This Week's Advertisements.

Card of Thanks—Dr. Arnold.
Auction—E. T. Fairbanks & Co.
Boy Wanted—*Signal* Office.
Dissolution of Partnership—Doyle & Squier.
Business Card—W. R. Squier.
Sheriff's Sale of Lands—John Maudon all
Lion Store—Geo. McKenzie.
Fellows' Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites.

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Grand Trunk Railway.

GODERICH STATION

Trains leave as follows,—

Mail	7.00 a. m.
Express	10.00 " "
Mixed	12 30 p. m.
"	3.30 p. m.

Trains are due as follows,—

Mixed	10.00 a. m.
Express	2.00 p. m.
Mixed	5.10 " "
Mail	9.35 " "

Subscribers will confer a favour by notifying us of any irregularity in the delivery of their papers.

We shall be glad at all times to receive items of local news, reports of meetings, accidents, or any incident of interest either in the locality where it occurs or to the county at large. Such matter may be sent at the rate of one cent per oz. if marked Printer's Copy and not sealed. To ensure publication in any particular issue it should reach the office not later than Monday evening.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, JAN. 22, 1873.

Extra copies of this day's Signal can be had at the Office—price 5 cents.

Ontario Crown Lands.

Those who have had anything to do with the Crown Land Department of Ontario cannot fail to have been impressed with the admirable manner in which the business of the department is managed under its present head, Hon. R. W. Scott. The policy pursued by the present government with reference to our wild lands is a wise one, and the business of the office shows a large increase in the receipts from this source of revenue. The increase for 1872 over that of 1871 is very remarkable, being for the former $407,000 as against $349,000 for the latter. The increase has not been obtained by squeezing the last penny out of settlers but owing to the larger number of patents taken out, the number for 1872 being one-third in excess of 1871 and nearly double that of 1870. The lands were also sold at lower prices, 113,623 acres realizing $193,000 in 1872, while 78,000 acres were sold for $180,000 in 1871. In 1871 the proceeds from woods and forests amounted to $570,000, while in 1872 it mounted up to $1,191,436 of which only $280,000 was derived from the great sale of limits in October, one half the price being accepted in notes on account of the stringency in the money market at the time. Last year 150,000 acres of mining lands in the Lake Superior district were sold, against 20,000 acres in 1871. These facts speak for themselves and show with what vigour the Ontario Government is pushing the developement of our territory. They take the enlightened view that it is better to encourage the investment of capital and the settlement of the country than to consider the public lands as so much property held in trust, for which the highest possible price is to be obtained at the sacrifice of every other consideration.

Public School Affairs.

For some time past our contemporary has been greatly exercised over the management of the Public Schools of this town, and has worked itself into a state of excitement because it cannot obtain certain Prize Lists and Reports of the standing of the pupils in the different departments for publication. We can sympathize with it in so far that we would gladly publish the lists too, were they obtainable, but we must inform our confrere that the reason is not as he states, because "there had been no examination according to law, the Inspector having been absent from town on professional business at the time he should have been attending to this duty." The examination and inspection of the schools took place as usual. True, the Inspector was called away before he had completed the work, but he left a gentleman in his place who has always taken a deep interest in our schools, and who is just as competent to perform the work as the Inspector himself. We may say further in reply to the charge that the present Inspector is not in a position to perform his duties properly, that he has always done so to the entire satisfaction of the Board, and even last year, when an attempt was made to supplant him by another, not the slightest exception was taken to the manner in which he had performed his duty. The law only requires him to spend half a day twice a year in each department, instead of which he has always devoted at least three weeks to the semi-annual inspections. The charge against him is therefore wholly without foundation.

And now it is our turn to find fault. We expected that since one of the parties connected with our contemporary had obtained a seat at the School Board we would have full and accurate reports of its proceedings, but what do we find. Its report of the first meeting is garbled, no doubt for a special purpose, and a report handed in by a committee is made to convey a meaning directly the opposite to what was intended. In some other minor instances the report is calculated to mislead the public, but we will let it pass, hoping the reporter will be more accurate in future.

As to the publication of the results of the examination we are well aware that the Principal, whose efficiency and judgment no one will call in question, has good and sufficient reasons for not publishing them at present.

—We were quite correct in our statement that the London *Herald* placed the townships of Mornington, Hibbert, Logan and Ellice in the County of Huron, at least so far as its daily edition was concerned. We know nothing about the weekly. Of course it was only a mistake, and our cotemp. need not feel put out because we directed attention to it.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Pullman cars are about to be introduced on the English railways.

The Local Legislature of Manitoba is summoned to meet on the 5th of February.

A freshet has occurred in some of the Eastern States, which has done much damage by washing away bridges, &c.

A. C. Chadwick, Barrister, of Guelph, has been gazetted Junior Judge of Wellington.

Diphtheria has become epidemic at Hamilton where a number of children have died of the disease.

The Empress Eugenie and Napoleon the Fourth gave a grand reception at Chiselhurst on Thursday.

Bloody election riots have taken place in Portugal in which a number of persons were killed.

The Allan line have lost another steamer, the *Acadian* having been sunk by coming in contact with ice at Baltimore on Friday.

The Right Hon. Edward Bulwer Lytton, the well known English author, died last Friday. He was 67 years of age.

The Chinese are obtaining large supplies of breech-loading rifles, and foreign residents at Tientsin are beginning to feel apprehensive.

Prince Bismark has retired from the Prussian Cabinet, it is supposed on account of differences between the Emperor and himself on Church questions.

Advices from Zanzibar state that the supplies despatched by Mr. Stanley duly reached Dr. Livingstone, and the great explorer, with characteristic energy and pluck, set out on the 18th of August last to complete his discoveries

The Russian Government, it appears, sent an agent to try to induce the British Government to co-operate in the plans of the former for the subjugation of Khiva, but Her Majesty's Ministers have resolved to adhere to their policy as lately announced.

The Turkish Government has commenced an action for libel against the London *Times* for inserting letters purporting to be contributed by their Turkish Minister as St. James's which are alleged to contain untrue statements respecting the finances of Turkey.

Evidence it being taken at Ottawa for the mixed Commission, respecting the responsibility of the Canadian Government for the St. Alban's raid. Sir John A. Macdonald and Hon. H. S. Laugevin are the principal witnesses. Sir Geo. Cartier will be examined in England.

Hon. Roderick Matheson, of Perth and a Senator of the Dominion, died on the 13th inst, aged 80 years. He was well known throughout the Dominion. Hon. A. Vidal of Sarnia succeeds him, Hon W Muirhead of Nova Scotia is also made a Senator in place of Hon. P. Mitchell, resigned.

The funeral of Napoleon III. took place last Wednesday at Chiselhurst The procession was headed by a deputation of working men from Paris. 800 mourners were in attendance and the cortege was witnessed by over 30,000 persons. The Empress was too unwell to be present. Funeral obsequies were celebrated in a number of cities on the continent by the admirers of the deceased.

A Company has been formed at Liverpool to establish a line of steamships between Quebec and some French port. The trade between Canada and France will amply support such a line. A portion of the stock is reserved for Canada, which will be represented by one out of the six directors. Two powerful vessels have been contracted for to be ready in March. The Co. will be styled the French Canadian Steamship Company.

Last Lines of the late Thos. McQueen,

EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR OF THE HURON SIGNAL, GODERICH, WRITTEN A SHORT TIME BEFORE HIS DEATH.

Exactly twenty-five years ago Thomas McQueen commenced the publication of the HURON SIGNAL. We feel satisfied that the following, his last lines, will be read with interest by our subscribers, a goodly number of whom commenced to take our paper with its first issue, under his proprietorship.

The pleasures of life so fleet by and fair
Are fading away into shadowy care.
And the soul once so lively, so cheerful and gay,
Broods lonely in gloom that will ne'er pass away

The morn's rosy light falls on landscape and lake
And bids drowsy nature in gladness awake.
But to my listless bosom it comes but to say,
That the gloom on my spirit will ne'er pass away.

The moonlight that gambols on woodland and wave
Brings sweet to the weary and rest to the slave,
But its silvery softness unheeded must play,
For the gloom on my spirit will ne'er pass away.

In her loveliest robe Maiden nature appears,
And her melody swells dull despondency's fears,
Her winds may be sweet, and her flowers be gay,
But the gloom on my spirit will ne'er pass away.

The cheek of the maiden may vie with the rose,
And beauty and love in each feature repose,
But I feel not the power of love's loving ray,
For the gloom on my spirit will ne'er pass away.

Alas! dearest friend, earth's pleasures are fled
Life is purely for me as the home of the dead,
No longer I dream of a happier day,
For the gloom on my spirit will ne'er pass away.

THOS MCQUEEN.

—It is rumored in Ottawa that Parliament will meet for despatch of business on the 18th prox.

—The Hon. Roderick Matheson, Senator is dead. Hon. Alex. Vidal is named as his successor.

Ottawa requires $40,000 for the new Protestant General Hospital, and has only raised $12,000 up to the present.

Dr. C. B. Jones of Toronto died suddenly last Wednesday from the effects of a dose of chloral hydrate administered to deaden the pain of an operation.

An old man named Wm. Clark, of Eugenie Falls, dropped dead in church at that place, on Sunday last. Cause—apoplexy.

The Prince and Princess of Wales recently lunched with the Duke of Rutland. The central dish was a boar's head, and the second dish a peacock pie.

Ignatius Korman, Esq., of Walkerton, has been appointed emigration agent on behalf of the Dominion Government for Alsatia and Lorraine.

—The six leading literary magazines of the United States; namely, Harper's Monthly, the Atlantic, the Galaxy, Scribner's Monthly, Lippincott's Magazine and Old and New—circulate an aggregate of over 150,000 copies, and are read, probably, by upwards of two millions of readers.

LOCAL NEWS

FIRE COMPANY.—The Chief Engineer of the Fire Brigade informs us that Goderich is now possessed of an efficient fire company, ready to do their duty at a moments notice.

ACCIDENT.—We understand a man named Wm. Bumball had one of his thumbs taken off at the first joint while loading a car at the station a few days ago.

COLBORNE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.—The Council for the present year is composed of the same members as last year, with the exception of Mr. Malloy, whose place is taken by Mr. Jas. Symington.

HARBOUR WORKS.—The contractors for the harbour works are engaged on the superstructure of the south pier, the ice offering great facilities for the prosecution of the work.

CAPTAIN DANCY has we understand, added to his "fleet" by the purchase of another vessel at St. Catherines. She will be employed in the general carrying trade.

MUNICIPAL LOAN FUND.—The deputation appointed by the County Council to lay the claims of the County in this matter before the government, visited Toronto for that purpose last week.

PERSONAL.—M. C Cameron, M. P. took his departure for another trip for the benefit of his health, on Thursday last. His medical advisers have ordered absolute cessation from business for a time. He has gone to Savannah, Georgia. Mrs Cameron accompanied him.

DOCKS.—The deputation appointed by the town council some time ago to interview the government at Ottawa with reference to the building of docks, performed their mission last week. The result will be found in our report of the Mayor's remarks at the meeting of council on Monday.

NEW SALT WORKS AT KINCARDINE.—The ambitious village of Kincardine is to have a new salt well of which Messrs Gray and Scott are to be the proprietors. The contract for the erection of the necessary works has been awarded to Mr J. S. McEwen of Seaforth, formerly of Goderich. They will involve an expenditure of about $30,000.

STANLEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—The following were elected office bearers of the township of Stanley Agricultural Society at a meeting held at Thomas Cook's, on the 4th inst.—President, Charles Tough; Vice-President George Castle; Secretary and Treasurer, James Armstrong. Directors—D. H. Ritchie, Dr. Woods Edmund Westlake, W. M. Keys, Thomas Simpson, Wm. Hall, J. B. Secord, Ralph Stephenson, W. H. McCann. Auditors—John Eason, John Keys.

"A HOLLOW HONOR."—Our town contemporary, the *Signal*, considers a University degree a "hollow honor". Perhaps the fable of the Fox and the Grapes never received a more fitting illustration than this. As far as its knowledge of Latin quotations the less it says about that the better. When the same mistake is made over and over again it is very natural for one to come to the conclusion that the person making it does not know any better.

A QUARTER OF A CENTURY.—The Stratford *Beacon* in referring to our having attained the respectable journalistic age of a quarter of a century says,—"Our time honored contemporary, the Goderich *Signal*, this week attained the unusual journalistic age of twenty-five years. It is something for a newspaper to be able to boast of a quarter of a century of usefulness; and few newspapers in their day and generation have been of greater service to the country than the Goderich *Signal*."

BUSINESS.—Some people still believe that advertising by means of hand-bills and posters is better than in newspapers. Most of the large advertisers have learned better. The Theatre Managers Union of New York on Monday resolved to modify the present form of advertising by abolishing bill boards and restricting notices entirely to newspapers. The advertising expenses of the New York theatres average over $100 a day, and the managers have been compelled to make advertising a study. The result of their study we have stated.—*Exchange.*

LOW JOURNALISM.—Most of the newspapers in the neighboring County of Bruce appear to think it their special province to abuse each other instead of fulfilling the legitimate business of a public journal Low and vulgar abuse of each other has been their chief stock in trade for some time. The last issue of a sheet published at Kincardine speaks of a brother editor as a "lampoon", "reptile", "beast", &c., and indulges in language which is simply disgraceful. Down upon such prostitution of an honourable profession.

LECTURE.—Rev. W. Cochrane of Brantford, delivered his lecture on the Hero-Martyrs of Scotland, in St Andrew's Church on Tuesday evening of last week, as previously announced. The attendance was not what it should have been, though quite as large as can generally be obtained in Goderich to hear a lecture. The lecturer described the character of the Scottish Covenanters and of their supporters and illustrated his subject with a number of anecdotes. The lecture was well received and gave evident satisfaction to those who heard it.

MECHANICS' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.—This Society will celebrate the first anniversary of its incorporation by an Oyster Supper at E. Martin's Hotel, on Tuesday evening 28th inst. Tickets 50 cents. Friends of the Society are invited to attend. The Society, which is purely benevolent, comprises about forty members. A large sum has been expended during the past year in charity. The following are the officers for the ensuing year,—

President, A. Kirkbride.
Vice President, Jas. M. Wright.
Secretary, John Nairn.
Assistant Secretary, R. McBrine.
Treasurer, C. Crabb.

HULLETT B.A.S.—The annual meeting of the Hullett Branch Agricultural Society took place on Saturday last, 11th inst at Brownlee's Hotel. The treasurer's report was presented, showing a balance in hand of $35.71. The report was adopted. The following officers were then appointed, viz:—Mr. J. Biggins, President; J. Mason, Vice President; J. A. Nelles, Secretary; T. Cooper, Treasurer. Directors—Jas. Sutherland, Wm Caldwell, Jas. Southcombe, Rich. Cole, J. Shipley, Wm. Wise, H. Ford, F. Walters, S. Andrews. Auditors—N. Robson and R. P. D. Brown. A vote of thanks was passed and tendered to the retiring president, Mr. Shipley, after which the meeting adjourned.—*New Era.*

Town Council.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Goderich, 20th Jan., 1873.

The new Council met to-day according to Statute. All the members were present except Messrs. Gibbons and Doyle.

The Clerk read returns of the members elect, all of whom had put in their certificates and taken the oath except the two above mentioned.

The Mayor addressed the Council. He congratulated them on the fact that the ratepayers were so well satisfied with the manner in which the business of the town had been conducted during the past year that the old Council had been re-elected with the exception of two members. He stated that he had been on several deputations recently to interview the Government on matters of importance to the town. With reference to the establishment of Normal Schools it was probable there would be three new ones, one at Ottawa, one at Kingston, and the third probably at London. He went on to explain the position of the town with reference to the Municipal Loan Fund, and stated that the Government were prepared to do justice as far as possible to all concerned. It was probable our total indebtedness for principal, arrears of interest, &c., would be reduced from $140,000 to $98,000. He had just returned from Ottawa where he, with Mr. Farrow, M. P., and Mr. Dickson, had been sent to urge upon the Government for some assistance towards building piers at this harbour. They had stated their case, but of course the Government were reticent in the matter. Hon. H. L. Langevin, Minister of Public Works, whom they had first seen, told them that clean of improvements did not fall within the province of the Dominion Government, that their object in constructing works here was simply to make a harbour of refuge, easy of access, and in which vessels might lie with safety, and it made no difference to them whether there were docks here at all. The deputation showed that the change they had made necessitated new docks, and it was only right that as they had caused the necessity they should at least assist in their construction. They afterwards saw the Minister of Justice on the matter. The Government could not commit themselves, but they allowed expressions to drop which led to the hope that an increased sum would be placed in the estimates for the improvement of the harbour. The town would be expected to contribute its share, but would not be called on for more than the sum granted by the by-law, viz: $20,000. The question as to the ownership of the docks and the imposing of tolls to cover the cost of construction had been raised, but it was thought best to allow it to lie over in the mean time. He thought the timber should be got out at once, and if the Government undertook the work they would take it off our hands. He felt satisfied the Government would do something, and in this opinion he was borne out by Mr. John Brown.

With reference to the prospects of the coming year our position was not very flattering. It the amount of our indebtedness to the Municipal Loan Fund was not reduced below the sum he had named we would have to raise to meet interest on Harbour debentures, Platt's Hill debentures, Salaries, and other expenses which must be met, without taking into account any public improvements whatever, $1650 more than last year. The state of the town would call for the most rigid economy on the part of the Council.

With reference to the Cemetery lots where the drill shed stands, he stated that he had visited the Canada Company's office in Toronto on Saturday and that they had consented to give the town a free deed of the whole eight lots now fenced in. They would also convey to the town, free of expense, the lots on the bank opposite Sheriff Macdonald's.

Referring to the proposed breakwater to protect the light house, he had received a telegram when in Ottawa, he did know from whom, asking him to call the attention of the government to the matter. The government stated that they were prepared to do something, but only and breaking his back. There are some hopes of his recovery.

ANOTHER ACCIDENT.—As a man was coming out of the station yard with a sleigh and span of horses, the horses took fright at a passing train and ran away, coming in contact with a sleighload of wheat, and slightly injuring the knee-cap of a young man named Robert Sheldon, of the township of Morris.

PROPERTY CHANGING HANDS.—We learn that Dr. Campbell has purchased from Mr. Frank Morpeth, that neat and comfortable dwelling on Main street, near the station. The doctor takes possession on the 1st of April, when he will locate his office in it. Mr. Wm. Auld has sold his cottage, opposite the Common School, to Mr. Wm. Logan, of the firm of Logan & Jamieson. The first named property was sold for $2,500, and the latter for $800.—*Expositor.*

THAT GOLD HEADED CANE.—There is still a good deal of talk about Mr. Shanks winning the gold headed cane which was offered by the managers of the R. C. Church, to the most popular man in town. Most people would have thought Dr. Colenso especially as he belonged to the Church which was offering the cane, others would have bet upon the head of Mr. H. Meyers a very popular young man and an able lawyer, but all were disappointed. Mr. Shanks a comparative stranger, a German and a Protestant beat them all by some 400 votes and is now in possession of a handsome walking cane worth it is said $45.

TEMPERANCE REVIVAL.—There seems to be quite a movement amongst the dry bones on the subject of Temperance at present. Some time ago Mr. John Andrew canvassed our town for signatures to a Prohibitory Liquor Petition and almost everybody signed it and expressed themselves in its favour, and again on the evening of the 13th inst., the Rev. H. B. Palmer delivered a Lecture on the same subject in the Good Templars Hall, under the auspices of the Sons of Temperance. This meeting was one of the most enthusiastic and successful ever held in Seaforth on that subject. Perhaps we might partly account for the large audience which filled the Hall, (we might say) inside and out, by the fact that the Rev. Mr. Palmer is a very able and popular Speaker, having won laurel both as a Preacher and Lecturer

Ashfield.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The Council met at Lougheed's, Lucknow, (30th December, 1872), all the members present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Notice of application was received from Wm. Harper to have the E½ lot con. 11, taken from S. S. No 5 and annexed to S. S. No. 13.

A petition from Wm. Mallough to have the arrears of taxes for 1871 against the S½ of E½ lot 9, con. 5, E. D., cancelled

Letter from B. L. Doyle, Esq., in reference to obstruction of sideline 3 and 4, con. 5.

Moved by J. F. Andrew, seconded by P. Clare, that James and George Sandy be refunded $6 and Donald Boyd $4, for Statute labour, and also two dollars charged against lot 4, con. 7, E. D., for Statute labour be refunded, the work having been performed in these cases.

Moved by M. Dalton, seconded by A. Dreany, that Henry Cook be remitted $1.93, Norman Mattheson $2.98, and Donald McDonald $10.46, on account of mistake in assessment.

Moved by J. F. Andrew, seconded by A. Dreany, that $0.03 arrears of taxes charged against S pt of E½ 9, con. 5, E D., for 1871, be cancelled.

Moved by J. F. Andrew, seconded by M. Dalton, that John Cooke be paid $12.50 for postage and Division Registrar.

Moved by J. F. Andrew, seconded by P. Clare, that Robert Clendenning's account for postage, &c., amounting to $3.25 be paid.

Moved by A. Dreany, seconded by P Clare, that the Clerk be instructed to procure the services of Mr. Thomas Weatherald, P. L. S., to find the bearing on side lines between 3 and 4, con 6. E. D., and to set stakes on the front and rear of said concessions.

Moved by J. F. Andrew, seconded by P. Clare, that Kenneth and Finlay McDonald be refunded $4.23 each, being an overcharge in taxes.

Moved by J. F. Andrew, seconded by P. Clare, that the Council adopt the petition of the Ontario Temperance and Prohibitory League, and that the Reeve and Clerk sign the papers on behalf of the Council.

Moved by M. Dalton, seconded by A Dreany, that the widow Higgins be allowed $1.48, and widow Edmondson $5 as charity.

Moved by J. F. Andrew, seconded by P. Clare, that the sum of ten dollars be remitted to Wm. Lougheed, being one-half of his license, on account of losses sustained by the burning of his house in November last.

Moved by J. F. Andrew, seconded by M. Dalton, that Wm. Andrew be paid the sum of five dollars for losses sustained by him in collecting for the year 1871.

Moved by J. F. Andrew, seconded by P. Clare, that the sum of ten dollars be paid to Donald McNuan for the board and lodging of one Robert Lashing, a blind man.

Moved by J. F. Andrew, seconded by P. Clare, that this Council do now adjourn *sine die.*

JOHN COOKE, Tp Clerk.

Presbytery of Huron.

The Presbytery of Huron held a regular meeting at Clinton, on Tuesday, the 14th inst. Mr. Gracey was appointed Moderator for the ensuing six months. Mr. Ure gave in a report setting forth that he dispensed the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Dungannon and Port Albert, according to instructions of Presbytery. Reports were given in by the several missionary deputations showing that on the whole they met with great success, but that in consequence of the severe storm that prevailed some of the meetings were small. On application made on behalf of the congregation at Bayfield, Mr. Ross was appointed to moderate in a call in that congregation on the 28th inst, at 11 A. M. There was taken up a call from the congregation of Indian Lands in the Presbytery of Montreal, to Rev. John Ross, of Brucefield. Extracts of records of Montreal Presbytery were read, as also reasons for and against translation, after which parties were heard as follows; Rev. D. Gordan, of Harrington, and Mr. Charles McDonald, elder of Indian Lands, on behalf of the congregation of Indian Lands. Messrs. Neil Ross, David Youill and George Forrest on behalf of the congregation of Brucefield. Mr. George Walker on behalf of the session of Brucefield, and Rev. John Ross for himself. The exit after several members of the Presbytery expressed their views on the matter, when it was agreed not to translate and Mr. Ross remains in Brucefield. The Assembly's remit anent the appointment of a mission agent was considered, and after a long discussion it was agreed to disapprove of such appointment. Circular letters were read from the Presbytery of Brockville in reference to the reception as ministers of this church of Mr. James Douglas, a minister of the Congregational body, and Mr. Boyd, a licentiate of the American Presbyterian Church; from the Presbytery of Toronto anent the reception of Mr. George Clarke, a minister of the United Presbyterian Church of the United States, and from the Presbytery of Manitoba anent the reception of Mr. Neil McDougall a minister without charge of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland. The following are the commissioners elected to the next General Assembly; Ministers—Messrs. Jones, Barr and McCaig by rotation, and Messrs. Ross, Ure and Goldsmith by ballot. Elders—Messrs McAdam, Walker, Torrance, Strachan, Carnochan and Ferguson. On motion of Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. McCaig, notice of which motion had been previously given, Mr. Ure, of Goderich, was nominated for professor of Mathematics and Astronomy in Knox College. A special meeting of Presbytery was appointed to be held in Clinton, on February 4th, for the purpose of considering a call from Bayfield, &c., Rev. Mr. Cochrane of Brantford, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member. The Presbytery agreed to hold its next meeting in Clinton, on the second Tuesday of April.

The ice is reported fourteen feet thick at Duluth!

South Huron Agricultural Society.

The annual meeting of the members of the South Huron Agricultural Society was held at Dixon's hotel, Brucefield, on Saturday last. The attendance of members was unusually small, there being but few more present than the officers and directors. The report of the Treasurer showed the affairs of the Society to be in a very satisfactory condition. The new year is commenced with a very fair membership list, and with a balance to the credit of the Society from last year's operations of about $106. The following statement and report were read by the Secretary on behalf of the Directors:

STATEMENT

Of moneys paid by the Society for prizes during the year 1872:

Horses	$170 50
Cattle	120 50
Sheep	81 50
Pigs	40 50
Poultry	11 25
Root crops	26 00
Implements	24 00
Grain	17 75
Fruits	20 50
Vegetables	9 50
Dairy Produce	22 50
Manufactures	24 00
Fine Arts	4 75
Ladies' Work	36 00
Extras	21 25
Flowers and Plants	0 75
Blankets, Flannels, &c.	7 75
Plowing Match	87 00
Total amount paid in Prizes	$725 50

REPORT.

In addition to the above financial statement, the Directors reported as follows:

"We have again to remark that generally speaking our Society continues to prosper. We held a Spring Show for stallions and bulls, which was well attended The Fall Show was as usual, very successful. We have had also in 1872 a competition of growing root crops and a plowing match, both of which were more or less successful, and all calculated to advance materially the agricultural interests of the Riding. The donations and contributions to the Society for 1872, were superior to anything we have had hitherto. The Municipal Council of the County of Huron showed their appreciation of our efforts by giving us a grant of $100, and several public spirited gentlemen throughout the County gave us about $90, for our funds. This, with a membership of about 100, and the Government grant of $700, enabled us to pay off all indebtedness, and have a balance of $106.51, to commence operations for another year. For premiums, we have paid out during the year as follows: Spring Show, $102; Fall Show, $510; root crops, $26; plowing match, $87; Union Agricultural Prize paid, $725.50, as shown above. The Branch Societies in connection with us are comparatively flourishing. With one exception all the Usborne & Stephen Branch which amalgamated with the County Society for a Fall Show, all the others have held exhibitions attended with considerable success. It is a pleasing feature in connection with our Branches, that they are making efforts to have grounds and permanent buildings of their own. Tuckersmith, Usborne and Stephen have already secured such at considerable expense, they have bought land, and will, no doubt, soon also erect permanent buildings, all of which is respectfully submitted."

H. LOVE, Sec., Secretary.
GEORGE ANDERSON, President.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers and Directors were elected for the ensuing year: President, George Anderson; First Vice President, Arch. Bishop; Second Vice President, Wm. Bell. Directors—Peter Adamson, Goderich town; Wm. Wise Goderich township; Thos Simpson, Stanley; Wm. Wilson, Hay; Wharton Hodgson, and R. Manning, Stephen; James Pickard, Usborne; Dr. Coleman, Seaforth and George Sproat, Tuckersmith.

The business before the meeting ending with the election of officers, an adjournment was made.—*Expositor.*

Hon. Mr. Mowat on Party.

The Premier being attacked by the Hon. M. C. Cameron for his descent from the bench into the arena of politics made the following eloquent defence which we publish as a valuable exposition of the importance of party. He said:

"He (Mr. M.) confessed that he did attach a great deal of importance to party, but he did not place party before country, and the country party because he was for country. (Cheers.) His attachment to party was because he believed—because he knew—that the interests of the country were best advanced by means of a well organized party founded on well recognized principles. The hon. gentleman had been kind enough to say that he had been chosen by lead the Reformers of Ontario because of his high moral worth. He (Mr. M.) was sensible for that compliment but did not the hon. gentlemen see that he was at the same time paying a compliment to the Reform party. They might be right or wrong the estimate which was placed upon his character, but the fact of their choosing him for that particular recommendation showed their high appreciation of that virtue. There were many men in the Reform party well fitted to fill the place for which he had been selected, there were some among his colleagues and many in the House; but it was thought desirable by the party that one of the old leaders of the party should occupy the position again, and he thought it his duty not to refuse.—The hon gentleman said that a judge who left the bench to enter political life descended the sanctity of the bench. He (Mr. Mowat) admitted the sanctity of the bench, but he denied its desecration. He believed it a low, degrading view of a politician's life to say that there was no sanctity belonging to it. As he understood his position there as leader of the party, he thought there was as much sanctity in his position as leader of the Reform party and of the Government, as in any other in the land. It would be a sad thing for our country if the opposite opinion were to be held by our people. Our whole system of government was one that involved party as a necessity. All statesmen had united in that view, and that it must be changed if it not worked by party. If this system of government, which had done so much for our own country and for the glorious motherland with which we are connected, and with whom we all hope to be connected as long as we live, was one which degraded a man to take part in it then it was a sad thing indeed for our future history. But this was inconsistent with the past history of both our own and the mother country. He felt that he was as much discharging his duty now and acting upon as high moral principles as he possibly could on the bench (Cheers.) He entirely repudiated the notion that there was anything inferior in the position of a political man—a representative of the people, a maker of the laws, an administrator of justice—to the position of any judge.

TERRIBLE EFFECT OF JEALOUSY.—A harrowing tale of love and jealousy comes from Dundas. A lover the other evening thought he saw his sweetheart talking over the gate to a rival. Lover gathered a boulder and hurled it with true aim at a rival's head. Rival's head proved to be a newly turned globe on the gate post. Boulder caromed on the head of sweetness. Father gave lover a dose of shot. Fido bit him. The spinster was picked out of sweetness' head, but she declines to marry a man who is jealous of a gate post.

Inventors are experimenting with paper, and seeing just for what purpose it may successfully be used. The last is to make window shutters of it, as a safeguard against fire. Unsinkable fire proof, weather proof and water proof, and with these three desirable qualities attained, there seems to be nothing to stand in the way of its general adoption.

Some people may not know that the wooden barber poles, the gilt balls, the mortar and pestle, the gilded pills, and other symbolic signs of trade, are relics of a time when the public was so ignorant that they were unable to read, and other newspaper advertising of to-day did not exist, because people could not read.

Agricultural Statistics.

TORONTO, Jan. 13th, 1873.

Among the petitions presented was one from the Council of Public Instruction relative to the constitution and working thereof, and a number praying that an Act may pass to prevent the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

A number of Bills were introduced, the following being the more important:

Mr. Macdonald—Bill to amend Law Reform Act of 1868 in reference to Juries in civil cases, and to repeal certain enactments.

Mr. Bethune—A Bill to provide for the Interdiction of Habitual Drunkards.

Mr. Bethune—A Bill to provide for the Law of Slander.

Mr. Macdonald—Bill to provide in Civil Cases a Verdict by Jury shall not require to be unanimous.

Mr. Bethune—Bill to amend the Upper Canada Jurors Act so as to provide for the payment of petty jurors.

Mr. Macdonald—Bill to amend the Act respecting short forms of Mortgage in Upper Canada.

Mr. Macdonald moved for copies of all Orders in Council (if any) and correspondence (if any) in respect to the candidature, or intended or supposed candidature, for seats or a seat in the House of Commons of Canada, at the recent general election of members to serve in said House of Commons, of the Registrar for the South Riding of the County of Lanark, of the Sheriff of the County of Halton, of the Sheriff of the County of Carleton, and of one of the Inspectors of High Schools in the Province of Ontario. After stating the facts of each case as they had come to his notice, he argued that it was exceedingly improper that Sheriffs and other officials should take part in politics.

Attorney-General Mowat said he was glad to find his hon. friend advocating views which the party of which he was now the leader in this House had always contended for. It was highly desirable that Government officials should not interfere in the elections, and he regretted that while the friends of the hon. member were in office they had not seen fit to effect any legislation necessary to prevent the evil of which the hon gentleman complained. With regard to his hon. friend's motion, there were no Orders in Council with reference to any of the matters mentioned in his motion. With regard to correspondence with any of the parties mentioned, so far as he knew there was no correspondence whatever, with one exception. He had no objection to bring down the correspondence with the Sheriff of Halton.

Some further discussion took place in which it was charged against the Government that they had employed land valuators to influence the elections. It turned out, however, that whether a valuator had been found interfering in the elections he had been dismissed The Government had acted throughout with great fairness and impartiality.

The motion was carried.

Some minor business was disposed of and the house adjourned at 5.15 p m.

January 14th.

A large number of petitions were presented, also a number of bills introduced.

Hon. Mr. McKellar announced that he had made arrangements with Mr. Muir to run special trains to Brantford, leaving Toronto at nine o'clock on Thursday morning, to visit the Blind Asylum. He also announced that the Great Western had agreed to the usual half-fare tickets for members during the session. Hon. Mr. Scott announced that the Grand Trunk had been applied to but it refused. Mr. Rykert enquired whether or not it is the intention of Ministers to appoint a Committee to enquire into the charges made by the Hon. William Macdougall against members of the Government in reference to certain mining lands The Hon. Attorney-General said Government would bring down any papers that were asked for, but a Committee would not be appointed. Mr. Rykert asked for certain immigration returns, so that the House might know what money was spent and in what direction, since the House last met. While approving of the action of the Government, inasmuch as it was a copy of the policy of the late Government, he objected to the appointment of such men as Rev. Mr Horrocks Cocks, who knew nothing about agricultural matters. Hon. Mr McKellar acceded to the motion, and said that Mr. Cocks had been appointed because he held a premise from Mr Carling. Mr. Rykert moved for a return of land valuators, remuneration paid to them, &c. Mr. McDonald (Leeds) moved for an address for copies of all orders in council, if any, and correspondence, and telegrams in reference to the establishment of any additional Normal Schools. Carried. The House then adjourned at 4.25 p.m.

January 15th.

A number of petitions were presented praying for amendments to the School Act.

Mr. Clarke (Wellington) introduced a bill to provide for voting by ballot in elections for the Legislature of Ontario.

In answer to Mr. Lander, the Attorney-General said the Government did not intend this session to bring in any measure for equalizing the representation of the people or for new counties for municipal or other purposes. The matter would be considered next session.

In answer to Mr. Fitzsimmons, the Attorney-General said no arrangement has yet been made with the Dominion Government regarding the appointment of issuers of marriage licenses by the Local Government.

Mr. Rykert moved for a return showing:—(1.) Copies of all Orders in Council relating to the recent sale of timber limits in Ontario. (2.) Copies of all reports in the office of the Department of Crown Lands, relating to the survey said limits, the quality and description of timber thereon, the nature of the soil, &c. (3) Copies of the rules, regulations and conditions under which the purchasers of said limits held the same, showing whether the whole or any portion therefor are subject to settlement. (4.) The names of the purchasers at said sale, the quantity purchased by each firm, and the several amounts agreed to be paid by them respectively—the amounts actually paid. (5.) The names of all purchasers who have failed to comply with the conditions of sale. (6.) The names of all purchasers at said sale who have since transferred their claims to other persons, and the names of such persons." To this he proposed, with the permission of the House, to add the following:—"Also stating whether or not the purchaser or assignee was, before the said purchase or transfer, a license or limit-holder, and if so to what extent; also, the total quantity of land now under license, and the total quantity remaining unlicensed."

Hon. Mr. Scott said he had no objection to the address. It would, of course, entail a good deal of trouble and cost a good deal of time in preparing the required data for. A large part of the information asked was contained in the reports of the Crown Lands Department from time to time. The principal part of the information asked with reference to the Lake Huron country was contained in the appendix to the report of the Department for 1856. Other reports had also been presented—one in 1857, another in 1859, and another in 1863. As to the latter part of the motion, the hon. gentleman would be able to procure definite information only with regard to the surveyed territory. There were a great many square miles of timber lands unsurveyed. He found in the report of Mr. J. G. Russell, who had given some information about that territory, that was to be procured from any other source, that the area of timber lands in the Ottawa valley was about 5,700 miles. The estimated territory upon which pine grew north of Lake Huron was only very general, as no survey had yet been made. He had seen it stated, in one newspaper report of the speech he had made the other day, that he had withdrawn two townships from the auction in October last, when what he had