TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.
(SOUTHERN EXTENSION OF W. G. & B. RY.)

Trains leave Listowel Station daily as under:

For Kincardine and Intermediate points—Mixed, 8.25 a.m.; Express 2.10 p. m.; Express 8.19 p.m.

For Palmerston—Express at 6.59 a. m.; Express 1.05 p.m.; Mixed, 6.05 p.m.

PORT DOVER AND STRATFORD & HURON RAILWAY.

GOING SOUTH.

	a.m.	p.m.
Leave Listowel at	6.00	and 1.20
" Millbank	6.37	and 1.57
" Milverton	6.45	and 2.10
" Stratford	7.25	and 3.05
" Woodstock	8.50	and 4.45
" Burgessville	9.35	and 5.15
" Norwich	9.47	and 5.25
" Otterville	10.00	and 5.39
" C. S. Crossing	10.23	and 6.00
" Simcoe	10.34	and 6.30
Arrive at Port Dover	11.15	and 7.00

GOING NORTH.

	a.m	p.m.
Leave Port Dover at	6.30	and 2.30
" Simcoe	7.00	and 3.00
" C. S. Crossing	7.30	and 3.33
" Otterville	7.42	and 3.53
" Norwich	7.54	and 4.10
" Burgessville	8.03	and 4.19
" Woodstock	8.35	and 6.10
" Stratford	9.50	and 7.30
" Milverton	10.31	and 8.15
" Millbank	10.39	and 8.27
Arrive at Listowel	11.10	and 9.00

A "mixed" train, with passenger car attached, leaves Listowel Station every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.40 a. m.; returning, arrives at Listowel Station every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6.55 p. m.

LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1878.

THE BERLIN CONGRESS.

While the great international congress sits at Berlin discussing with proper statesmanlike dignity the Bulgarian, the Montenegrin and Servian questions, "all the world wonders" what the termination may be. An itching for war seems in many English districts the popular contagion, and many inflammatory gatherings, for some time past, have persistently cried out for "War! War!" Juvenal, when writing of the quiet, placid decline of Rome, said: "Now we suffer the mischiefs of a long peace," and many of the English speaking race, whose opinions too deserve consideration, without hesitancy tell us that unless the English nation occasionally is convulsed in a warlike struggle, her supremacy must decay. Luxury is oftentimes more destructive than war; and the bellicose portion of Englishmen assure us that unless we wage war at no distant day will our prestige forsake us. A state of lethargy seems to be uncongenial to a nation's fame, and when in such a condition "the cankers of a calm world and a long peace" burn at the pregnable points of a nation's honor. War certainly is a most lamentable thing, yet when questions of national honor and integrity are at stake, no people in the universe are more agog for action than the guardians of the Thistle, Shamrock and Rose. And behind these not a tittle are the stout-hearted and gallant sons who rejoice in being the custodians of the patriotic Maple Leaf.

The chief question of debate this week at the Congress in Berlin seems to be concerning the administration and government organization of Roumelia. It would of course be purely speculative to venture anything concerning what the ultimate decision of the Congress will be, but it can scarcely be hoped from its anti-pacific sessions so far, that an amicable termination will be the result. The dispatches this week indicate threatening issues at hand, and the debates are reported as extremely stormy.

PROTECTION vs. FREE TRADE.

The Free Traders of the present time are exceedingly happy apparently in furthering by unfair advocacy the erroneous theory that Protection has the tendency to raise prices. Nothing possibly could be more fallacious. It is a well known fact that wherever a sufficiently protective tariff is guaranteed manufacturers against the piracy of outside dealers, there the various industries increase in number, and a most palpable sequel to the congregating of manufacturies is the lively competition so necessary to cheapness. The dealers, being protected from foreign invaders, can profitably afford to sell to their increased number of customers cheaper, since larger sales and revived trade are secured them. It is plain that this trumped up theory of such mechanical Free Traders as Mr. Mills of Bothwell can never obtain with the intelligent manufacturers of Canada. This way of increasing the prices of a poor man's necessaries, sounded expressly for political trickery, was very scathingly exposed the other evening by Mr. Haggart at Brampton, a well known manufacturer of Western Ontario. In the course of his logical speech Mr. Haggart strongly denounced the trade policy of the present Government, and stated that although he had been a life-long Reformer he could no longer tacitly sit by without exposing the suicidal policy which Mr. Mackenzie is now endeavoring to thrust upon the country. It is beyond successful argument with the mass of manufactures of the Dominion that four-fifths of Canada's imports she might most profitably make in our own towns and cities. With the increased amount of capital which this home manufacture would scatter over every part of our Dominion, the cry of "hard times" would undoubtedly be silently interred, and we would again be the Canada under the golden rule of Sir John Macdonald—the nation akin to the "land flowing with milk and honey."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A correspondent from Jackson, Miss., says: "The fruit crop is exceedingly large this season—figs especially being abundant."

PREVIOUS to the final closing of the session of Congress on Wednesday night, the Sundry Civil Bill, containing a provision for the payment of the Fishery Award, was agreed upon and passed.

MR. WALTER ROSS, jr., son of Mr. Walter Ross, Grit M. P. for Prince Edward, has been appointed Collector of Customs at Picton, and Mr. Clute, the present collector, dismissed. Thus are the faithful rewarded.

POLITICS are at fever heat in Lennox Co. The contest between Hon. Wm. McDougall and the Finance Minister promises to be one of the keenest which will take place in the Dominion. According to the Napanee *Standard*, Mr. McDougall's candidature is meeting with great success.

MR. NICHOLAS FLOOD DAVIN, the talented and eloquent Irish orator, and author of "The Irishman in Canada," is the Conservative candidate for the Commons in Haldimand. Mr. Davin's chances of election are reported excellent, and he would be a valuable acquisition to the Canadian Parliament.

THE Wimbledon team sailed last Saturday for England. The Provinces are thus represented: Ontario 2, Quebec 4, New Brunswick 10, Nova Scotia 4. Lieut.-Col. Gzowski, President of the Dominion Rifle Association, takes charge of the team this year. We hope to hear that our Canadian marksmen will return with a creditable record.

JOHN A. MACKENZIE, Esq., Barrister, of Sarnia, was unanimously nominated at a recent Conservative convention to contest Lambton against the Premier.—The Conservatives of Selkirk, Manitoba, have nominated Hon. Alexander Morris as their candidate.—T. Gibson, M. P. P., has been re-nominated as Government candidate in North Huron.

THE campaign of political "hurrying to and fro" may be said to have fairly set in; and during the next few months ever and anon the electors must expect to be told by Mr. Fisher that the Neebing Hotel purchase was a demonstration of Grit political economy; and Mr. Hay probably will assure us that "his constant endeavors in Parliament" were directed towards line-fences and drainage for the farmers! Such buncomb cries will only tend to increase Mr. Hesson's and Mr. McDermott's majorities.

GEN. BEN. BUTLER has been getting into trouble in the House of Representatives at Washington this week—not an unusual thing either for Benjamin to do. He said he *would speak*, and the Speaker said he disagreed with him and ruled him out of order, whereupon the hero of many wordy fights became unmanageable and was taken into custody by the Sergeant-at-Arms. Mr. Butler is just as amusing now in his parliamentary speeches as he was twenty years ago. The other day when speaking to the Bill for the employment of discharged soldiers he said: "How many places do women fill now that could be filled by disabled soldiers? Give the places to as many as you please; and when a woman loses her leg in the service I will go for her. (Great laughter.) I have no partiality in this matter, Mr. Speaker, not the least."

THE TOLL-HOUSE ROBBERS.

Tracked to a Village in Perth—Desperate Encounter with London Detectives—One of the Robbers Shot Dead—A Justifiable Homicide.

(From the Stratford Herald.)

For weeks past the London papers have teemed with accounts of burglaries perpetrated upon the isolate inmates of lonely toll gate houses, including one upon the St. Mary's road. This new development of criminal enterprise baffled the authorities for some time, but suspicion soon lighted upon two penitentiary graduates, named respectively Thos. Ley and James Wright. From a conversation with a female with whom one of the *suspects* had had a quarrel, this suspicion was confirmed, and Detective Phair and Sergeant Crawford were detailed to follow them up. The assistance of Detective Heenan, of the G. T. R., was secured, and Monday afternoon the three officers took their departure in a buggy for Harmony, a small village about three miles from here, upon the boundary line between the townships of Downie and South Easthope, and which was so soon to be thrown into commotion by an event altogether out of keeping with the name and associations of the place.

The London officers, as we have said, had reason to believe that James Wright was making his way to this retired village, to join his comrade Ley, and that they would find them together. In this they were not mistaken. The two men had been chums from boyhood up. A short time ago Ley, who appears to have been the master spirit, had appeared in Harmony in the service of Mr. Jones, as a shoemaker, and in a few months he had prospered so well as to be able to take the business upon his own shoulders. He made occasional visits abroad, and during his last trip to London, it is supposed, took a hand in the tollgate robberies. According to the story of Wright, they made a covenant before parting in London, that if he, the latter, found himself too closely pushed, he was to make his way to Harmony and inform his chum, and it was the fulfilment of this covenant that brought destruction upon Ley.

Wright had just arrived, and the two were in the shop together, along with some villagers, when the officers made their appearance, and were shown the shop door. The three entered. Heenan and Phair laid hold of Wright, while Crawford grappled the more desperate character, his left hand upon the latter's coat collar with an iron grip, his right in his coat pocket upon the butt of his pistol. Ley raised his hand, in which gleamed the barrel of a seven shooter, "Don't shoot!" warned the detective. Still the desperate hand went up, without falter, and as rapidly as the constraint of his position would permit. It was a moment pregnant with life and death, when the sharp report of the officer's "life preserver" was heard above the noise of the scuffle, and Ley dropped to the floor, his brain oozing out through a bullet hole in his forehead, above the right temple.

After the shooting, it required the exertions of the three officers to secure Wright, who was taken into Stratford, and lodged in prison. Dr. Shaver was sent out to Harmony, where the desperado died shortly after his arrival.

Upon his arrival in Stratford, a *Herald* representative interviewed Sergeant Crawford, who seemed to feel keenly the responsibility which the discharge of his duty had placed upon him. He had been in the Crimea, and was accustomed to scenes of violence and death, "but never," said he, with emphasis, "did I experience the feeling which came over me as the man who had attempted my life dropped at my feet. My conscience," he continued, "is perfectly at ease. I have only done my duty to the law and to myself. I have formally given myself up to your local authorities and have no fears as to the result; but it is sad, sad, to have to send a fellow creature out of the world without a moment's preparation!" A tear stood in the sergeant's honest eye as he said this. He did not lack friends, however, for although it was nearly midnight the news rapidly spread, and many of our citizens dropped in to see the sergeant, at the Albion, where he spent the night.

A visit to Harmony on Tuesday morning showed the whole country side agog. On the corner of the principal street of the hamlet, stands one of those buildings so familiar to the eyes of the Canadian travellers—half store and half dwelling. In the main part of this building, Mr. Jones carries on a general store, and in a rear projection is situated the family kitchen, with a shoe shop in the half-basement beneath. Here it was that Ley worked, and here it was that his ghastly corpse, stretched near a pile of leather in the corner, met the gaze of those who flocked to the scene of the tragedy on Tuesday morning. The scene was one upon which the moralist might profitably dwell. Ley was a well preserved, well developed man in the prime of life, and might have lived in this quiet village for many years a peaceful and useful citizen, had the demon of gain not taken possession of his soul. "The wages of sin is death." From the energetic manner in which he had lately been closing up and collecting his accounts, the villagers now think that he had made up his mind to leave for other quarters to avoid pursuit, but his movements were not to elude the over-reaching arm of Justice. The London *Free Press* gives Ley the following character:—"Ley was the son of the notorious Thomas Ley, of this city, a thoroughly disreputable character, who has been more than once under the surveillance of the city police. Wright is also a native of this city, and has been once or twice in Penitentiary, where he and Ley formed each other's acquaintance and worked as shoemakers. Since Wright's release from prison he has worked but little, and although his movements have been watched quite frequently, the detectives and police have been unable, until recently, to connect him with any crime of an important nature. Ley, the the young man shot, was one of the most daring and desperate of criminals, and would flinch at nothing."

The reflection that a man of this stamp had for months, unsuspected, been carrying on business in a quiet rural village in Perth, mixing with the villagers, and bearing the reputation of "a good temperate man," is enough to make one shudder. Truth is stranger than fiction.

At noon on Tuesday Dr. Shaver re-visited the scene of the tragedy and proceeded to hold an inquest. After hearing the statement of Sergeant Crawford and the evidence of several witnesses, the jury found that deceased had come to his death from a pistol shot fired by Sergeant Crawford, who is entirely blameless, having fired in self-defence, and in discharge of his duty. Sergeant Crawford is therefore absolved from all blame.

Thomas Dynan, *alias* Foster, the third person implicated in the recent tollgate robberies, was arrested in London on Wednesday night.

BLESSING THE CORNER STONE.

The Ceremony at Macton on Sunday.

The Guelph *Herald* furnished the following particulars concerning the Roman Catholic Church at Macton and the interesting ceremony which took place there on Sunday last.

About 20 years ago, when Rev. Father Laussier, of Arthur, was in charge of the mission, a wooden church was erected at Macton, on the town line of Peel and Wellesley, for the use of the Roman Catholics. This has been used up to the present time, but the extent to which the congregation has grown has rendered it necessary to have a larger edifice, and the priest now in charge, Rev. Father Owens, has been for some time past laboring with this object in view. Sufficient funds having been raised the masonry of a new church has already been completed as high as the floor, and on Sunday the corner stone was blessed and laid by Bishop Crinnon, of Hamilton. The various services during the day were attended by a very large number. Mass was celebrated at 6.30 a. m. by Rev. Father Owens and again at 7.30 by the Bishop. At 10.30 the Bishop confirmed about 40 young people, giving them the usual instruction before and after the ceremony. Rev. Father Laushie then celebrated High Mass and the Bishop preached from Matthew xxviii, 18 and 20. The ceremony of blessing and laying the corner stone was then performed. In a cavity in the stone was desposited a document reading as follows:—

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On the 16th day of June, the feast of the most holy trinity, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight, the glorious Pontiff Leo XIII occupying the apostolic See, and ruling the church of God. Her Majesty Victoria being Queen of Great Britain, the Earl of Dufferin Governor General of the Dominion of Canada, in the presence of an immense multitude of devout people, the most Revd. and illustrious Peter Francis Crinnon, Bishop of Hamilton, blessed and laid this corner stone of a new church dedicated to the honor of St. Joseph in the parish of Macton, piously and devoutedly administered by the Rev. Stanlaus Patrick Owens, the architect being Joseph Conolly, of Toronto; the builder, Joseph Congdon, of Listowel; the trustees, Cornelius Conolly, Jno. O'Grady, Jno Hayes, Patrick Ryan, Arthur Macdonald, Daniel Kennedy, Thos. Farrell, Thos. Rafferty, Henry O'Neil, Patrick Morris, Thos. McGuire and Jas. Nolan.

After the ceremony a subscription list was opened and a handsome sum subscribed. The church will be of brick, 80 ft by 40, gothic architecture, with tower and spire about 150 ft high. The total cost will be about $9,000, and the work is to be completed by October 15th.

COUNTY COURT AND SESSIONS.

At the Sessions in Stratford last week the following cases were disposed of:

Young vs. Squires—Action on note. Verdict for plaintiff by consent for $228.-84. Mr. J. E. Terhune for plaintiff.

Aikens vs. Kyle—Suit for wages; defendant put in a set off. Verdict for plaintiff, $109.57.

Shields vs. Stewart—Action on an account for lumber. Verdict by consent for plaintiff, $40, besides $120 paid into court.

Moore vs. Sutherland—Trial postponed till judgment is given in a Chancery suit between the same parties.

Miller vs. Mariott—Action on a note. Verdict for plaintiff for $206.50, with leave reserved to move for a non-suit.

LARCENY.—Thomas Dawson was charged with stealing a watch from Mr. Welsh. He left his own watch to be repaired and asked the loan of another. The judge ordered the prisoner to be discharged.

NEWRY STATION.

DOMINION DAY CELEBRATION.—The people of this village have decided not to be behind in the way of sports on Dominion day. An excellent programme is being prepared which cannot fail to attract attention, and will no doubt bring a great number in to witness the games. Full particulars are given in large posters.

A number of dwellings and shops have been repainted of late, and appear considerably improved for the overhauling. As yet there has not been much building done in the village.—COM.

MARYBOROUGH.

CROPS.—Crops, fall wheat in particular, look well. The late frost has done comparatively little damage, owing in a great measure to the fact that the land in this section of country is high-rolling and chiefly of a clay formation, which makes it less subject to the action of the summer frost than the flat and mucky soil of some of the neighboring townships.

SWALLOWS.—One of the most interesting scenes in connection with the science of Ornothology which we have witnessed is that of a bird colony which has established itself on the premises of Mr. Noble, 4th line. These feathered architects, which are a species of the swallow genus, have no less than fifty nests on one outbuilding, all of which are occupied, and from early morn till dusk of eve the vicinity presents a scene of activity and social life from which more exalted beings might learn a useful lesson. The nests of these birds are placed in a row just under the eave on the outside of the building. They are formed of mud, an opening being made in the side of each. The inside of these nests are lined with dry grass and feathers, and at present each contains three or four eggs, white, dotted with brown. This species is comparatively a new comer to this part of the country, and may be distinguished from the common barn swallow by its fan-shaped tail, dusky livery and chirping notes.

NO CHEESE.—There are no cheese factories in this western part of the township, and as most of the farmers keep a number of cows the fall in the price of butter makes our house-wives put on rueful faces, while many of the sterner sex grumble about the "no protection" policy of the present administration.

NEW MILL.—The new flouring mill at Moorefield is being rapidly pushed forward, and the farmers in this neighborhood are rejoicing at the prospect of again having a market near home.—COM.

ELMA NEWS.

DEATH OF A STALLION.—Mr. George Carruthers sustained a heavy loss on Friday last by the death of his fine stallion, "Young A 1." The animal died very suddenly from inflammation. He was considered to be worth over $700.

BRUSSELS NEWS.

A grand Masonic Concert under auspices of St. John's Lodge No. 248, will be held in the Town Hall, Brussels, on the 1st of July, in connection with the dedication of the new Masonic Hall, in this town. The services of Miss Maggie Barr, of Hamilton, Mr. Kennedy, of Brantford, and other talented singers have been secured for the occasion.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE—A BLOCK OF STORES AND OFFICES CONSUMED.

June 18.—A fire occurred this morning about two o'clock, completly destroying the block of stores and offices from Harrison's bank north to Mill street, the property of J. R. Grant, P. M. The insurance on the buildings is light. Among the sufferers are D. Scott & Son, general store; loss on stock, $2,500; insurance $500. Montreal Telegraph, loss light. P. O. Department, loss considerable in books and blanks. The entire mail matter was saved. The safe in the post office opened in the midst of the flames. A large amount of postage and bill stamps were consumed, with some valuable private papers. J. R. Grant's loss on building, $1,800; insured for $900.

ST. MARY'S.

MASKED BURGLARS AT WORK.—On the night of the 13th inst., the toll-gate at the west end of the town was broken into by two masked men. Entrance was effected by the door, which was boldly broken, and the burglars then presented a revolver at the head of the gate-keeper, and demanded his money. His wife spoke out and told where it was, and asked them not to shoot. The burglars drove up in a buggy to a short distance east of the toll-gate, and tied their horse to the fence while they committed the robbery.

THE GUEST CASE.—The inquiry into the poisoning case, which was to have been resumed this week has been further adjourned, at the request of the Crown.

PALMERSTON.

Upon the final draft of stations in the London Conference, Rev. Chas. Lavell was appointed pastor of the C. M. congregation in this town, and Chairman of the Wellington District.—The woolen mill has been resuscitated, and is now in full operation. Mr. N. W. Sugden, a gentleman of considerable experience, is the lessee.—Mass is celebrated here monthly by Father O'Connor of Arthur.—At a special meeting of Palmerston council, June 11, a by-law to grant $15,000 to the Stratford & Huron Railway was read a first and second time.—A concert will be given in Palmerston town hall, 26th inst., also a promenade concert on the 21st.

HARRISTON.

The congregation of Knox church, Harriston, have extended a unanimous call to Rev. John Campbell of Cannington.—Preparations are being made here to celebrate the 12th anniversary of the birthday of the new Dominion in a loyal and patriotic manner.—Steps are being taken by Harriston council to have a $20,000 by-law submitted in aid of a Stratford & Lake Huron Railway.—Quite a number of new buildings are in course of erection here, most prominent among which is the brick hotel being erected by A. G. Markle.—Crops look well so far.

MILVERTON.

RETURNED.—Dr. Parke, who was for the past week on a visiting tour has returned and recommenced his professional duties.

CHEESE FACTORY.—Mr. V Kertcher's factory is running full blast, 1050 pounds have been the daily average for the last two weeks, and is still increasing. May cheese will be shipped this week.

STATION CHANGE.—Mr. Charles Lawrason, our very accommodating station master, and his assistant, Mr. W Clarke, were recently removed, the former to Tavistock and the latter to Listowel. Mr J R Holden was appointed to fill the vacancy.—*Herald.*

MITCHELL.

The Rev. Hall Christopherson, who has labored at Kincardine during the last three years, has been appointed to Mitchell by the C. M. Conference.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—There are 114 members of the Mechanics' Institute; 1271 books in the library; 29 newspapers and 6 magazines, all received regularly. Three entertainments were held during the past year. $678.80 were received during the year, and $666.68 paid out. The assets of the Institute are placed at $1745.00 with no liabilities.

The A. M. Gibson Manufacturing Coy. of Mitchell, pay $2,000 per month, to the hands in its employ. The $15,000 bonus was the best investment ever made by Mitchell.

HOWICK.

It is understood that the loyal orange lodge in Wroxeter have purchased a handsome new banner for the 12th of July. The lodge here is in a very prosperous condition under its able and esteemed Master Bro. James Orr. The society has about 25 members and their number is constantly increasing. They have without doubt, three of the ablest lecturers in the County. The society has also sent a handsome sum to the Hackett fund in Montreal.

FRENDISH ACT.—On Sunday night or early Monday morning last some human fiend, with an axe or other edged tool, inflicted a severe wound in the fleshy part between the hip and the root of the tail of a steer belonging to Mr. James Armstrong, lot 8, con. 14, Howick. The cut was four inches in length, and it required six stitches to sew it up. With good care, however, the animal will be all right again. Mr. Armstrong is a quiet inoffensive gentleman, and it is a mystery what could induce any person to commit so foul a deed.—*Enterprise.*

MORNINGTON.

DOMINION DAY.—The different temperance organizations of this township which belong to the Northern Temperance Association are going to Glenallen to take part in the annual demonstration of this body. It will not be necessary for us to say anything in favor of this demonstration, when we state that it is the Glenallen D. S. T. who have the business in hand, as they are noted for the splendid entertainments which they give and for their hospitality to strangers. We understand that there will be plenty of amusements, good music and speaking, with abundance of refreshments and accommodation for a very large crowd. We hope our Mornington people will pay the Wellingtonians a visit.

LECTURE.—The Rev. Mr. Wright delivered a lecture in the North Mornington Presbyterian church to a very respectable audience. Mr. John Gamble ably filled the chair, and opened the meeting with a very appropriate address. At the close of the lecture Mr. Wright was tendered a vote of thanks, as also the chairman.

BASE BALL.—The young men of Burns have organized a base ball club called the Mohawks.

BURNS CHURCH.—At a meeting of the congregation of this Church, on the 17th inst., a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. John Kay, Michigan. His removal is probable.—*Herald.*

WELLESLEY.

ACCIDENT AT A RAISING.—While assisting at a barn raising on the farm of Mr. John Wilson last week, William Roe had his arm broken and received other injuries, and Duncan Anderson had his foot badly smashed. The accident was caused by a bent slipping from its intended position. Several others had a very narrow escape.

The construction of Paris Exhibition buildings cost 45,000,000 francs, 10,000,000 in excess of the original estimates.

GENERAL NEWS.

W. Dunn, near Teviotdale, has lost 4 ewes and 4 lambs since May 27.

The old Catholic Synod at Bonn by 75 to 22 has adopted a resolution in favor of marriage of the clergy.

The Wellington Field Battery and 30th Rifles go into camp at Kinnettles on Saturday, 22nd June.

It is estimated the wheat crop for the present year in the United States will be four hundred million bushels.

Preparations for the celerbation of Dominion Day in Woodstock are being made on the most extensive scale and a "big time" may be looked for.

The ladies of Christ church, Drayton, intend holding a fancy fair and bazaar in aid of the building fund some time in October, during the West Wellington show.

A Socialist mass meeting at New York on Saturday night denounced the attempted assassination of the Emperor William by Nobeling.

A by-law granting a bonus of fifteen thousand dollars to the Georgian Bay and Wellington Railway was carried in Mount Forest on Tuesday by a majority of sixty.

Vaughan, who is to be hanged on Saturday next for the murder of Mrs. Quinn, in New Brunswick, has made a confession of his guilt, which will not be given to the public until after the execution.

John McLuhan, of Proton, recently shot a very large bear on Mr. Greenley's Luther farm. It weighed 254 pounds, measured from nose to tail 6 ft. 5 in., 3 ft. 10 in. around the body, and 23 in. around the shoulder.

A tramp recently entered J. R. Wissler's house in Salem, compelled Mrs Wissler to give him some dinner, subsequently insulting her. Mr. Wissler followed him on the way to Elora and thrashed him thoroughly.

It is claimed that there is residing on lot 28, 7th con., Kincardine, a young man named J. H. Stewart, aged sixteen, who weighs 185 pounds, and stands 6 feet 7¾ inches in his stockings. This is a chance for side-show men.

The difficulties of the Quebec situation, instead of diminishing, appear rather to be increasing, the Legislative Council, which the Government are desirous of abolishing, having asserted itself by a very large majority in antagonism to the Ministry of the day.

A petition has been filed with A. R. C. Saunders, clerk of Minto, requesting the council to submit a by-law for $15,000 for Stratford & Lake Huron Railway. Another petition has been filed requesting the council to submit a by-law for $30,000 for the same purpose.

The milling industry of the United States is said to rank next to that of iron. The number of mills is over 25,000, affording employment to over 50,000, men whose annual wages are about $20,000,000, and turning out yearly about 50,000,000 barrels of flour, of which 4,000,000 are exported to foreign countries.

Post Office Inspector Sweetman of Toronto, is now engaged between Lucan and Wingham in forming a new mail route, and making other necessary arrangements in connection with the placing of a postal car and mail clerk on the London, Huron and Bruce railway, between London and Wingham, on and from the 1st of July.

London's steam fire engine was overturned in the ditch by a runaway on Friday night and badly damaged. Grey, the driver was pitched off and severely hurt. Weaver, the engineer, and Mingay, his assistant, jumped off and were somewhat injured. The false alarm out of which these accidents arose, was given by a colored person, who mistook the rising moon for a fire.

FAREWELL SERMON.—The Rev. Manly Benson, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, Stratford, for the past three years, having completed the full term allowed by the Methodist Conference, preaches his farewell sermon on Sunday evening next. Mr. Benson will be with his new charge in St. Thomas the following Sunday.

Here is an item for the superstitious. A large and costly steel portrait of the poet Bryant hung in an office in Pittsfield, Mass. On the afternoon when he met with his accident the cord which held the portrait broke and it fell to the floor, shattering the frame and breaking the glass, but only slightly injuring the picture.

BURGLARS IN WINGHAM.—The residence of Mr. Benjamin Willson, banker, was entered by thieves last Friday night, and a gold watch and chain and pencil case were taken from Mr. Crowell Willson's pocket. A number of suspicious looking characters have been seen prowling around here lately, and are being watched by the police.

A thorough investigation reveals the fact that the number of men belonging to Communist or Socialist organizations in New York probably is only about 1,300, and that most of them are Germans. They indulge in extravagant language, but are not drilling nor arming, and the police believe no trouble is feared.

In some Ontario villages and towns butter, of good quality, is being sold at from 10 to 12½ cents per lb. Recently ten kegs of butter were purchased for a woollen factory at Blyth, county of Huron, to be used in oiling wool. And a Brussels merchant sold over 500 lbs. of butter to a Toronto dealer at five cents. We fancy that "the trade" will take care not to burn their fingers with butter this year as they did last.

MONSTER MUSICAL FESTIVAL.—At the last Provincial Exhibition one of the features of the week was Mrs. M. A. White's great musical festival, which was held in the London drill shed. Mrs. White proposes to make this an annual affair and is now making arrangements for the forthcoming Exhibition. She is advertising for 2,000 children and 200 ladies, which she purposes training for the event.

The secession of newspapers from the Grit cause goes on apace. The latest conversion is the *Glocke*, a German paper published in Walkerton by the son of Mr. Rittinger, publisher of the *Berliner Journal*, the leading German paper of Canada. The Berlin *Daily News* says: "It is not at all improbable that as the son's paper has come to the support of the National Policy and Protection candidates, the father's paper will do likewise, and support Messrs. Kranz and Walters."

FATAL THUNDER STORM.—A violent rain storm accompanied by thunder and lightning passed over Port Elgin on Sunday morning. Homer Neeland's residence, situated about four miles from that place, was struck by lightning, and his son, aged six, while in bed, was instantly killed. Mr. Neeland who occupied the same bed, was also injured, but from latest reports he is doing well and is expected to recover. The house was only slightly damaged. No further damage is reported in the vicinity.

At the Centennial Exhibition the admission was fifty cents, and they were particular about how the fifty cents should be paid. Two quarters, five dimes, or ten nickles, would not satisfy the man at the turnstile—he must have a fifty cent piece or nothing. At the French Exhibition the admission is twenty cents, but the gate-keeper is not allowed to take twenty-cents; he demands a ticket. The tickets are sold almost everywhere in Paris, and so it don't trouble the Parisians half so much to get the tickets as it does the twenty cents.

Bismarck when he spoke of a war between England and Russia as a war between horses and fishes, had in his mind, without a doubt, Pfeffel's fable in rhyme of "The Lion and the Whale," which undertook to decide in one great encounter the lordship of the whole world. Both advanced to the encounter furious with rage, but the whale found he couldn't go on dry land, and, despite his courage, the lion wouldn't go into the sea; consequently their warfare was confined to glaring at each other and exchanging taunts and challenges.

The inquest on the body of the man Beaudoin, who was shot in the riot on Wednesday of last week at Quebec, terminated on Monday. The jury returned the following verdict: "That death was caused by a wound in the head produced by a bullet from a carbine in the hands of a soldier of the "B" battery while he was in the lawful discharge of his duty in the suppression of a riot, which took place on the afternoon of the 12th inst., in St Paul and Dambourges streets, and in which riot deceased was present and participated."

ONE MORE VICTIM.—We are called upon this week to record the death of Mr. James P. Young, son of our old townsman, Mr. James Young, grain buyer. At the time of the late terrible accident on the Grand River, Mr. Young was one of those who worked so untiringly in the endeavors to recover the bodies of the drowned, and on several occasions was up to his waist in the water. From this he took a severe cold, which developed into congestion of the lungs; and notwithstanding the best of medical aid, he sank to his rest on Sabbath morning last (9 inst.) Mr. Young was aged only 33 years at the time of his death.—*Galt Reporter.*

Earl Dufferin habitually does graceful things. The last recorded, remarks the *Witness*, that of his sending a personal acknowledgement to the "Barlow Greys" for their attendance at the review on the 24th of May, is one of the most pleasing, and the fact recorded in this acknowledgment, that he had written to Her Majesty with his own hand, acquainting her with the pleasing incident and the friendly spirit with which a United Sates crops joined with Canadian ones in saluting her birthday, is not the least important one. Her Majesty's personal popularity in the United States is great, and the publication of this letter throughout that country can do nothing but good.

THE LOCAL PAPER.—The Local paper is an absolute necessity to the county and community where it is published. All the city papers cannot supply the place of a home paper. They should be the first love of every man and woman, for with the paper is the locality identified. The paper gives the county and town where printed much of their importance in the world, and gives in detail the local news, which cannot be gained by any other source. Every week's issue of the paper is so much local history, and the rise, growth and developement of the town and county can be measured and recorded by the local newspaper that constantly is gathering its items. People do not properly appreciate their home paper. The home newspaper at any price is the cheapest journal anyone can take.

From the Parliamentary Companion we learn that the class having the largest representation in the Legislature is that of the lawyers, who muster 15 in the Senate and 49 in the House of Commons. The manufacturers and merchants are represented by 24 and 49 respectively. The doctors number four in the Senate and fifteen in the Lower House; notaries, 3 and 4; editors, 5 and 10; agriculturists, 2 and 8; millers, none in the Senate, 9 in the Commons; miscellaneous, 11 and 36; undefined, 14 and 24. In the Ontario Assembly, the same authority informs us, there are 18 lawyers, 12 doctors, 27 manufacturers and merchants, two editors, two agriculturists (evidently an incomplete classification,) five miscellaneous, and 22 undefined. In the Senate there are five graduates in Law or Arts, in the Commons, 27, and in the Legislature of Ontario, 8.

A ROYAL ACT OF KINDNESS.—While driving herself the other day in her pony carriage at Malta, says the *Whitehall Review*, the Duchess of Edinburgh unfortunately ran over a child who darted into the roadway in that sudden manner which there is no eluding, and of which all who drive have much and startling experience every day of their lives. The child was most severely injured, but thanks to the promptitude and energy of the Duchess, its life will in all probability be saved. Her Imperial Highness at once lifted the urchin into her carriage and drove off to the doctor. The latter—a native of the island—being a stupid fellow, could not be made to understand the affair, though tried by the Duchess in English, French and Russian successively. "Whoever heard a doctor not knowing either English or French?" at last cried the Duchess with impatience. "And whoever heard of a Duchess knowing Maltese?" reported *il medico* in his own lingo (a barbarous mixture of Arabic, Coptic, and Italian,) by some means comprehending what was said. Her Imperial Highness was not, however, so easily defeated, and despatching messengers to both the "Minotaur" and the "Defence" she obtained eventually the assistance of surgeons from both those war-ships. Not satisfied with half measures, however, the Duchess has not only sent her own medical man daily to the child but has also been most assiduous in calling herself and giving pratical advice to the parents as to their treatment of the patient, not forgetting to afford them both constant and substantial pecuniary assistance.

WALLACE.

COURT OF REVISION—The adjourned Court of Revision of the township of Wallace met at the Dominion Hotel, Gowanstown, June 15th, pursuant to adjournment; all the members of the court present, A Kennedy, Esq., Deputy-Reeve, in the chair. The following decisions were given on appeal:

J Smith, lot 51, con 1, assessment raised to $1000
T Smith, lot 52, con 1, " " 900
M Rowe, lot 56, s pt 55, c 1, " " 1600
P Knechtel, lot 39 e ½ 40, c 3, " " 1700
J McAllister, lot 41, con 3, " " 1200
J Reynolds, lot 53 s ½ 54, c 3, " " 1600
Wm Willoughby entered on roll for part 24, con 5, instead of Sarah Spillet; Isaac Scott entered for lot 37, con 1, F S; G K Rapp, for lot 46, con 2, instead of G H Rapp; L Snider, for lot 40, con 2, instead of H Snider; C Fischer, s ½ 42, 43, con 4, instead of R Fischer; E Kauffman, pt 23, con 7, F S; H Dechant, lot 33, 34, con 7, F S; G Weichel, pt 38, con 7, tenant; G Mahring, lot 45, con 5, instead of L Bolton; D Wenzel, lot 29, con 6, owner; G Wenzel, lot 29, con 6, tenant; A Wenzel, lot 29, con 6, F S; W H Campbell, teacher, residing at lot 24, con 2, income $425; C King, entered for lot 34, con 4, instead of C Cling, and assessment reduced to $1140.

J Armstrong, entered for lot 6, con 11, F S.
G Hayes, " " 2, " 13, F S.
R Crooks, " s hf 13, 14, con 5, F S.
W Crooks, " s hf 13, 14, con 5, F S.
Enos Williams, " lot 24, con 8, F S.
J Galbraith, lot 1, con 12, assessment raised $100: R G Roberts, teacher, &c., pt 34, c 4, income $520.

Moved by W Ferguson, seconded by J McDermott, that the assessment roll as now revised be confirmed and adopted and finally passed.—Carried. R G ROBERTS, Clerk.

COMMERCIAL NOTES.

LONDON CHEESE MARKET.

The offerings at the cheese market on Saturday amounted to 2,363 boxes, a much larger quantity being represented, but not placed on the Board. 685 boxes sold for 7¾c. Holders of the best factories of June cheese are asking 8c, without transactions.

UTICA CHEESE MARKET.

June 17.—15,500 boxes of cheese changed hands to-day, 4,800 being on commission. Leading factories commanded 8¼c, but the average was 8¼c.

UNITED STATES' WOOL CLIP.

In their annual wool circular, Messrs. Fenno,Son & Co., of Boston, say:—"The clip will probably be about the same in amount as last year, viz., 200,000,000 lbs. There will be a decrease in California, offset by the increase in Texas and the Territories, and the older States will hold their own. But little foreign has been brought in, and most of that sold at a loss. Unless the tariff is changed less will probably come in this year. The product of the newer States and Territories, while it is rapidly increasing, is fast becoming popular with manufacturers and many clips received last season compared favorably with the wools of the Australian Colonies, in quality and condition, but were somewhat shorter in staple."

LISTOWEL MARKETS.

June 20, 1878.

Wheat, fall, per bush.	$0 95	to 0 00
Wheat, spring, "	0 80	0 90
Barley, "	0 30	0 35
Peas, "	0 50	0 00
Oats, "	0 28	0 30
Flour, per cwt.,	2 50	0 00
Oatmeal, "	2 75	3 00
Cornmeal, "	2 00	2 25