

BELLEVILLE.—Snow, 3rd, 4th, 10th, 16th, 21st, 24th, 26th, 27th, 30th, 31st. Rain, 11th, 12th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 31st. Very unusual height of barometer at 9 P.M., 25th, viz., 30.456. The observer gives a table of lowest temperatures for 13 years, as follows:—

1859, 10th January.....	-30° 0	1866, 8th January.....	-20° 0
1860, 5th ".....	-14° 0	1867, 30th ".....	-17° 0
1861, 8th February.....	-32° 0	1868, 28th ".....	-19° 0
1862, 4th January.....	-7° 0	1869, 22nd March.....	-7° 5
1863, 4th February.....	-24° 0	1870, 14th January.....	-17° 5
1864, 17th ".....	-19° 0	1871, 23rd ".....	-25° 0
1865, 13th ".....	-22° 0		

GODERICH.—On 7th, lunar halo. 23rd, temperature lower than at any time before for three years. 25th, highest barometer for four years. Wind storms, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 23rd. Snow, 2nd—8th, 10th, 13th—18th, 20th—22nd, 24th, 27th, 30th, 31st. Rain, 13th, 14th, 29th, 30th, 31st. Numerous flocks of wild ducks seen during the month, flying westward.

STRATFORD.—January thaw from 11th—15th, inclusive. Wind storms, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 23rd, 26th. Fogs, 15th, 17th, 30th, 31st. Snow, 2nd—6th, 8th, 10th, 16th, 20th, 21st, 24th. Rain, 11th, 14th, 15th, 30th, 31st. The observer gives the following table:—

Difference (from normals) of the Mean Daily Temperature, January, 1871.

Day.	Difference.	Day.	Difference.
1.....	0	17.....	0 0
2.....	+ 3 7	18.....	+ 1 1
3.....	- 5 0	19.....	+ 1 9
4.....	- 9 7	20.....	+ 11 1
5.....	+ 12 4	21.....	+ 6 6
6.....	+ 0 2	22.....
7.....	- 5 8	23.....	- 20 5
8.....	24.....	- 13 3
9.....	- 7 2	25.....	- 16 7
10.....	+ 1 2	26.....	- 12 6
11.....	+ 16 7	27.....	- 4 6
12.....	+ 20 8	28.....	- 6 4
13.....	+ 23 0	29.....
14.....	+ 12 4	30.....	+ 9 5
15.....	31.....	+ 14 5
16.....	- 4 2		

HAMILTON.—On 18th, hail. Wind storms, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 14th, 27th, 31st. Fog, 30th. Snow, 11th, 18th, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 26th, 27th. Rain, 14th, 15th, 20th, 31st. Observation omitted at 1 P.M. on 12th. Weather during month very changeable, changes being sudden and extreme.

SIMCOE.—Wind storms, 2nd, 3rd, 10th, 14th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 31st. Snow, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 20th, 21st, 23rd. Rain, 15th, 31st. Good sleighing first week of January, but none the rest of the month.

WINDSOR.—Lunar halo on 1st, 6th, 27th, 28th. Meteor in S towards SW on 2nd. Wind storms, 2nd, 14th, 21st, 23rd, 25th. Snow, 3rd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 24th. Rain, 10th, 14th, 15th, 31st.

V. Biographical Sketches.

1. MISS LYMAN.

The death is announced of Miss Lyman, Lady Principal of Vassan College, Poughkeepsie, U. S., at the age of 54 years. Miss Lyman who has been one of the most successful and most popular lady teachers of the age, opened a select class in this city some eighteen or twenty years ago for the education of Young Ladies' which rapidly became so popular that she was induced to enlarge on her original plan and open a regular Seminary to which were attracted large numbers of the daughters of the most respectable families in the city. Her school was always full and her system of teaching attained a peculiarity which has rarely ever been surpassed. It was during this prosperous career that amid the deepest regret of hundreds of families she left to become the first Lady Principal of Vassan College, a position which despite failing health and a consequent inability to attend to all the duties which devolved upon her she retained up to the time of her death.—*Montreal Daily News*.

2. REV. STEPHEN MILES.

Mr. Miles was born in the State of Vermont, in the year 1789, and in early youth took a fancy to learn the art of printing, and subsequently accompanied his employer, to whom he was apprenticed, to Montreal. The *Canadian Courant* was the name of the newspaper established in Montreal by Mr. Mower, the Vermont publisher alluded to. At this time there was but one printing establishment in Montreal. How this newspaper succeeded it is not necessary to inquire. Soon after, in the year 1810, Mr. Miles accompanied by a Mr. Kendall, also a printer, left Montreal with a stock of printing material, furnished by Mr. Mower, before named, and after overcoming the difficulty of ascending the rapids of the St. Lawrence—for at this time, the reader will bear in mind, there was no artificial means of overcoming the downpouring of the waters of the St. Lawrence, such as are familiar to the present generation,

everything having had to be brought to the western part of Canada on the St. Lawrence, by means of batteaux drawn by oxen where they could be available, and by muscular strength by pulling at other times—landed his precious cargo in Kingston, and the first number of the first newspaper ever published in Kingston was issued by their joint efforts, and by so doing becoming the first newspaper publisher in this part of Canada. At this period there was just one other newspaper published in Western Canada, at the now village of Niagara, then the seat of Government of Upper Canada, but it was more a governmental newspaper than otherwise. The *Kingston Gazette* was a very small newspaper, not larger than a sheet of letter paper, but at the time we speak of, telegraphy was not in operation, mails were slow of progress, news from England was long in reaching this part of the world, and consequently an editor in those days had difficulty in providing "matter" even for a small sheet, such as we have described. The great feature, too, of "local items," peculiar to more modern journalism, was then unknown. During the war of 1812 the publication of the *Gazette* was very irregular, for the reason that, while Mr. Miles was expected to publish his newspaper at stated intervals, his duty to his adopted country also required him to carry arms in its defence. Therefore, while carrying the "stick" of the printer in the one hand, the other had always near at hand the weapon of defence of the soldier. The prevalence of the war had its influence of course in the publication of the newspaper, in withholding intelligence necessary for filling his sheet, and therefore allowing more time to our Kingston printer to perform the duties required of him as a soldier. About the year 1833 Mr. Miles separated himself entirely from business and devoted his time to doing good to his fellowmen by preaching the Gospel. Having at a very early period of his life felt that "everything is but as dross" compared with the final end of mankind, he devoted the remaining years of his life to impressing his convictions upon others, and that his efforts were not unsuccessful, the esteem in which his memory is held is a proof. He was first a local preacher, and, after what is called a "probationer" by the body to which he belonged, he was promoted to the higher rank of a minister. For many years Rev. Mr. Miles had been a superannuated minister of the W. M. Church, but, although never ceasing, to the end of his life, the calling he had adopted, during his most vigorous years, he was one of the most earnest, zealous and successful ministers of the body with which he was connected, for he put his whole soul and energies into whatever work he was for the time engaged. He was emphatically an honest earnest, zealous man, to be admired of all men. Mr. Miles published the *Gazette* till 1818, when the establishment was sold to late Hon. J. Macaulay and Mr. A. Pringle. These gentlemen changed the name of the paper to the *Kingston Chronicle*, and they were succeeded in the proprietorship by the late James Macfarlane. This latter gentleman took in Mr. F. M. Hill as a partner in 1832, and, in order to perpetuate the original name of the paper, the title was again changed to the *Chronicle and Gazette*, and was published semi-weekly. After two or three years Mr. Hill withdrew from the partnership, and Mr. Macfarlane continued the publication of the paper till his death, after which the establishment was sold to the Messrs. Rowlands, and hence the incorporation of the *Chronicle and News*. He felt great interest in the Temperance movement, and published the *Temperance Advocate* to further the cause. He afterwards removed to Prescott, where he published a paper several years. On his return to Kingston, he again entered the office which he assisted to establish, and managed the business for some time.

VI. Miscellaneous.

AN APPEAL TO TEACHERS.

Teacher! In your earnest way,
Patient, toiling day by day;
Does the field your care has sown
Seem to yield you tears alone?
Do the feet you strive to guide
Falter oft or turn aside?
Are the ears you seek to gain
Listening to some mirthful strain?
Cunning lips that silent seem,
Busy with some roguish theme?
And the task, you dwell upon,
Quite forgotten soon as done!
Is your soul within you vexed
With the oft repeated text?
Tired with urging minds to gain
What you feel they'll not retain?

Pause a moment! Drop the book!
Put aside the worried look!