The resolutions were adopted. On motion of Hon, Mr. Carling, the house went into committee on the Bill for the encouragement of Agriculture, Horticulture, Arts and Mandfactures.

Clause's 1 to 33 were adopted without discussion.

Clause's 36 was amended so as to include Societies which may have lately been organized.

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# Marvellous!

TORONTO, C. W., July 8, 1864.

GENTLEMEN.—I send you a certificate of the great benefits I have derived from using Bristol's Sarsaparilla. I have been terribly afflicted for years with Acute Rheumatism: my knee joints were swollen to an enormous extent, and it was with the greatest difficulty I walked. I was treated by the best physicians in the city without any apparent benefit. My friends persuaded me to Wy Bristol's Sarsaparatilla. After taking the first bottle I was almost cured: and now, after taking the MILLA. After taking the first bottle I was almost cured: and now, after taking the third, I am a new man. If agreeable, I desire that you should publish this certificate, and let the afflicted know of the great benefit I have derived from your valuable medicine.

I am gentlemen, yours truly.

EDWARD SCOTT.
63 Queen, street.

A rapid penman can write 30 words in a minute. To do this he must draw his quill through the space of one rod—16½ feet. In 40 minutes his pen travels a furlong; and in 5½ hours one mile. We make, on an average, 16 turves or turns of the pen in writing each word. Writing 30 words in a minute, we must make 488 to each second; in an hour 28,800; and in a day of only five hours, 144,000; in a year of 300 days, 43,200,000. The man who makes one million strokes with a pen in a month has done nothing at all remarkable. Many men make 4,000,000. Here we have in the aggregate a mark 300 miles long, to be traced on paper by each writer in a year. In making each letter of the ordinary alphabet, we must make from three to seven strokes of the pen—on an average three and a half to four.

The Company of Royal Engineers now quartered at Halifax are under orders for Ontario. They are to arrive in the spring, and will be occupied in the erection of some substantial stone barracks for the use of Her Majesty's troops

Some years ago, when Macready was performing in Chicago, he was unfortunate enough to oftend one of the actors a native American of Western type. This person, who was cast for the part of Clundius in Hamlet, resolved to pay of Cheatins in 'Hamlet,' resolved to pay off the star for many supposed offenses. So in the last scene, as \*Homlet\* stabbed the usurper, that monarch recled forward, and after a most spasmodic finish stretched himself out precisely in the place Hamlet required for his own death. Macready, much annoyed, whispered:—

"Ole further up the stage, sir!"

The monarch lay insensible. Upon which, in a still louder voice, \*Hamlet\* sprowled:—

"Die further up the stage sir!"

"Die further up the stage sir!"

"Heroon Chandins, sitting up, observed;

Hereon Claudins, sitting up, observed "I bleeve I'm King here, and I'll die

where I please."
- So the tragedy conclude