

## The Weekly Huron Signal.

GODERICH, AUG. 24, 1871.

## OUR ENLARGEMENT.

Many little difficulties have delayed us, for the last few weeks, in making our promised enlargement, but we have now nearly overcome them all, and present to the subscribers to the WEEKLY SIGNAL, this week, with the largest local paper published in the Dominion.

It is just a year, since the SIGNAL came under our management, and we have to thank our friends for a larger measure of success than we dared to hope for—old friends, with words of good cheer and encouragement, loyally remaining true to us and many new friends, with warm expressions of good will adding their names to our list.

The favorable twelve-month's experience has determined us to deserve still better at the hands of our patrons, we have gone to large expense in the purchase of complete founts of new and eminently readable type, and a Cylinder Power Press, capable of printing the large sheet we are now turning out, and a larger sheet when necessary, and printing at the rate of 1000 impressions per hour. We mean that the SIGNAL shall, henceforth, for size and contents take and maintain the lead in this section of the Province.

The circulation of the SIGNAL is larger than when it came into our hands, and as large as it ever was during a twenty-four year's history. Bona fide intending subscribers are requested to verify our statements by a personal inspection of our subscription list, which will satisfy them that the SIGNAL is the best advertising medium in the County. Hardly need we say that, through good report and through bad report, the SIGNAL will ever be the consistent and unflinching advocate of progressive liberalism, and the uncompromising foe of injustice, time-serving and corruption, wherever found, and that the social and material improvements of noble, old Huron, will have our constant, conscientious aid. In future, great care will be given to the condensation of news, that each weekly edition may be a perfect mirror of passing events, both local and general. Our present gratuitous publication of the List of Lands for sale for Taxes, will be a convincing proof to our subscribers that we intend to allow no pecuniary consideration to stand in the way of their interests.

We propose not to alter the price of the WEEKLY SIGNAL to present subscribers until 1st of January, 1872; and would earnestly urge them, that we may still further improve our material, to remit us at once the amount due up to that date at the old rate, and not to allow the smallness of the amount to deter them from remitting. Twenty-five cent "subscriptions" were charitably made for just such emergencies, and our friends will easily understand that 2000 "little" will make a very decent "mickle."

To new subscribers from this date, and to old subscribers from 1st of January 1872, the price of the WEEKLY SIGNAL in advance will be \$1.50 per annum. Might we ask our friends to take the trouble to each get us one new subscriber? The effort required would not be very great, and would enable us to spare no expense in keeping the SIGNAL up to the times in every respect.

We may add that we have largely improved our JOB DEPARTMENT and are prepared to execute work of every description, Plain or Fancy, large or small, at less than city prices!

When our County friends visit Goderich, we will be glad if they will give us a call, whether they have business to do with us or not. Our mammoth press can be seen at work, either on the Weekly or Semi-Weekly impression, almost every day.

## Meanness can no Further Go!

The mean and malignant scowl which gleams through the columns of the last *Expositor* is its natural expression. We are glad it has thrown off the mask of an assumed courtesy and appeared in its naked distortion. Like the cowardly clothopper, beaten in a fair fight, its tactics are now to kick, bite and gough its antagonist, or even shoot from behind a hedge. It gravely says it has no space to give to the process of "dissecting" the recent criticisms of the SIGNAL. Quite likely. There is no wriggling out of the stocks in which it finds itself ignominiously impaled, as a journal endeavoring as far as it dare to be recreant to the reform party in this county. But it would fain divert public attention from its humiliating position, by pelting us with the mud in which it finds its own feet resting. It has not "time nor inclination," to argue, because it is already beaten in argument; but it has any amount of space "time and inclination" to vent, like an evil-tongued fellowmer, the vilest slanders against the SIGNAL. The SIGNAL is announced to be in its "decadence." We need only point to the first number of our enlargement—which is as large a local paper as published anywhere in the Dominion. We are preached to of our "waning influence and curtailed circulation." We have the satisfaction of knowing, and being able to prove, that unolicited by "drummers" our friends are loyally rallying round us and that our "circulation" is larger to-day than it was when we assumed the management of the SIGNAL just a year ago.

and that, encouraging fact! it is weekly increasing. Our "influence" we do not brag of, only being determined that it shall counteract the mischievous efforts of the *Expositor* to sow dissension among the reformers of Huron. The *Expositor* does not annoy us by implying that our ability is not equal to that of the lamented Thomas McQueen. If "the old man eloquent" were alive, we could willingly sit at his feet and learn wisdom. As it is, the *Reformer* *Expositor* is not an antagonist with whom we are afraid to break a lance, and it would be wiser and more prudent if its editor would look to his own report and his skill in using them. He is not such an invincible warrior as can afford to waste his time in making unfavorable comparisons between our humble selves and a gallant knight of other years. As the *Expositor* has arrogantly attempted to conjure up the spirit of Thomas McQueen, to our discomfiture, we may as well express our serious conviction that if we could hear his voice from out "the great darkness" it would encourage us to do "our best" (little though it may be) to urge the reformers of Huron to remain united and indivisible and to turn a deaf ear to the croaking of this calow fledgling in *Seaford* lately imported from a Glangarry raven's nest. We can confidently appeal to the reformers of both North and South Huron, whether the *Expositor's* accusation that we are the "jumping-jack of a few local politicians," does not, instead of touching us, accurately portray the attitude of the editor of that paper, both as regards the North and South Ridings. Having "local politicians" in his eye, whom it was profitable for him to become a "jumping-jack" to, he thought he could foist them on both ridings. But it wouldn't do and when he found us exposing his trickery, he throws dirt at us, till meanness can no further go. Let him pelt away. The pelting only convinces us that we must be a "shining mark."

## "No Party" Journalism.

In its eagerness to demolish "the poor old SIGNAL," the *Seaford* *Expositor* has unconsciously exposed its own hand. Taking for a text an extract from Theodore Tilton's talented but Utopian journal, which will never find its sphere in practical life, until the Millennial era, when "the wolf and the lamb lie down together," the *Expositor*, under a thin veil of sophistry, once more enunciates the "independent" or "no party" doctrine, which it was compelled to renounce, but only from the lip outwardly, for the sake of its much puffed "circulation," the very week after its first announcement. We are quite willing that the *Expositor* should belong to "no party," cherish no convictions, and seek to be so "independent" of both sides that in its utterances it can laud the politician it professes to oppose, and denigrate the man it professes to support. Holding thus lightly to principles it could always manage to wear ship and sword to the winning side, and still talk complacently about "no party" and "independence." While we are quite willing that the *Expositor* should sit loose to conscience, all its malignant attacks, though a thousand times more virulent and unmanly than those of the past, will not prevent us from exposing its deceitful course. After deriding the journals that openly announce their "party" principles and honestly profess their "dies," with the true unctuousness of the Pharisee the *Expositor* sneers out:—"for our part we are subservient to no man or party or sect." Again we remind the Reformers of the South of the famous scene at the Brunswick Convention when the representative of the "Expositor" in subterfuge to smother an infinitesimal party of us, who had nothing in common with the majority of the Convention, proclaimed Robt. Gibbons not to be "his choice." Again, we remind the Reformers of the North of the baleful look with which in subterfuge to another man, the new representative of the *Expositor* unconsciously catechised Mr. Whitehead about matters with which the questioner himself had evidently the slightest possible acquaintance, and then when he went home, through his journal, in which he professes to have such a love for Reform, proceeded to put arguments into the mouths of the opponents of the unassuming nominee of the Blyth Reform Convention. That is "no party" journalism! You profess ardently to belong to the party that seems likely to be in power, so you keep making yourself agreeable to it, so that if the former should fall the latter may not reject you from its bosom. We are thankful that our "grandfather" was not "a warm man taking one way and rowing the other."

## The Scott Centenary.

The Centenary of the birth of Sir Walter Scott was celebrated on Tuesday, 15th inst., wherever, throughout the world, the English tongue is the medium of intercourse. Englishmen and Irishmen were no less enthusiastic in doing reverence to the poet-novelist than the sons of Scotia, his and whose vale and streams has guided the modern classic ground, and studded the undying memories. Toronto, Hamilton and Montreal, in this Canada of ours, were specially prominent in their celebrations; and New York chose the occasion an appropriate one for laying the foundation stone, in the Central Park, of a monument to Sir Walter. Though there was no public commemoration here, the hand that trimmed the "lamp of knowledge" and shone with such purity and brightness, cannot be forgotten or unremembered. The more honored that his genius was called in the quiet home of a circle, away from the "sound and fury" of artificiality. The "hero-worship" of a public man is but a hollow affair at the best.

## Entering the Lists.

The British House of Lords, hoary with the "rime of age," and the Gladstone government bright with the light of the present day, are now in an attitude of deadly antagonism. There can be little doubt that moribund aristocracy will fail to resist very long the progress of the middle classes of England. As might be expected the representatives of William the Conqueror's soldiers are determined to die game. They have resented the insult offered them, in abolishing against their will by Royal Warrant the Army Purchase system by carrying a vote of censure on the government by a majority of 80, and by also rejecting the Ballot Bill passed by the House of Commons. There may be some chivalry exhibited, but there will certainly be no laurels won by these knights of "long descent" in entering the lists against old Father Time who has taught the mass of Britons to feel "that kind hearts are more than coronets, and simple faith than Norman blood."

## Horticultural.

We would remind our readers that, on 15th September next, when the Goderich Horticultural Show will be held, the Exhibition of the Ontario Fruit Grower's Association also takes place. We hope a great many of our Horticulturists will pay the \$1.00 membership fee to the latter Society and compete. The prizes offered (as published in our last issue) are good themselves, but the reputation which the successful competitors must earn, will be worth more than an ordinary effort to secure. Let our friends see to it that Huron takes its proper position as the best fruit-growing county in the Province. All that is wanted is a little ambition in our horticulturists causing them to make up their minds to compete, a little care in selecting varieties and specimens, and a close attention to correct naming. We have the fruit!

## Further about the Wimbledon Team.

Last issue we published a statement from the Woodstock Times reflecting on Col. Skinner and Mr. Murison, of Hamilton. The following from the Kingston *Wasp* corroborates the grave charges, as far as Mr. Murison is concerned:—"We regret to be compelled to endorse the statement that Murison, of Hamilton, sold his position for the Association Cup to Sir Henry Hafford. He had made 55 out of a possible 56, and was a tie with Sir Henry. One of the team heard him bragging for £240, and when he lost the Cup it was agreed in camp that he had bargained for it. He told Sergeant Kincaid he had done it. The match was entered on his (Murison's) own account, and the benefit and gains were to be his own. The net was set creditable to a Canadian rifleman."

## W. G. and B. B. R.

The Councils of Grey and Morris have passed By-laws—the former to grant \$35,000 and the latter \$30,000 to the Hamilton line. The Ashfield By-law to give \$10,000 to the same object was advertised in our last issue. \$28,000 is the sum proposed to be given by Tupperbury and \$18,000 by West Waverley. In Waverley, we have By-laws will be submitted to aid both this and the London line, so that the rate-payers can take their choice. Now that the Central route is again being coquetted with by London, the *New Era* is of course death on Hamilton. The end is not yet.

## The L. E. &amp; B. Railway.

THE BY-LAW VOTED IN STEPHEN. Exeter, Aug. 19.—The vote on the Stephen by-law at the close of the poll was 241 for, and 11 against it.

Railways everywhere in France are choked by the enormous quantities of traffic. The Western Railway opens its stations for merchandise only once in ten days.

## ZURICH.

MATRIMONY.—The fun-loving part of the community have been in ecstasies for some time past in the anticipation and celebration of the marriage of a unique and strangely matched couple, which took place on Tuesday the 16th inst.—Your correspondent is intimately acquainted with the facts of the case, you may rely on receiving a correct statement in the form of a simple narrative as follows:—The bridegroom who has for sometime been a resident of this locality, had, it appears left behind him in the fatherland a sweetheart who of late years became peculiarly essential to our hero's happiness—so much so, that of late he found that he might as well endeavor to do without his daily allowance of "Lager Beer" (as ideas utterly preposterous to a live longer happily without her. So, as rumor has it in mercantile terms I will thus give it to you. He ordered an agent in Germany to have her carefully packed and shipped to his address by Express C. O. D. or by parcel post (the latter assertion I am inclined to disbelieve). Rumor sometimes expresses things strangely, so this may be taken for its worth; thus, as it is however, she arrived in Zurich, shortly after the worthy clergyman who was to unite them, left for Germany to seek a helpmeet in the shape of a fair Mecklenburger. Now, such a misfortune would have been disastrous even the patience of Job, for I don't think Mr. Editor that if Job had to wait for weeks for a clergyman to marry him but perhaps he might have lost even his divine patience and given way to despair. On the return of the Rev. Gentleman a few days ago the important event was fixed to take place on Tuesday the 16th inst, when the couple, like all others in their situation hoped to crown their joy and felicity in the carousal and services of matrimony—alas for neglected warnings and ill taken advice. Despite all endeavors to the contrary our friend prepared to launch his piny shallop on the treacherous waters of the gulf of matrimony on whose hidden reefs has been wrecked the happiness of so many of Adam's sons. Accordingly at an early hour they proceeded to gether with some friends, arm in arm something like the revolutions of two worlds as the guard of *Contrade* *Pierre*, by way of a circuitous route through W. Carriack's layard to the Church, during which journey they were charmed by the fireman of the Victoria Mills who admirably executed a solo on the steam whistle which was no doubt well appreciated.

The ceremony over the party proceeded homeward by the same route, and as they were departing from the church had their equanimity suddenly disturbed by several pistol shots fired at point blank range by a mischievous rascal in an adjoining stable which caused the clergyman to perform an evocation upon resembling that of a deer suddenly stricken by the deadly rifle bullet of the hunter, that is, rose suddenly upward and again arrived at terra firma in a less dignified position, while a diminutive specimen of humanity who was present took refuge behind his (much) larger and better half. Now you must know that a charivari is as essential by custom here as the clergyman's edict which proclaims the twin "one flesh" and of course the sequence of a charivari is a 2nd of beer! Now the worthy bridegroom had spoken one of those necessary requirements but as some friends were with him took the lion's share of the spoil and left the dregs to the wicked charivariers. The consequence of this was that the boys took it as an insult and that they repaid to his reverence demanding, in a "more beer" was the watchword and reply of the party. The bridegroom informed them of what they had had, but this only served to increase their nervousness, "be your wife not worth \$2.00," said a musician who played with a stick upon a kettle, "yes" answered the indignant bridegroom with vehemence "she is worth more than \$2.00 and more than \$20.00." Well then was his answer from numerous voices, you can afford to give us our beer, to this he only answered by a volley of curses and threats and was answered by a volley of musketry, after which commenced a scene which I will leave to an abler pen than mine to describe, it is a subject which might better be handled by your Amherst correspondent—as for me I will only say that if the promise which they gave him after continual bursts of music of returning and continuing their efforts until they are better appreciated and repaid, is kept, you will probably hear more from me on the subject.—*Con.*

## AINLEYVILLE.

RAILWAYS.—The great excitement that ever prevailed are any topic in this place is now raging and is all about railways the word railway is in the mouth of every one. All along the people in and around this place were strongly in favor of the London scheme in fact I believe it is there it first originated as the Ainsleyvilleites proposed this scheme when the happy people of Wroxeter were as sure of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce, it was proposed by the people of this place for the purpose of getting railway communication and to was a stop to the Toronto one, as they will know that if Wroxeter got a railway it was not at all probable that they could ever get one. But when the Toronto died out or at least abandoned the proposal of coming to Wroxeter, the Londonites took hold of our scheme and sent delegates to different parts of this riding to see if the people were in earnest and also if they would get support they returned home with fullest confidence that they would get the necessary support, and after a great number of meetings they located their route via Seaford, Ainsleyville and Wingham, for the reasons that it would be a better paying route also that it would be a easier built route and that they would get more Bonuses than by going by Clinton although it would be some miles longer the people of this place worked hard for the road, also the Londoners, but when the people of Hamilton started their scheme in opposition to theirs and held meetings through this part, the Londoners withdrew from the field like cowards and without giving any reasons for their withdrawal. The people of the action they have now done in going by Clinton they forsook this route when they were almost sure of success.

They have put their own heads in the trap they have done what the Hamilton wished them to do and what their friends in this place never expected they have went this far that they may return home to their other occupation and give up the idea of ever building a railway through North Huron and after years they can cause their children by telling them of the "Castle in the Air" they once attempted to build and how they failed simply because they attempted a task that they were unable to fulfill or in other words they were not the right men in the right place, they were not Railway men.

They refused \$30,000 from Grey, and \$25,000 from Morris, but now they are quite willing to accept a sectional Bonus from Morris of \$20,000, alas what a change. From this it is evident that their delay in not accepting the offers that they got were that they were trying to make as much as possible out of the Township, and in return were trying to see how cheap they could get a railway. To them and their new scheme, I say go on but they must bear in mind that this last action has turned their best friends in this place to be their deadliest foes. They are determined that they shall never build a railway through North Huron and also that they will do all in their power for the Hamilton road so I say to all parties go on and we who stand by and watch will see who will gain the day. The council of Grey has submitted a By-law to the people granting \$35,000 to the Wellington, Grey and Bruce also. Morris has passed a similar one of 30,000 white the poor Londonites stand in the near ground, begging the Township to grant to them a sectional Bonus of 20,000.

MIST.—One of the densest mists that was ever seen in this place happened this morning, it was so thick that a person could discuss an object 10ft from him, it was also very chilly and had a very disagreeable smell.

## COLBORNE.

IMPORTED STOCK.—Mr. J. J. Fisher, of Colborne, has arrived from England, with two young stallions, one mare and some pigs, all of which we have no doubt will prove themselves great acquisitions in this section and worthy of Mr. Fisher's sound judgment as a stock breeder. We regret to hear that Mr. Fisher was for several weeks seriously ill while in England.

The Sale of Lands for Taxes. As we promised our readers, we now publish, for their benefit, the List of Lands for Sale for Taxes. We are doing this gratuitously, in the interests of our subscribers, and will not be able to spare the time to do so after the 15th of September, or their accounts will be put into Court for collection. Smith's Hill, 21 Aug. 1871. SWP-12

## HATS FOR THE MILLION!!!

SUBSCRIBER HAVING ESTABLISHED AN EXCLUSIVE HAT, CAP & FUR STORE. In the new building, erected by himself, last summer, on West Side, Market Square, IS NOW RECEIVING AND WILL OPEN for the inspection of the public, on

On Saturday the 4th day of March, 1871. The Largest and best Stock of Hats, Caps and Furnishing Goods ever brought to Goderich. Consisting of the Newest Styles of English, New York, & Canadian Fashionable Silk, & Beaver

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Which he is determined

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FROM THE USUAL PRICES.

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Here is a chance to save money

Goderich, 18th August 1871.

MRS DEAN BEGS TO INFORM THE IN-

habitants of Goderich that she is prepared to take a limited number of pupils for instruction in

Goderich 22 Aug. 1871. SW102-12

TO CONTRACTORS.

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE UN-

derstanded up to Saturday the 25th day of August last for the grading of Nelson street from Victoria street in the river bank. Specifications can be seen at my office.

JAMES THOMSON Town Clerk. Goderich August 18th 1871. SW 6 with

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Smith's Hill, 21 Aug. 1871. SWP-12

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INSOLVENT ACT OF 1869.

AND AMENDMENTS THEREBY.

In the matter of J. A. & R. H. Weller, Debtors. A Dividend shall be made payable to the creditors of the above named Debtors on the Fourth day of September next, after which date no dividend will be paid. Dividend may be seen at my office on the 2nd day of August next.

JOHN HALLIDAY. Agent. Dated at Goderich the 18th day of August, 1871.