in town who kept Paris green for the purpose of destroying vermin, were nearly poisoned the other day through some of the poison accidentally sifting into a cream jug. As it was, several of them were very sick, and had a narrow escape. This should be a warning to others how they handle the stuff."

The Montreal Evening Post has the following almost incredible story of an attempt to put a tax on newsboys in that city:
"Mr. Fisher, the stationer at the corner of St. James' and St. Francois Xavier streets, St. James and St. Francois Advice screets, is sending round a petition for signature to the newsdealers to be presented to the Council. The petition prays that the newsboys be taxed. We are happy to state that the petition is not meeting with an enthusiastic reception.'

The clerk of the Baptist church, Guelph, furnishes the Herald with notes for the following information:—Rev. J. A. Durkee, pastor of the Baptist church, tendered his resignation Sunday evening last. A very large majority voted against receiving the resignation; but arrangements had already been made by the pastor which compelled them sorrowfully to accept. A motion of deep regret at the circumstances which necessitated this step, and a motion voting \$200 towards the expenses of the pastor's journey, were unanimously passed. A farewell meeting of the members of the congregation and friends was held at the residence of Charles Raymond, Monday evening. The house was full and there was a sorrowful parting. Rev. Mr. Durkee and family leave for Nova Scotia this afternoon. The clerk of the Baptist church, Guelph, e is not s with 76 \$100, \$60,000

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The Palmerston Telegraph says: "Wm. Tolton and Wm. Wilson, of Guelph, were on Thursday last charged before the Mayor and F. Kee, J.P., with hawking, peddling, and selling tea in Palmerston contrary to a by-law of the town. Defendants pleaded not guilty, and Tolton said he was only taking orders for tea. John Warren said he bought a pound of tea off the defendants in Sproule's shoe shop, and a pound of tea was delivered to him on the sidewalk: was was delivered to him on the sidewalk : was asked for an order, and on asking the name of the firm was told J. C. Cameron, Guelph. D. W. Petrie said the defendants called at his house and said they represented the Toronto Tea Company. He bought a pound of tea, which was delivered at time of purchase. The bench considered the charge proved against Tolton, and fined him \$4, The Guelph Herald has the following story of a fearful leap:—"At John Hawes" place, Guelph township, Thursday, 8th nst., John Kirby was putting peas into the little boy was riding a horse which was tramping down the peas in the mow.
There was a load of peas standing on the
barn floor. The horse, getting tired of the work, suddenly leaped from the mow to the load. Kirby immediately sprang after the horse, and attempted to rescue the boy, but the little fellow tenaciously re-tained his seat. The horse then leaped to the floor, a perpendicular distance of 12 feet, carrying Kirby and the boy with him. They all fell in a heap, and it was almost miraculous that no one was killed. Kirby and the boy were seriously bruised, but are now able to be about. It was a was for have easily been fatal."

A correspondent writes :—" We regret to have to record the death of Mr. Samuel to have to record the death of Mr. Samuel J. Green, of Greenwood, Ont., in the forty-third year of his age, which took place on the 5th inst., after a lingering illness, borne with Christian fortitude. He was the eldest son of Squire Green, J.P., of Greenwood, after whom the place was so named, and was educated at Knox College, Toronto. At the time of his death he owned extensive mills in the village. owned extensive mills in the village. For some time he was a councillor, but for some years previous to his death held the office of first Deputy Reeve of the township. In politics he, like his father, was a staunch supporter of the Liberal-Conserva-

ship. In politics he, like his father, was a staunch supporter of the Liberal-Conservative party, and Hon. T. N. Gibbs, M.P., will lose a valuable and influential supporter at the coming election. He was widely known and respected, and the funeral was the largest ever seen in the neighbourhood, the procession being about one mile in length, friends being present from all parts of the consty. He leaves a widow and four children, and we are pleased to hear they are amply provided for."

A sad instance of the results of the present stagnation in the ready-made dry goods trade was that which occurred on Thursday last (8th inst.) to a seamstress residing in an attic in St. Paul street. Her husband is out of work, her child sick, and herself idle three days a week for lack of employment. The landlord called for his rent, and failing to obtain it, with the lefinement of cruelty characteristic of some owners of real estate, he attempted to seize the poor woman's only means of obtaining a livelihood—her sewing machine—as security for the payment of the debt. Seeing the article slowly receding before her eyes, and prospectively with it any her eyes, and prospectively with it any little nourishment for her sick child, she dition, she was able. The impetus of her movements caused her to slip and fall backsevere injuries about the head and body from the weight of the machine. A phy-sician was summoned and attended to her injuries, which are of such a nature as will cause her to be confined to the house for some time to come.—Montreal Herald.

STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE OF A YOUNG STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE OF A YOUNG CLERGYMAN.—About seven weeks ago Wilhelm Birk, a young minister of the North American Evangelical Association, mysteriously disappeared, and notwithstanding the almost continuous search that has been made for him since, no satisfactory trace of him has been found. He left Aldboro, in the County of Elgin, for the proposed of the second of the sec Aldboro, in the County of Eigin, for the purpose of proceeding to his station in the Township of Hay, County Huron. He intended going to Exeter station, and he was heard to remark that if he was not met there he would walk to his destination. He cannot be traced further than St. Thomas, and on that day there was only one trunk checked from St. Thomas to London, and that did not belong to him. Between Exeter and Zurich there is a swamp several miles long, and it is feared that he must have been lost in this swamp. The strangest thing is that no trace can be had of his trunk. If he started from Exeter to walk, it is not possible that he could had of his trunk. If he started from Exeter to walk, it is not possible that he could have taken his trunk along with him, yet the closest inquiry anongst the railway officials fails to elicit any information respecting his baggage, and the whole affair remains enveloped in mystery. The friends of the missing man in Aldboro, and also in his new station of Hay are recognized. his new station of Hay, are necessarily very anxious, and any information concerning him will be gladly received by Rev. C. Steuernagel, of Aldboro.—Stratford Times.

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A fatal accident has occurred on Hamilton bay, where a young woman named Minnie Conley was drowned. A party consisting of Jas. McCormican, W. H. White, Austin Conley, Mrs. Galligan, Minnie and Maggie Conley left Dundas in the morning in an open sail boat, owned and piloted by Jas. McCormican. They came through the canal at a good pace and reached the bay in safety, when the craft was steered for Oaklands. The boat was doing well with a fair breeze, and had arrived within little more than a quarter of a mile from the wharf when a sudden squall struck her turning her over and precipating the occupants into the water. The steamer Prince Arthur was just backing out from the wharf when the accident occurred, and although it took a long time to get one of the lifeboats floated, two of the crew. H. McPherson and George Black, manned the boat, and arrived in time to save five of the party, who were clinging to the bottom of the capsized craft. It seems they were struggling in the water for half an hour before they were rescued, and that the craft had turned as many as in times around before help came. Minnie Conley, who was drowned, was only 22 years of age, and before the sad occurrence took made for the body without success, and it may be some days before it is recovered.

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