## 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, at 8.55 a.m.; Mail at 2.51 p.m.; Accom. at 8.20 p.m.

For Palmerston—Mail at 7.04 a. m.; Accom. at 1.58 p.m.; Mixed, 9.30 p.m.

**STRATFORD & HURON RAILWAY.**

Trains depart from Listowel Station for Stratford and the South daily as follows: No. 1 Express, 5.57 a.m.; No. 5 Accom. 1.17 p.m.

Trains arrive from Stratford as follows: No. 4 Accom., 11.37 a.m.; No. 8 Express, 9.20 p.m.


# LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1878.


## NEW PROHIBITORY BILL.

HON MR. SCOTT, Secretary of State, has introduced his new Liquor Bill. It received its first reading in the Senate on Friday. The bill is entitled "an act respecting the traffic in intoxicating liquors." He terms it an enlargement of the Dunkin Act. It is in some respects similar, but its main provisions are intended to eliminate the worst features of that Act and substitute others in their stead. By this new bill power is given to any county or city within the Dominion to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors, excepting where medical, sacramental and mechanical cases demand its use, and then only upon the certificate of a doctor, a clergyman, or the affidavits of two justices of the peace. The *modus operandi* necessary to bring it into force is as follows: A petition, signed by 25 per cent. of the qualified ratepayers, must be forwarded to his Excellency in Council, requesting its submission to the vote of the electors within the county or city; the Governor in Council then issues a proclamation, which is to be published in the official *Gazettes* of the Dominion and Province, conveying full particulars of the application, and appointing a returning officer, whose duty it shall be to carry out the voting provisions, which are the same as for Dominion elections. Voting will therefore be by ballot and last but one day. At the expiration of sixty days from the carrying of the vote, the Governor-General will issue another proclamation announcing the prohibitory law to come in force on the termination of provincial licenses. Under its provisions, manufacturers and wholesale dealers are allowed to sell in quantities of not less than ten gallons, provided it is sold for purposes of consumption outside of the municipality where the law exists. The law remains in force for three years from the time of its coming into operation, unless a majority of the whole electors petition for its repeal at the expiration of one year. The expenses connected with its submission are to be borne by the Dominion Government. It does not affect the Dunkin Act where it is now in force, but in the event of this bill becoming law, it will preclude the Dunkin Act from operating in any new municipality. Penalties for breaches of the Act are attached, imposing for the first offence a fine of fifty dollars, for the second not less than one hundred dollars, and for the third and each subsequent offence, a term of imprisonment not exceeding two months. These are the main features of the bill as it at present stands, but it is altogether probable it will undergo various changes upon its second reading.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

A DEPUTATION from the Grand Orange Lodge of Western Ontario waited upon His Excellency Lord Dufferin on Wednesday of last week, and presented him with an address conveying an expression of the Orange body's attachment and loyalty to the Throne and Government of Her Majesty, and also of its readiness to take up arms at a moment's notice, if occasion required it, in defence of British interests at home or abroad. His Excellency received the deputation very courteously, and replied to their address in complimentary terms.

## CAMPAIGN NOTES.

A Young Men's Liberal Conservative Association for the North Riding of Oxford was formed at Woodstock last week.

Hon. Lewis Wallbridge has been nominated as Conservative candidate for West Hastings at the Dominion election.

On Saturday Mr. Alfred Boultbee was tendered and accepted the nomination to contest East York in the Conservative interest at the general election of the Commons.

Mr. Nathaniel Currie, who formerly represented West Middlesex in the Legislature, has been nominated to contest that riding in the Conservative interest at the general election for the Commons.

The Liberal Conservatives in and about Strasburg, Waterloo tp., have formed a strong association, with the following officers: President, James Thompson; Vice-do., John Marshall, Doon; Sec. and Treas., Thomas Hamilton.

At a large meeting of the Port Elgin Liberal Conservative Association held on the 15th inst., resolutions endorsing Sir John A. Macdonald's trade policy, and also approving of the nomination of Col. Sproat, were unanimously adopted. A Young Men's Liberal Conservative Association is being formed.

Mr. Thos. Stock, who was elected for North Wentworth at the last local election, but unseated on a technicality, has been nominated as the Conservative candidate for the same riding in the House of Commons. Mr. Bain stands an excellent chance of at last reaping the reward of his subserviency to the Government.

LIBERAL CONSERVATIVE POLICY SUSTAINED.—At an influential meeting of the Liberal Conservatives of North Brant, held at the central committee rooms, Paris, last week, it was moved and seconded and unanimously carried:—"That this meeting has heard with pleasure of the resolution moved by Sir John Macdonald in the Dominion Paliament with reference to a National policy for Canada, and this meeting heartily concurs in the sentiments therein expressed, and pledges itself heartily to support and actively to co-operate in endeavoring to secure the election of a representative for the North riding of the county of Brant to support Sir John Macdonald in the meritorious task he has undertaken.

Here is another proof that the farmers don't care for Protection. In the County Council of Hastings, last week, a resolution was carried to the effect that the Council considered it opportune to put a protective tariff on grain, and a Committee to take action accordingly was appointed. Were it not for the circumstance that some farmers who are on the Grit side feel compelled to sacrifice their convictions to the support of political friends, such a resolution would be passed at once by every County Council in Ontario. —*Mail.*

MARGARET DONNELLY, the forewoman of the London hair factory, has been sent up for trial as an accomplice of the hardened wretches Hargraves and Jarvis. It is reported that Jarvis' wife has followed her absconded husband.

## D. I. K. RINE IN TROUBLE.

**Accused of Indecently Assaulting a Stratford Servant Girl—He Acknowledges that he took Liberties—Great Excitement among Temperance People—Committed for Trial.**

D. I. K. Kine, the great temperance lecturer, has had a serious charge preferred against him at Stratford. Last Friday evening, whilst he was about to address a meeting in the Bible Christian Church, Mitchell, Officer McCarthy, of Stratford, stepped up, and astonished Rine's friends by claiming him as his prisoner. The consternation which existed in the meeting was most intense, and was rendered all the more exciting from the fact that no one was aware of the crime with which Rine was charged. The meeting was, however, taken charge of by several town clergymen, who succeeded in getting a number of persons to sign the pledge. Under the warrant, which was granted by Mr. O'Loane, Police Magistrate, Rine was taken to Stratford, where a preliminary examination was held on Friday night, Rine pleading not guilty to the charge of indecent assault alleged against him. It appears that Rine had been staying at the residence of Mr. J. C. Hurst, merchant, one of the temperance men of Stratford; and it is alleged that while there on Thursday afternoon he indecently assaulted a girl named Eliza Gibling, living with the family as a servant. Information from Stratford says Rine came here on Wednesday to lecture in the town hall. During his stay he was the guest of J. C. Hurst, a prominent merchant. He lectured on Wednesday night to a crowded house, and on Thursday morning, while Mr. and Mrs. Hurst were absent, on coming from his room, he met the servant girl, a good looking young girl, named Eliza Gibling, about 15 years of age. He asked her for some pins, and on her return with them he caught her by the wrist and pulled her into the room and attempted to take improper liberties with her. This is the girl's statement, and is the substance of her sworn information. Rine afterwards acknowledged that he took liberties with the girl; but adds that he had no thought of committing an outrage upon her. He endeavored to settle the matter with her father. The case came up for hearing at the Stratford police court on Monday. Rine arrived from Toronto by the 11.30 train, bringing with him Messrs. Myers, Ewart, and other gentlemen from that city. The court room was crowded to suffocation, and during the progress of the case it was plainly manifest that the sympathies of the audience were with the girl, who told her story simply, and in a way that cross-examination could not shake. The girl's evidence, and also that of Mr. Hurst, bore out the facts as above stated. The magistrate committed the accused for trial, and accepted bail for his appearance at the next Court of competent jurisdiction, himself in $1,000, and two sureties, Mr. J. H. Rogers, of Toronto, and Mr. Trout, of the *Monetary Times*, in $500 each.

Mr. Rine says he will still go on with his gospel work. Much indignation is expressed at his conduct, and leading temperance men are determined to have him punished as he deserves.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY RIOTS.

**O'Donovan Rossa in Toronto—Attempts to Lecture in St. Patrick's Hall—Volleys of Stones greet Him—Deadly Weapons brought into play—Several Men Shot and over 200 Wounded—The Lecturer Slinks out of the City.**

O'Donovan Rossa arrived in Toronto Monday morning on the Great Western train from Hamilton. Having been forewarned that his reception might be uncomfortably warm if he travelled as far as Young Street Station, he considered discretion the better part of valor, and while the train was yet in motion, jumped off at the round-house. In doing so he toppled over into the mud, smashed his plug hat, and came within a foot of having his miserable existence terminated in a summary manner by the cars. In the evening he lectured in St. Patrick's Hall. There were about 5,000 people assembled outside, composed of the worst elements of the city. The Fenian orator approached the hall in the most hangdog fashion, with hat pulled down and coat collar turned up. He sneaked through the crowd, and made his way to the door, and thence up-stairs, where only about a hundred had assembled. The chair was occupied by D. Moriarty, President of the Hibernian Society. The lecture was rather tame, and by no means inspiriting. It consisted principally of an exaggerated account of his prison life, and attempts to drag in Lord Dufferin as having uttered language as treasonable as he (Rossa) had done. The Fenian scalawag, outside his editorial sanctum or his New York pot-house, is evidently a coward, and the whole time he was talking was nervous to a painful degree, and, several times, appeared like breaking down, either out of sheer terror or nervous exhaustion. During the lecture stones were thrown through the windows, but no one was injured. After it was over the audience left by twos and threes, and Rossa again passed through the crowd unrecognized, outside the outskirts of which he got into a cab with two others and drove off. About half a dozen bystanders, seeing the cab stop and a stranger enter, gathered around, but were frightened off by a loaded revolver presented by one of the Fenian's companions. A number of men ran after the vehicle, throwing stones and shouting, "Stop the cab," but their prey eluded them. The police, who were marshalled ready for an emergency, made a number of arrests.

Balked of their prey, the howling mob advanced up Queen street, and at midnight Cosgrave's tavern was attacked. A crowd inside answered with revolvers, and the rioters returned the fire. A hundred shots were exchanged here, and stones poured into the hotel until nothing but the boards was left of it. The police, 90 strong, charged the mob, and wielded their batons with great vigor. Four men were shot here, one a young Protestant named Wm. Clegg, fatally, it is feared. In the meantime another mob, 1,000 strong, opened with stones on Collin's tavern, where Rossa was believed to be. Revolvers were used here, but the police, fighting with matchless pluck against enormous odds, cleared the street. Policeman Worth was struck on the temple with a cobble stone, and knocked senseless. He is in a very critical condition, although it is believed he will recover The police, by desperate exertion, managed to disperse the lawless crowd, and by one o'clock all was quiet. About ten officers were seriously wounded, while nearly all were cut and bruised about the head. It is estimated that the number of persons injured is 200. The police worked nobly, and respectable citizens are loud in their commendations of praise.

Rossa's whereabouts was not discovered by the rioters until Tuesday afternoon, when he left the house of one Mrs. Moriarty on D'Arcy street for the Great Western station, and took train for the "other side." This latest "O'Dynimite" escapade will cost the city of Toronto some eight or ten thousand dollars, all of which must come out of the municipal coffers.

AN AFFECTING FAREWELL.—On Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Junor preached a farewell sermon in the Presbyterian church, St. Mary's, before his departure for Formosa, whither he goes as missionary of the Canada Presbyterian church. In the evening Rev. Mr. Fraser occupied the pulpit. On Monday evening a valedictory service was held in the church to give the people an opportunity of taking leave of Mr. Junor. The church was comfortably filled. Rev. Mr. McAlpine occupied the chair. Short encouraging addresses were given by Revs. Messrs. Hall, Hyslop, Hamilton, Murray, Philp, Gordon, and Fraser. The ladies of the congregation presented Mr. Junor with a purse containing over fifty dollars. Mr. Junor and his family left on Wednesday for the scene of his future labors, going by way of San Francisco.

## THE EASTERN QUESTION.

**Summary of Latest News.**

The situation as regards the differences between England and Russia increases in gravity. A protest has been sent from London to St. Petersburg against the continued advance on the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles. England stands to her demand that Russia shall formally engage to submit all the terms of the San Stefano Treaty to the Congress, and Prince Gortschakoff has again replied, merely reiterating his promise that all the conditions shall be submitted to the Powers. The *Times* declares the latest phase is that Russia, while willing to submit all the points of the Treaty, declines to be ultimately bound by the decision of the majority of the Powers. Turkey, in event of the difficulties between Russia and England resulting in war, has, it is reported, decided to remain neutral, which means, if true, that she will stand by and see her former enemy either gain additional glory and more power to crush her, or look on and not take the advantage to administer a blow which might ultimately restore her to her former status.

According to a Vienna correspondent, England is isolated in her demand for a formal engagement from Russia that the whole of the Treaty shall be submitted, Germany and Austaia being satisfied with the compromise that the terms shall be read and Congress be left to decide upon the articles to be discussed. The *Times* heartily supports the Government in the demand that the whole Treaty be submitted. The Austrian vote of credit passed the Hungarian Delegation unanimously yesterday.

## PALMERSTON.

For the STANDARD.

Mr. J. A. Perry has opened out a new drug store in the shop lately occupied by J. D. McLellan, on Main street.

The Mayor has called a meeting of the ratepayers of the town for Monday evening next, to take into consideration the advisability of giving a bonus to the G. W. R. Company to assist in building a new line of railway via Mount Forest and Durham to Owen Sound. It is thought the work will commence at an early day.

At the last meeting of the town Council a petition was laid before that body signed by eighty-five ratepayers. It seems it did not suit the Council, and consequently the Reeve and Mr. Campbell resigned their seats at the board.

William Thompson has bought out John McDermott's saw mill in Palmerston. C. Loughead is putting up a new door and sash factory in connection with Thompson's saw mill. AMICUS.

INTERESTING CEREMONY.—On Tuesday 12th inst., Miss Isabella Hazel McDowell, eldest daughter of our worthy Chief Magistrate, was united in matrimony to Mr. Robert Hutchinson Robertson, of Walkerton, a gentleman who during his residence in Palmerston not only succeeded in gaining the heart and hand of the accomplished lady to whom he is now married, but also secured the friendship and esteem of a large circle of acquaintances. A large party of relatives assembled to witness the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. W. Hayhurst, assisted by Rev. G. F. Robertson of Arthur, brother of the bridegroom. The bridesmaids were Miss A. Jackson and Miss S. J. McDowell, Mr. Robertson having for his supporters W. D. Ebbels Esq., and J. Mundell Esq. After the ceremony the friends inspected the numerous handsome presents which had been made to the bride, and then partook of the splendid repast provided. The happy couple left town by train in the evening, bearing with them the good wishes of their many friends who assembled at the station to bid them God-speed.

A few days before her departure, Miss McDowell was made the recipient of a testimonial of esteem from the C. Methodist Sunday School. It consisted of a life-size portrait of Beatrice Cenci, in a massive gilt frame; a handsome inlaid work-box, and an elegant pair of vases. An address, expressive of fond attachment and prayerful blessings, accompanied the present, to which suitable reply was made.—*Telegraph.*

We have had several complaints from our subscribers at Palmerston post office to the effect that they do not receive the STANDARD regularly or in proper time. We regret to learn that such is the case, and we can assure them that the fault must lie beyond Listowel, as the STANDARD packages for Palmerston and the east have left this office, with a single exception, regularly in time for the early morning train every Friday, and should therefore be ready for delivery at the Palmerston post office shortly after eight o'clock on the same morning of each week. We trust that the grievance will be remedied at once, and that there will be no cause for further complaint; but should it recur we shall immediately institute enquiries to protect the interests of our numerous subscribers in that neighborhood. Any of them failing to receive the STANDARD in proper time after this will confer a favor by notifying us of it.

## ELMA NEWS.

For the STANDARD.

The patrons of Gotham cheese factory held their annual meeting in the factory on Friday night last. The attendance was not as large as it should have been on account of the roads being in a very bad state. Mr. John Watson, Mornington, was appointed chairman, and Mr. Wm. Hammond, secretary. The secretary, in the absence of the auditors, read the auditors report, which was found satisfactory; when it was moved and seconded, that the auditors report as now read be adopted. Mr. Wm. Keith, one of the committee for last year, read a report of the expenses for boxing and hauling the cheese; when it was moved and seconded that the report of the committee be adopted. It was moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be given to the committee for the satisfactory way in which they managed the business during the past year. Having finished the business of last year the meeting then made some alterations in the rules for this year. It was agreed to pay Mr. Atchison 2¾ cents per pound for making; he to pay all expenses connected with it. The following officers were appointed: Committee—John Irwin, John McCauley, James Keating, James Perrin and Wm. Forrest; secretary, Wm. Hammond; treasurer, Wm. Keith. The meeting closed without doing any other business as most of the patrons had left to attend a Grange meeting.

## STRATFORD.

The Stratford Horticultural Society, and the township of Raleigh Agricultural Society have been incorporated.

AVON STEAM NAVIGATION.—The steam fleet on the Avon is about to be reinforced by the *Alert*, a new steamer owned by Messrs. A. & H. Jeffrey. The hull is 23 feet in length, with 5 feet beam, and was built in Port Dalhousie, the screw in Buffalo, and the boiler by the Thomson & Williams M'f'g. Co. the machinery is now being put into position, and it is expected the trial trip will be made in a week or two.

Stratford's civic fathers consist of:—Mayor, contractor; reeve, brick-maker; 1st deputy, deputy registrar; 2nd, baker; 3rd, builder. Councillors—4 storekeepers, 1 surveyor, 1 real estate agent, 1 furniture dealer, 1 division court clerk, 1 saw miller, and 1 retired farmer.

NEW FAIR GROUNDS.—Negotiations are about to be re-opened for the acquisition of a new site for the North Perth fair grounds, and the Directors announce that they are willing to receive offers for the old grounds or propositions to sell a suitable plot. We understand that quite a number of offers have already been made. The matter will be kept open till the 18th April.—*Beacon.*

DRESS GOODS.—Those dress goods and dress trimmings at the Golden Lion embrace the newest things in the market. Inspection invited.

## MORNINGTON.

For the STANDARD.

FALL WHEAT.—The fall wheat in the north part of this township looks remarkably well for this time of the year. There has been none winter killed; and if the frost don't damage it before the spring is rightly opened, we expect to reap a bountiful fall wheat harvest.

ACCIDENT.—A son of Mr. Robt. Lennox, of the 11th con., met with an accident last week while engaged in cutting straw. A young man by the name of Wm. Wilson was turning the straw cutter, while Lennox was feeding; he accidentally put his arm into the large wheel to which the knives were attached, and received a serious cut near the elbow.

CONNUBIAL.—Mr. Thomas Steven, of the 10th con. of this township, joined himself in the bonds of matrimony on the 20th inst., to Miss Lizzie Ann Craig. Some of his superiors in age might follow suit, since one so young has taken the lead.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Six thousand people are suffering from measles at Lyons, France.

The Wesleyan College at Dundas is to be closed: cause, want of patronage.

Lieut.-General Sir William O'Grady Haly died on Tuesday evening at Halifax.

Several people from the neighborhood of St. Mary's have started for Muskoka.

DO YOU WANT A NEW SUIT? Buy it at the Golden Lion. Everything sold cheap there.

Mr. Henry Powley of Drayton has purchased the Trecastale saw mills from Mr. Bishop.

The Avon Marine Insurance Company, of Windsor, N. S., has declared a dividend of 260 per cent.

GOOD.—Ninteen foxes have been shot in East Zorra this winter by Mr. T. Vance and some of his neighbors.

"Rev" T. V. Roy, the converted Brahmin priest, has been committed for trial at Hamilton on a charge of larceny.

Two hundred and forty drawings are to be exhibited at the Paris Exhibition by the Quebec Provincial School of Art and Design.

EARLY BLOSSOMS.—Deputy Sheriff McNab of Hamilton has a furiosity in his garden, in the shape of a peach tree in full bloom.

It is said that three-quarters of the ratepayers of Port Dover have signed a petition to the County Council asking for incorporation.

A bill is before the Washington House of Representatives authorizing the use of return postal cards and a combined letter sheet and envelope.

Eighteen illicit stills have been seized within four months in counties where the Dunkin act has been in force. Two were seized last week in the vicinity of Napanee.

Shoddy pedlars are reported to be on the war path. Look out for them and don't be swindled. At your regular stores you can get reliable goods at fair prices.

QUICK.—On a farm near Tavistock two men sawed a log 19 inches in diameter, frozen, through in 43 seconds, with a crosscut saw. They have a bet of $100 that they can saw half a cord in ten minutes.

CROP PROSPECTS.—Dispatches from 57 points in Southern Ohio, Indiana and Northern Kentucky indicate prospects of a large crop. Wheat is exceedingly good. The acreage sown last fall is larger than ever known.

The Canadian Post Office Department will, in a few days, open a post office at the International Bridge, to be known as "International Bridge Post Office." J. M. McLachlan, of Victoria, has been appointed Postmaster.

It is reported that Mr. Chas. Whitlaw, of Paris, owner of the large flouring mills in that town has failed. His failure was brought about by operations in barley in which he lost heavily. His creditors will doubtless give him an extension of time.

DOWNIE FARMER KILLED.—A farmer named Henry Walton, of Downie, was walking on the Grand Trunk Railway track near St. Marys on Monday, when he was run over by No. 13 train and instantly killed, his head being cut completely off.

A Canadian, writing from California under date of the 28th Feb., says:—"Since the 1st of January, there has been a continual rainfall here. Bridges have been swept away, towns submerged, and much injury done. Nearly 30 inches have fallen in some places. Still, there are good prospects of this year's crops.

WATERLOO POOR HOUSE.—There are at the present time about 180 inmates in this institution, being the largest number since its establishment. A few of the inmates are from outside counties, the expenses attendant upon whom are paid by the respective Municipalities or by private friends.

ONLY 44.—Wingham is becoming celebrated for a good many wonderful things. The last is a young man about 17 years of age, whose bump of alimentiveness is larger possibly than any other man's in the Province. On Tuesday night he swallowed forty-four eggs, and when he is full grown he expects to be able to double the dose.

The *Illustrated News* had a good cartoon last week called "The Old Story, or fighting against the majority." it represents Mackenzie's man St. Just coming, sword in hand, against the windmill of public opinion, after the manner of Don Quixote. The sails are coming round rapidly, and the chances are one hundred to nothing that the Lieut.-Governor will be knocked into his own cocked hat.

CATTLE PURCHASING.—The Guelph cattle dealers have decided that Toronto cannot have all its own way, and have established a syndicate, with a cash capital of $100,000. It is proposed to purchase for the European market, between now and the middle of May, 5,000 heavy cattle. Some 2,700 head have already been bespoken, principally in the county of Wellington.

DOGS WORRYING SHEEP.—Almost every breeder in the county loses more or less sheep yearly from the effects of worrying by dogs. Many persons do not know the law on this subject, and are at a loss what to do with stray dogs which they suspect. The law, however, is very simple in this matter. The following is an extract from the Revised Statutes of Ontario, cap. 194, sec. 10: "Any person may kill any dog which he sees pursuing, worrying, or wounding any sheep or lamb.

FOR MANITOBA.—On Monday Mr. Joseph Whitehead left Clinton on his return to Manitoba. Before proceeding there, he goes to Ottawa and then to Montreal. Messrs. P. Kelly, Blyth, and John Rattenbury, Brucefield, are purchasing fifty horses for use on the railroad, which are to be shipped this week, seventeen were purchased in the neighborhood of Blyth, and fine animals they are, too, some at Seaforth, Brucefield and Exeter ranging in price from $100 to $160.

IN MEMORIAM.—A Brampton paper appends the following to a death notice:—"This beloved youth, so intellectual and studious, and well inclined, and forming a character so virtuous and good, and for whom a bright and prosperous future had been predicted, was early taken to bloom in eternal youth and beauty, and to further develop a more exalted life in the society of the imperishable, where, all tears are wiped away from all faces, and where the inhabitants never sicken or die."

GOOD WORK.—A correspondent from Ellice writes: The past winter has not been very favorable for lumbering, but some of the gangs have succeeded in accomplishing a good deal of work. A notable feat was performed last week by Mr. Easson's men, under the charge of Mr. Andrew Easson. In one day (10 hours' working time) six men chopped, sawed into standard length, and skidded 260 pine logs. A pretty good day's work for so small a gang!

The Howick Mutual Fire Insurance Company issued 65 policies in February, covering an insurance of over $58,000.

FIRST BOY.—The Guelph papers are greatly agitated over the highly important question as to who was the first boy baby born in that clearing something like fifty years ago. There are several fifty year old "boys" who are claiming that distinction.

UNPARALLELED.—From Kent County we learn that a man has left his wife and little children and eloped with his mother-in-law, a thing unheard of in the history of society. Should he ever be brought into Court for the offense the lawyers will have good grounds to put in the plea of insanity.

STRINGENT RULE.—At the last meeting of the Strathroy Town Council, the committee appointed to revise the various license by-laws of the corporation reported in favor of a very stringent by-law regarding the keepers of the billiard tables, who are, in future, to be debarred from keeping drinks of any kind, even of a temperance character.

Under the Bill of the Minister of Justice to amend the Independence of Parliament Act, "no person accepting or holding any office, commission, or employment, permanent or temporary, in the service of the Government of any of the Provinces of Canada at the nomination of the Crown, or at the nomination of any of the officers of the Government of any of the Provinces of Canada, to which any salary, fee, wages, allowance or emolument or profit of any kind is attached, shall be eligible as a member of the House of Commons, nor shall he sit or vote therein.

Mr. Trow's Railway Bill provides that all railway tickets shall be good until they are used, that is until the full trip paid for has been had; that no passenger on a railway shall be called upon to pay fare unless provided with a seat; that extra fare shall not be charged because of the failure of a passenger to purchase a ticket before entering the car; the passenger trains stopping at any station shall remain there for no less than three minutes; that to protect brakemen from accident there shall be a railing around the top of the car, not less than a foot high, and bridges passing over railways shall be at least seven feet above the top of the cars; that any express company may require any railway to furnish proper facilities and accommodation for the transportation of goods in charge of such express company on trains, and such other facilities as may be required for the transaction of the express business on such railway, upon payment of reasonable rates of remuneration therefor, to be fixed by the railway company and approved of by the Governor-in-Council.

## "GRAVEL PIT" IN A NEW LOCALITY.

**His Impressions of Parkhill.**

For the STANDARD.

I heard some people in your forest town a few days ago complain of hard times, but if those parties had only a short experience in Parkhill, they would thank their stars or good fortune that their lot was cast in Listowel and not here. Since my return here I have had an opportunity of interviewing many of the business men, and their answers to my queries were about as follows: Dreadful times, appalling general stagnation, no money; and one said, "this town is twice dead, and plucked up by the roots." And in fact the most casual observer can see on the general Sunday aspect of the place that the above expressions are no exaggerations, but veritable facts. The situation of the laboring classes is in many instances truly distressing. There is really no work going on, and many are continuously moving off, leaving heavy unpaid accounts to merchants and others; the early train Sunday morning going west seems to be a favorite opportunity for skedaddlers to Michigan, and the first thing that the unfortunate creditor hears is that so and so is gone bag and baggage to Uncle Sam's domains, that wonderful land of refuge. What can a laboring man do under the present state of things here? It is impossible for him to pay debts when he cannot find employment enough to earn the merest necessaries of life for himself and family; and the only alternatives seem to be that he must either leave, beg, steal, or starve.

There is one circumstance which has lately occurred which has tended much to aggravate the present stagnation of business, and that is the failure of the Messrs. Shuntz brothers, the proprietors of the flax mill here. They have been in business nearly two years, and their liabilities have reached the nice tidy sum of $18,000. The amount of assets are not yet made public, but enough is known about the matter to warrant the conclusion that the deficit will be heavy. One merchant here has been gone through to the amount of nearly $800, and many others in smaller sums; the bank here is also a sufferer to a large amount. It is somewhat singular that two stolid looking unprepossessing young Dutch strangers, having scarcely any capital, should have been able to gull the public into giving them almost unlimited credit, but such is the fact nevertheless.

For roads and streets at present we have mud canals and slush; but the state of the roads is a matter of little importance at present, as there seems to be but few farmers coming to town; this forms a striking contrast to Listowel and surrounding country.

The town constable's office here is no sinecure; his salary is $240.00 per annum, and his duties are somewhat onerous. He rings the town bell, arrests and confines all tramps and vagrants, and feeds them; he serves all summonses and subpoenas; attends all courts; is caretaker of all corporation property, such as the lock-up, fire-engine, hose, hooks and ladders, &c.; scrapes the mud off all street crossings, and does all sidewalk repairing, and various other small chores. How would friend Woods like to exchange situations with the town constable of Parkhill?

Weather has been much the same here during the winter as obtained in your more northern clime, with perhaps a little less snow and more rain.

A large breadth of fall wheat has been sown here, which has wintered well, and in appearance is all that could be desired.

There has been some maple sugar made in this locality, but the season so far has not been very propitious. GRAVEL PIT.

## HOLD THE HOMESTEAD.

For the STANDARD.

In the midst of these gloomy days of fallen fortunes, when business men are becoming bankrupt, and families are reduced from affluence to poverty, there is one lesson that should be thoroughly learned. Every man, in the period of his prosperity, should settle a home upon his wife, in order that she and her children may be placed beyond the casualties of business losses. Not only is it honorable to do this, but it is dishonorable not to do so. We know the high-toned philosophy and the argument that bears itself upon the topiotiest of moral stilts used by the grasping creditor and the skin-flinted usurer when he urges the broken business man and his frightened wife to yield their last dollar to his exactions. Again and again we have heard the maxims of a false code laid down by the exacting creditor, who demands in the name of commercial honor that the last cent should be given up rather than that an honest debt should remain unpaid. Unless a business man owes a higher duty to his creditors than to his wife and children; unless his standard of personal pride is so selfish and false that his commercial credit is dearer to him than wife or children; by yielding his last dollar and depriving them of necessities and himself of a chance to redeem his fortunes, he is doing a cruel, wicked, and cowardly act. We lay it down as a first duty that every honest man who respects himself should, so soon as he is able, place a roof over his family that shall not be subjected to the vicissitudes of his business fortunes. It is then the duty of the wife, as she loves her husband and feels the responsibility she owes to her children, to keep the home for ever inviolate from incumbrance. The man who asks his wife to mortgage her homestead to pay his debts or to get him out of a tight place is guilty of a moral wrong. He has less right to do it than he has to go to any business man and ask him to mortgage his property to do him a favor for which he does not intend to compensate him. It is better for creditors that the debtor should have his home left to him. It nerves him to renewed efforts and encourages him to exertions which if he were homeless he would never have the resolution to make. We have seen men under the depressing influence of failure so stunned as to lose their business senses. Then the creditor comes in upon the despondent, sensitive, and honorable man, and from him and his frightened wife gets a deed of the house. It is felony, grasping avarice, and heartlessness, that commits burglary by breaking into the afflicted dwelling-house, and it ought by statute to be declared an offence punishable by imprisonment at hard labor. We have sympathy for the wife, pity for the husband, and contempt for the creditor, when we see the conveyance of a homestead to secure the husband's debts. W. R. C.

## LEBANON.

*Mr. Editor,*—Will you allow me to make a few remarks on one of the most important subjects engaging public attention at the present time. I wish to address a few words to those who are in danger of becoming intemperate. Young men, beware of strong drink, for it fills many a premature grave with the noblest and most promising of Canada's sons. We see the great evil of intoxicants on every hand. It is causing more debauchery, pain and ruin than all other evils combined; and still our legislators do not cease to authorize their manufacture and sale. I tremble for the fate of my fellow-men when I think of the awful reality of going to a drunkard's grave. To the tempted I would say, read the strict warnings of the Scriptures against drunkenness, and turn in with us and partake of the pleasures of temperance. Multitudes have been saved thereby. The temperance cause is in a progressive state of action at the present time. We are doing a great work throughout the world. I see by the report of the Provincial Secretary for 1877, that there are 35,992 members of temperance organizations in the Dominion. Who will dare to gainsay that we are progressive. I understand that a lodge of the I. O. G. T. is being organized in your town. I hope it may have success and prosperity.

A VOICE FROM LEBANON.

## LISTOWEL MARKETS.

March 21, 1878.

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| Wheat, fall, per bush., | $1 12 to 1 12 |
| Wheat, spring, " | 0 90 0 95 |
| Barley, " | 0 38 0 40 |
| Peas, " | 0 50 0 55 |
| Oats, " | 0 28 0 30 |
| Clover seed, per bush., | 4 00 4 50 |
| Timothy, " " | 2 00 2 25 |
| Flour, per cwt., | 3 00 0 00 |
| Oatmeal, " | 2 75 3 00 |
| Cornmeal, " | 2 00 2 25 |
| Butter, per lb., | 0 14 0 15 |
| Eggs, per dozen, | 0 10 0 11 |
| Potatoes, per bag, | 0 75 0 80 |
| Beef, per cwt., | 4 00 5 00 |
| Pork, per cwt., | 4 50 5 25 |
| Wood, per cord, long, | 1 50 2 00 |
| Wood, " short, | 1 00 0 00 |
| Apples, per bag, | 1 50 1 80 |
| Hay, per ton, | 10 00 11 00 |
| Hides, per cwt., | 5 00 0 00 |
| Sheepskins, each, | 0 75 1 00 |

## STRATFORD MARKETS.

PER DOMINION LINE.

March 21, 1878.

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| Wheat, fall, per bush., | $1 10 to 1 13 |
| Wheat, spring, " | 0 92 0 94 |
| Barley, " | 0 00 0 00 |
| Peas, " | 0 58 0 64 |
| Oats, " | 0 30 0 32 |
| Clover seed, per bush., | 0 00 0 00 |
| Timothy, " " | 0 00 2 00 |
| Flour, per brl., | 5 00 5 50 |
| Potatoes, per bag, | 0 60 0 00 |
| Butter, per lb., | 0 15 0 18 |
| Eggs, per dozen, | 0 10 0 11 |
| Hides, per cwt., | 6 00 7 00 |
| Hogs, | 4 50 5 00 |

## TORONTO MARKETS.

PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGONS.

March 21, 1878.

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|---|---|
| Wheat, fall, per bush., | $1 18 to 1 20 |
| Wheat, spring, " | 1 02 1 07 |
| Barley, " | 0 52 0 64 |
| Oats, " | 0 36 0 37 |
| Peas, " | 0 66 0 68 |
| Rye, " | 0 60 0 60 |
| Clover seed, per bush., | 3 75 3 90 |
| Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs., | 5 50 6 00 |
| Beef, hind qrs, " | 4 00 5 00 |
| Mutton, by carcase " | 7 00 7 50 |
| Butter, lb. rolls, | 0 18 0 23 |
| Butter, large rolls, | 0 00 0 00 |
| Butter, tub, dairy, | 0 16 0 18 |
| Eggs, fresh, per dozen, | 0 12 0 13 |
| Eggs, packed, " | 0 00 0 00 |
| Apples, per brl., | 3 25 4 50 |
| Potatoes, per bag, | 0 60 0 65 |
| Hay, per ton, | 11 00 18 00 |


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