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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.

Grand Trunk Railway.

GODERICH STATION

Trains leave as follows.—	
Mail	7.00 a. m.
Express	9.45 " "
Mixed	12.30 p. m.
"	3.30 " "

Trains are due as follows.—	
Mail	11.20 " "
Express	2.00 p. m.
Mixed	8.20 " "
Mail	10.00 " "

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, May 20, 1874.

The Bonus By-Law.

To-morrow the voting takes place on the by-law to grant a bonus to the Huron and Quebec Railway. We do not think it is necessary for us to say much more on the question. By present appearance there is little doubt that it will carry. It is true the *Globe*, speaking for Toronto, rather opposes the railway, but then it does not pass through Toronto and that is enough. That is no reason, however, why we should not have it at Goderich. By this route the whole central, northern and western parts of the Province will find a shorter, more expeditious, and consequently cheaper transit to the capital, and also to the sea-board, than by the Grand Trunk, while at the same time it will open up the Ottawa and its back country to us as a market for our surplus produce at less cost than at present; and, as a consequence, thereby enable the farmer to realize more for his products than can possibly be paid where dealers have to ship to the eastern markets by way of Toronto. It will be the means of bringing a large trade to Goderich, and we cannot expect to have that trade without doing something to procure it. The country in general is greatly benefited by such enterprises, and when judiciously expended, no money can be more profitably invested than that which is put in railways. Not that the most of such investments yield a speedy and a profitable direct return, for every one knows the reverse. But the collateral advantages are such that, even though a single cent should never come back in the shape of dividend, the advantages secured are enormous, and the actual profit corresponding. Goderich requires something to stir it up and another railway will be of incalculable benefit to the town. We are promised workshops and an elevator in connection with this road, and if they are not constructed, in fact if all the conditions of the by-law are not carried out, we do not have to pay the bonus. The ratepayers are simply called upon to say to-morrow whether or not they are willing the bonus shall be given, provided the conditions of the by-law are carried out. There can be no harm done by passing the by-law, while its passage will have a good effect in other places.

It has been objected that Mr. Fowler has promised workshops at Stratford in connection with this road. Those workshops were intended for a branch line from Orangeville to Sarnia, but we understand that line is now abandoned. Mr. Fowler proposes, however, to have a branch from Brussels to Exeter, where it divides, one line running to London, the other to Sarnia. By doing so the county will be as well served as if the London, Huron and Bruce were built. There will then be some chance of a county bonus. An agreement has been drawn up between the L. H. & B. Co. and the H. & Q. Co., as follows:—

Memorandum of agreement between the London and Huron Railway Co. and the Huron and Quebec Railway Co., as follows:—

The former company shall lease to the latter company for a term of years on the following conditions, viz:—

1. That the Huron and Quebec Railway company shall commence the work of construction within six months and have the whole road completed and in running order between London and Brussels within two years from the commencement.

2. That all bonuses granted in the County of Huron shall be cancelled and debentures returned, providing the Huron and Quebec Railway Co. get by-laws passed for bonuses sufficient to warrant the construction of the road.

3. That the Huron and Quebec Railway Co. do take for the construction of the London and Huron Railway all the bonuses that may be obtained by either company with the Government grant, also, mortgage bonds to the amount of $12,000 per mile from London to Brussels.

4. That the Huron and Quebec Railway Co. shall put on sufficient rolling stock to do all the business that offers between Brussels and London.

We would advise the ratepayers by all means to vote for the by-law. Without the bonus we cannot have the road, and as the line must be built eventually it is for our interest to secure it here. If the conditions of our by-law are not fulfilled we will not have to pay the money.

—The French Ministry has been defeated. M. Goulard is forming a new one.

The Grand Duke Nicholas of Russia, nephew of the Czar, has been arrested for stealing his mother's diamonds.

The Czar and Grand Duke Alexis of Russia are in England on a visit.

Insolvency Act.

Hon. Mr. Doran last week introduced the new Insolvency Bill of the Government into the House of Commons. It was read a first time, when Messrs. Blake and J. H. Cameron advised that it be laid over till next session in order that it may be fully considered and the opinion of business men throughout the country obtained as to its provisions. Mr. Doran consented to this. A short act will be passed continuing the present Insolvency Act for another year. The new bill introduces some important changes. Its principal provisions are the following:—

It proposes to abolish voluntary assignments, so that no debtor will be able to make an assignment without the consent of two creditors, such representing $500 of claims, and thus it is hoped that debtors will be prevented from forcing creditors to accept settlements on low terms, on a threat of going into bankruptcy. Official assignees are to be appointed by the Government, and to be made officers of the Court, and instead of writs of attachment being, as heretofore, directed to the Sheriff, they are to be directed to the official assignee at once. This will materially lessen the cost of winding up the affairs of a bankrupt. In most cases the Sheriff will be made official assignee, but the Government reserve the power to appoint any other person, and one or more assignees in a district or country where the business and population require their services. These assignees will be under the control of the Court in every way. The emoluments of the assignees are fixed by law at 5 per cent., when the amount realized does not exceed $400; 2 per cent. when above $400 and under $1,000; and 1½ or 1½ where the amount is over $1,000. There can also be a small fee for every meeting, six in number. It is also arranged that in cases where the creditors find the assignee's labors have been more than usually burdensome, they can allow him extra remuneration.

Large powers are granted under the Act to the inspectors, who will be appointed by the Judge of the County Court if the creditors fail to appoint them. They can also be removed by the creditors at any meeting, and others appointed in their places.

No assignee is to be allowed to hold over one hundred dollars at a time in his hands. All moneys are to be paid into a bank in the name of the estate, and no cheque is to be drawn unless signed by the assignee and one inspector, except under a Judge's order.

A new feature of the bill is that it takes cognizance of the insolvency of incorporated companies. In case of a judgment being obtained against a company, if the claim is not satisfied, the official assignee is to have full surveillance over its estate.

The Late and Present Premiers.

The Ottawa correspondent of the Hamilton *Times* thus contrasts Sir John A. Macdonald and Hon. Alex. McKenzie:—

"The fact grows more palpable as time rolls on, that the 'great abilities' of Sir John Macdonald are entirely mythical. In opposition he makes a very indifferent leader. Though he was an adept in the use of pums and patronage, as was shown by his keeping an ever-changing band of followers at his back so long, without them side he has dropped into comparative insignificance. Half the time he is out of his place, and when he is there his opinions would command no attention if it were not for the memory of the important post he used to hold. He rises occasionally, goes through a vast amount of vehement gesture, mutters a few nearly inaudible words, and resumes his seat without causing any commotion. The conclusion is inevitable that he is a much over-rated man.

"In direct contrast to him is the leader of the government Mr. Mackenzie, whose extensive knowledge and able administration of public affairs astonish his most intimate friends. In the conduct of the Public Works Department he is never at a loss for an answer. Every canal, harbor, bay, lighthouse, or railway, from the Atlantic to the Pacific—to quote a favorite phrase of Tupper's—is as familiar to him as to the inhabitants of the several localities. He knows the exact requirements of each work and has the estimates and the method of application of each sum at his finger's ends. When a subject comes up for debate, and is talked about by half a dozen members, the Premier replies briefly, but pointedly, without notes, taking the arguments of the several speakers, one by one, without confusion, and answering them by plain references to authorities and precedents. In matters not connected with his own department he is also well posted, and frequently he answers questions on behalf of an absent colleague, or on matters of general policy. His voice is always heard distinctly, and he seldom utters a word that could have been spared."

Mr. Farrow and Seaforth.

Mr. Farrow has taken Seaforth under his special care. He wants to have a bonded warehouse there. We do not know whether he is actuated by selfish motives or not. He may be a large importer of goods in bond. We understand he does keep a small country store at Bluevale, to which Seaforth is the nearest railway station. At any rate, he inquired from his place in the House of Commons one day last week "whether the Government intended to grant a bonded warehouse for the convenience of the village of Seaforth and surrounding villages, said warehouse to be erected at Seaforth." Hon. Mr. Burpee replied that the Government could not grant a bonded warehouse for Seaforth until it was made a port of entry. A few days later the irrepressible M. P. for the North Riding again brought the matter up and enquired "whether it is the intention of the Government to make the village of Seaforth a port of entry or sub-port of entry, and to cause a bonded warehouse to be placed in the said village." Hon. Mr. Burpee replied that it was not the intention of the Government. So ends this move, like all Mr. Farrow says or does in the House, in no practical result.

The Biddulph and McGillivray Claim.

We learn that the Ontario Government have given their consent to allow the claim of the townships of Biddulph and McGillivray against the County of Huron to be again opened up, and the Commission which formerly sat on the matter is to meet in Toronto to-morrow. It will be remembered that when the Commission sat last year the townships failed to show that they had any claim on the county whatever; on the contrary, any claim they might have had was extinguished by the terms of separation when they were annexed to Middlesex. We think it a little too bad that the Government should allow these townships to put us to the annoyance and expense of another investigation. The course they are pursuing in the matter is not such as is calculated to win for them the support of the Reformers of Huron. We feel satisfied the attempt to rob the County will turn out as miserable a failure as before. Some of our County officials will attend the Commission on behalf of the county.

The Tuckersmith Bill.

As will be seen by a report in another column, the Senate have thrown out the bill to detach Tuckersmith from Centre Huron and attach it to the South Riding. In doing so it has committed a great blunder. The bill was one which affected the House of Commons exclusively, and that chamber having passed it almost unanimously it was very ill advised of the Senate to vote it. It was simply proposed to right a great wrong which was committed in 1872 by Sir John A. Macdonald. The change was petitioned for almost unanimously by the inhabitants of the township in question, and though the Senate may have had the right to do so as it has done, it was contrary to prudence and good taste for it to exercise that right. Self-aggrandisement was the wrong done in the division of the county that even Peter Mitchell, one of Sir John A. Macdonald's late colleagues, supported Mr. Cameron's bill. On no ground can the present absurd division, which it has never been decided was made for political purposes, be defended, and the action of the Senate is therefore the more to be condemned. As Mr. Scott justly said they could not find fault with the Commons for proposing a change in the composition of the Senate when the latter body undertook to veto a bill affecting the Commons alone, and which they had passed without a vote.

The Senate has done a most unwarrantable thing, one which must bring it into well deserved contempt.

A Batch of False Statements Corrected.

The Opposition organ in this town in its last issue speaks of Hon. Mr. Mackenzie as a Presbyterian and as belonging to the Kirk. We beg to inform it that the honorable gentleman in question is not connected with the Kirk, neither is he a Presbyterian. In another article it speaks of Mr. Young, late Bursar at the Brantford Asylum for the Blind, as an uncle of Mr. Mackenzie. Mr. Young is no relation whatever of the Premier. In the same article in which the latter false statement occurs it says that Dr. Wiggins (whose special pleader it sets itself up to be) was dismissed from the Principalship of the Brantford Institute by the Ontario Government. Dr. Wiggins was not dismissed, he resigned. It is quite possible however that had he not chosen the latter alternative he might have been forced to submit to the former. Had he been dismissed it would not have been because he was appointed by Sandfield Macdonald, but because of his unfitness in many respects for the position. We know something of his antecedents and the less said about them the better for his own reputation. So far as our contemporary is concerned, it had better become posted before it attempts to found arguments on what turn out to be groundless assertions.

Naturalization.

As there are a large number of Germans and other foreigners, naturalized subjects in the County of Huron, the following despatch from Ottawa will be of local interest:—

The Hon. Mr. Mackenzie laid on the table of the House of Commons, yesterday, a despatch from the Imperial Government to the Address passed by the Commons last year at the instance of Mr. Young, M. P. in regard to the rights as British subjects of German and other naturalized aliens. It states Her Majesty was pleased to receive the Address very graciously, and Lord Granville, the Foreign Secretary, reports in favour of giving the same privileges to naturalized Canadians as are conferred on persons naturalized in Great Britain by the amended Naturalization Act of 1870. This is itself a great concession, but Lord Granville does not see that further naturalization treaties would benefit Germans or others naturalized in Canada. Germans will be glad to learn that passports can now be got by them for longer than twelve months, and that practically they will be protected in their rights as British subjects in all ordinary cases.

Dreadful Calamity.

A dreadful calamity happened in New Hampshire on Saturday morning last. By the bursting of reservoirs in the mountain above the villages of Leeds, Williamsburg and Florence, the houses were, with their living occupants, washed away, and, up to the latest advices from the scene of the catastrophe, one hundred and forty dead bodies had been recovered.

We have not room in this issue for full particulars but they will be found in our next.

County Items.

Duncan Walker's barn, Lot 25, 2d Concession Stanley, was burned down last Wednesday with all its contents. The house was saved with difficulty.

Mrs. Preston has been appointed teacher of the Fourth Division of the Clinton Public School at a salary of $275.

Clinton wants a new High School building. The *New Era* thinks if it had such the attendance at the school would so far increase as to entitle it to rank as a Collegiate Institute.

Exeter clamours for sidewalks and shade trees on its streets.

Exeter Bible Christian Church has had a revival.

A young man named Woods was seriously injured at Grand Bend a few days ago at a barn raising, by falling head first to the ground.

A brick Presbyterian Church is in course of erection at Grand Bend.

Fishing good in the Sauble.

Exeter has a flourishing Young People's Christian Association.

Jas. Calder, Sen. of Grey has a cow which has had twin calves every year for the last four years.

Miss Duncan, teacher in the Bluevale school, has gone to Harriston to fill a similar appointment at a salary of $300.

About 100 cords of wood on the G. T. R. track 5 miles east of Seaforth was burned one night last week. The fire is supposed to have caught from an engine.

Walton intends to have a grand celebration of the Queen's birthday. So does Zurich, Wingham and other ambitious villages.

Mr. A. McLagan of Tuckersmith had his shoulder dislocated by a team of horses running away a few days ago.

The Brussels Young Men's Reading Room has collapsed. Cause, want of support.

David McIntosh lost two fingers in his father's mill at Brussels a few days ago.

Brussels is to have games and fireworks on the Queen's birthday.

Kleptomania rages in Brussels.

Wingham rowdies break the windows of merchants who won't close their stores at 7 o'clock.

The *Sentinel* says bush fires are raging around Lucknow.

Some person put a piece of shoemakers wax on the chair of one of the Lucknow Councillors at last meeting. When he got up he left part of his pants behind.

Lucknow is to have a dramatic performance on the 25th.

"Suckers (fish, not human suckers) are being sold by the waggon load at Lucknow.

Lucknow rejoices in a band.

Hurry up. The Government bonuses will lapse if the Southern Extention is not opened by July 1st.

Local News.

Weather getting warm. Street parties are beginning to turn out freckles.

Annual correspondence held over till next week.

Our Ottawa Letter is again belated this time. Either our correspondent or the Post office is at fault.

Arrival.—One of the dredges to be employed on the harbour works arrived from Buffalo last week.

Cheese Factories.—The various cheese factories in the county have commenced operations for the season.

Teachers' Examination.—The next examination of Public School Teachers will begin on the 20th July.

High School Entrance Examination.—The next entrance examination to the High School will be held on the 29th and 30th of June.

International Salt Works.—We understand the International Salt Works will be formally opened on Monday next, 25th inst.

Britannia Road.—Our contemporary wishes to know why the Britannia Road drain has not been covered. Did he tumble into it?

Cricket Concert.—The concert in aid of the funds of the Cricket Club will take place on Friday, May 29th. Full particulars in a few days.

The Brass Band Tournament called here on Monday and discharged a portion of their name. She proceeded to Port Colborne with the balance.

New Hearse.—Any one who wishes to be buried in style had better wait till Eric McKay's new hearse is ready. It will be out in a few days.

Fire Extinguishers.—Dixie Watson has been appointed agent for the Fire King Extinguishers. They may be seen at his office, or at G. N. Davis' tinshop.

Cleaned up.—The Square received its annual cleaning up last week, all the loose stones and dirt being gathered up. The grass is beginning to look green and fresh.

Early Closing.—The merchants desire that people will make their purchases before seven o'clock, so that they may close their places of business punctually at that hour during the summer.

New Office.—The Dominion Telegraph Company, which has hitherto had its offices at the Harbour in Detlor's warehouse, has erected a neat office near Seymour's warehouse, exclusively for its own use.

Fatal Accident.—A man named John Forsyth, of the township of Fullarton, County of Perth, was run over by the express train for Goderich on the Grand Trunk, near Mitchell, on Saturday night last, and instantly killed.

Le Chemin de la Chasse.—This is the name of a monthly publication issued by J. L. Peters, New York, containing a collection of music for advanced players. Its selections appear to be good. $4 a year or 40 cents a number.

Passed.—E. E. Wade, student in the law office of Sinclair & Seager, passed his second intermediate examination last week before the Law Society, at Toronto. Mr. Wade's written papers were so good that he passed without an oral.

"Asylum."—Our local contemporary speaks of the Brantford "Asylum." There is a manifest connection between the first syllable of the word as it is there spelt and the author of the article in which it occurs, judging by the number of absurd statements therein contained.

Rain.—The long wished for, long looked for, long prayed for rain came on Saturday and Sunday last. It is worth more to the Dominion than the removal of the duty on tea and sugar or any other boon which it is in the power of our politicians to confer. Everybody is rejoicing, especially the farmers.

Apron Festival.—The congregation of St. Andrew's Church intend making some repairs on the church building, and in order to obtain the necessary funds, purpose holding an apron bazaar in the store formerly occupied by Philo Noble on Hamilton Street, to-morrow afternoon, commencing at one o'clock. All who want aprons will be sure to be suited. There will also be a refreshment table.

Body Found.—The schooner *Katy Pringle*, captain A. Marks, arrived here yesterday, having on board a body picked up about 3 miles off Bayfield. The body is that of a man apparently about 35 or 40 years of age, but is so far decomposed as to make it difficult to identify it. It is dressed in grey flannel shirt, blue jacket and vest and a grey sock on one foot. There is a black hair watch guard attached to the vest. An inquest would probably be held.

A Case of Distress.—A German named Henry Becker, a barber by occupation, came to Goderich a few weeks ago from Lucknow and opened a shop on Hamilton Street with the usual striped pole in front. Last week he was seized with inflamation of the lungs and died after a couple of days illness. He left a wife and family in such destitute circumstances that they were unable to perform the last rites and he had to be buried at the expense of the town.

Teachers' Institute.—A Teachers' Institute will be held under the auspices of the Huron Teachers' Association, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 11th, 12th and 13th. Dr. Sangster has kindly promised to be present and conduct the work. Further notice will be sent to individual teachers. It is hoped that every teacher in the county will embrace the opportunity to be present. Further particulars will be given in our next issue.

Accident.—The man on whom so many of our citizens depend for their supplies of ice and milk fell out of his waggon on Saturday last, and a report became current that he had broken his neck. It turned out however to be unfounded. He had simply taken a "little something," not milk, without mixing sufficient water with it, and it went to his head causing him to lose his balance. He was somewhat stunned by the fall and was carried home, but soon recovered.

We have received from the authors, J. Gibson, B. A., and J. Macoun, M.A., professors in Albert College, Belleville, the first of a series of Monographs upon the plants of Central and Eastern Canada, which they intend to publish, in pamphlet form. This one deals with the Natural Order, Caryophyllaceæ. These Monographs will be a valuable addition to our Canadian scientific literature. Mr. Gibson is a son of Rev. H. Gibson of Bayfield.

Sidewalks.—An exchange says,—The City Surveyor of Montreal has recommended that for the suburban streets a tamarac curb be used, the sidewalk to be filled in with a mixture of engine ashes, gravel, and coal tar, sprinkled over with sand and well rolled. This he said, would make a path as good as and cheaper than the so-called asphalte which has been laid in several places, while it would be superior to the deal walk, and much less expensive. Would not such a plan answer for Goderich. It would be better than gravel.

Runaway.—A team of horses belonging to Mr. Lucius Carey was tied in front of Shephard & Strachan's store on Friday afternoon last, when they took fright at something and broke away. They ran round the Square, and when opposite East Street the tongue of the waggon caught the ground and the waggon with its contents, a number of bags, was left all in a heap, badly broken up. Opposite the market the horses went to jump the chains, when one of them fell and they were captured without having done themselves any serious injury.

Beatty Line.—The *Ontario*, the new boat of the Lake Superior line, arrived here on her first trip on Sunday morning last and after remaining all day left after midnight. We are glad to see that the Messrs. Beatty are determined that their own hands and those with whom they have to transact business at the various ports where their boats call, shall not have to work on Sunday. The *Ontario* is a propeller of very great carrying capacity, handsomely fitted up and furnished. She appears to be strong and well built and is furnished with powerful engines. Her twin sister the *Quebec* is well under way and will be ready to take her place on the line before the close of the season.

Garden Weather.—At a meeting of gardeners and others held last Friday, it was decided to water the Square and West Street so far as the Bank of Montreal this summer, provided some interested would guarantee a sufficient sum to cover the expense.

Complimentary Supper.—On the evening of Thursday last the friends of Mr. Pipon entertained him with a farewell supper before his departure to Hamilton. The supper was served in the rooms kept by Mr. Virlan, and certainly reflected great credit on the proprietor. After justice had been done to the good things prepared by "mine host," the following toasts were proposed.—"The Queen," by the Chair; responded by Mr. Doyle, followed by "God Save the Queen." Dr. Kirkpatrick then favoured the company with a comic song, after which Mr. Finley proposed the health of Mr. Pipon, wishing him in a few appropriate terms every success in the new position. Mr. Pipon having thanked them for the kind manner in which they had entertained him before his departure, expressed his regret at having to part with his many friends and acquaintances. "The Ladies" was then proposed by Mr. Pipon and responded to by Mr. Beck. "The North Street Ladies" was then proposed by Mr. Beck, and responded to by Mr. Elliott. "The International Salt Works" was next proposed by Mr. Elliott, and responded to by Mr. Robertson. Mr. Robertson proposed "The Law" which was responded to by Mr. McDermot and Mr. Fred Johnston. Dr. Kirkpatrick then favoured the company with a song "Tim Finnigan." "The Chair" was then proposed, followed by the song "For He's a jolly good fellow." "Mr. Finley," by Mr. Doyle, Song by Mr. Mackid; "Good bye, Pipon," Song by Dr. Kirkpatrick, "Sour Krout." "The Army and Navy" proposed by Mr. Holt, responded to by Mr. Dyett. "The Goderich Cricket Club" by Mr. Pipon, after which the evening's entertainment came to a close.—Com.

Goderich Township.

The Court of Revision of the Township of Goderich met on Monday 11th of May, and adjourned to resume its sittings and finally revise the assessment roll on Saturday the 20th May.

T. B. STOKES, Clerk.

Grey.

A Runaway.—While Mr. Jno. Johnson and his wife were riding to church in a waggon last Sunday, when going along the 12th con. of Grey, the horses suddenly took fright at an umbrella before them, and ran off the road, running the waggon against a stump and throwing Mr. Johnson out. One of the wheels passed over him, rendering him insensible for some time. The horses ran to the fence, which one of the them jumped over, while the other remained behind. Mrs. Johnson, during the runaway was being tossed about in the waggon; she was hurt considerably and was carried insensible to an adjoining house, when she came to in a short time. None of the injuries in either case have proved serious.—*Expositor.*

Stanley.

Fatal Accident.—We regret to learn that John Blair, a lad about 14 years of age, son of Mr. Wm. Blair, 2d con. of Stanley, met with an accident on Monday evening last, which resulted in his death. It seems that the boy was driving along the London Road, about two and a half miles south of Brussfield, with a team, drawing a seed drill. The boy was walking behind the drill. The horses got frightened, and, becoming unmanageable, ran away. The boy unfortunately became entangled in the lines, and before he could relieve himself, was drawn off his feet and dragged a distance of about half a mile. The horses were ultimately stopped, and the lad was found to be insensible. Medical aid was immediately sent for, but notwithstanding that all was done for his relief which medical skill could do, he died in about half an hour.—*Expositor.*

Bayfield.

Welcome.—The following item is from the Montreal *Witness*. Mr. Scrimger recently wedded one of Bayfield's fairest daughters:—On Tuesday night, Rev. J. Scrimger and life partner were welcomed home from their marriage tour by a number of members and adherents of the congregation of St. Joseph street Presbyterian Church, over which the Revd. gentleman presides. He was presented as a wedding gift with a purse of three hundred dollars, and books valued at fourteen dollars. Addressed were delivered by Rev. Dr. Taylor, and Rev. Gavin Lang, Thornton, Wells, Tanner, Awde, and the pastor. A most enjoyable evening was spent, the pastor receiving many congratulations on having "done well."

Dungannon.

Progress.—This usually quiet village has taken a great start this spring. There are several new buildings in course of erection. Mr. R. Clendenning, merchant, is erecting a splendid store 60 x 24 which will add greatly to the looks of the place. The W. M. Congregation are erecting a splendid manse for their minister. Several back lots in the village which had never been cleared have been purchased by Messrs Roberts and Whyard, who have had them cleared and fixed up. They will make splendid building lots. The Council of Ashfield are going to let the contract of cutting the hill near this place. The farmers about here are getting in good circumstances, which increases the trade in the village.—Com.

Lecture.—A free lecture was delivered by Rev. Mr. Hartly on the evening of Friday 15th inst., on the subject of Temperance. The lecture was well prepared, reflecting much credit on Mr. Hartly. A vote of thanks at the conclusion of the lecture was given.—Com.

Blyth.

Accident.—Mr. Walter McGowan, of East Wawanosh, broke his waggon tongue on the 11th inst. He was coming to Blyth in the evening to get it mended having the tongue tied with a strap, which loosened and the tongue fell and struck the ground, raising the wagon up in the air and throwing Mr. McGowan, his son and two daughters out. Mr. McGowan got his collar bone broken and one rib detached from the spine, together with a severe bruise on the head. One of the daughters was slightly hurt on the side of the head, the rest of the party escaped uninjured.—*Times.*

Library.—The annual meeting of Blyth Mechanics' Institute was held on the 5th inst., when Hugh McQuarrie was elected President; Roy. A. McLean, Vice do, W. Drummond, Treasurer, R. Adams, Secretary, A. Lawrence, Librarian, Dr. Sloan, D. Jenkins and P. Kelly, Directors. The sum of $30.50, the amount on hand, was invested in books and periodicals.—*Times.*

Seaforth

Larger Premises.—On account of the constantly increasing business at the Seaforth agency of the Royal Canadian Bank, the present bank premises have become too small. We learn that the Bank authorities have secured more commodious quarters for this agency, in the new brick building to be erected by Messrs. Elliott and Armitage.—*Expositor.*

Prosperity of Seaforth.—Never have the prospects of Seaforth looked so bright as at the present time. The population is rapidly increasing, our merchants and business men are extending their facilities, and our mills and manufactories are gaining in strength and importance daily. Within the past three months numerous real estate sales have taken place at largely advanced prices, and buildings are springing up in every direction. During the present season, if the necessary labor can be procured, over one hundred new buildings will be erected. Some of these are already under way, and most of the remainder under contract. Of this number four will be large brick blocks for stores, and the remainder private residences. But so great is the demand for residences and business places that even this large increase will not supply it. Nearly all the stores to be built have already been engaged, and many of the private houses been rented in advance.—*Expositor.*

Clinton.

Death of an old Resident.—Mr. J. B. Reany, an old and esteemed resident of Clinton, died on Friday 8th inst., at Tecumseth, where he had lately gone to improve his health. He was universally respected for his many public acts, having been connected with every public enterprise in Clinton for years past. His remains were interred on Monday 11th inst., the funeral being largely attended.

East Wawanosh.

Council Meeting.—The Council met on the 4th inst., pursuant to notice, as a Court of Revision and appeal. All the members present. Appeals against assessment were heard from John Orr, and James S. Hammond, Con. 11, against personal property. Assessment confirmed. Jas. Robertson, Con. 9, on real estate, reduced $50. There being no other appeals, ordinary business was resumed. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted. The assessment being now completed, and the Roll finally revised, it was moved by Mr. Rintoul, sec. by Mr. McCallum, that Jas. Dunbar receive a debenture for services as assessor in 1874.—Carried. Petition of Thomas Jamieson and 73 others was received, praying the Council to take some steps towards erecting a bridge across the River on the 8th and 9th Cons., laid over for further consideration. Samuel McBarney made application to have ——— of lot 32, Con. 12, on the east side of the river, lately purchased by him from Mr. Henry Masters, taken from U. S. S. No. 13, and attached to S. S. No. 11. The Clerk was instructed to notify all parties interested concerning this matter. John Huffman was appointed pathmaster for Division No. 11, in place of George Longmuir. It was resolved to allow David McCartney of lot 38, Con. 8, to perform his statute labor for this year on sideline 36 and 37, Con. 8. Moved by Mr. Potter, sec. by Mr. Rintoul, that James McGowan receive a debenture for payment of 632 feet hemlock plank.—Carried. Moved by Mr. James, sec. by Mr. McCallum, that John McCreight of lot 35, Con. 12, receive a debenture for $6, being equivalent for six days' statute labor performed in 1872-3, and 73, paid to Co. Treasurer.—Carried. The accounts of *Times* office, Wingham, and Signal office, Goderich, for printing and stationery were on motion of Mr. James, sec. by Mr. Rintoul, ordered to be paid. The Treasurer's bond for the current year was received and accepted. Moved by Mr. McCallum, sec. by Mr. Potter, that the Clerk ascertain from Co. Treasurer the amount of non-resident tax charged in mistake against the S½ lot 36, Con. 6, in 1873.—Carried. Debentures were signed in favor of the following parties, viz: Joseph Dunbar, service as assessor, in 1874, $45; James McGowan, 632 feet hemlock plank, $4.10; John McCreight, for six days statute labor performed in 1871-2 and 3, $6; J. J. Bell, Signal office, Goderich, stationery, &c., $7; A. C. Osborne, *Times* office, Wingham, printing 200 minutes, &c., of 1873, $13. The Council then adjourned to meet again on Monday, 15th of June next.

Too Much Married.

Mark Twain's idea of the Mormonites was that they were "too much married." This is the *Globe's* serious objection to the election of Dr. Sangster as a member of the Council of Public Instruction. Our contemporary considers that a member of the Council of Education ought to be a man without reproach, "the husband of one wife." We think so too, and trust the teachers of Canada will consider well what the effect might be were they to give a lesson to their pupils to the effect that the marriage tie is no barrier to the putting away of a wife for the purpose of marrying another, and that, too, without obtaining a divorce in Canada. From what the *Globe* says, we are led to believe that Mr. Sangster left his lawful wife in Canada, and went to the "land of freedom," got divorced from the wife he had left in Canada, and then came back with a "bran new wife" from the United States, and that he now lives with the latter, having left the former. If the teachers of Canada think this all right, why, they will vote for Mr. Sangster, but if they do not think it right—and how can they as teachers of Bible morality!—they will not vote for him. If they should send him to the Council, that body, in case of a protest, might act as the American Congress is now doing in the matter of Elder Cannon the Mormon—receive the protest, and there allow the matter to drop—that is if public feeling would allow them. The case of Elder Cannon is as follows:

A petition from the unsuccessful candidate in Utah, claiming that Elder Cannon, who received the majority of votes, was owing to his polygamous habits ineligible to a seat in the House, and therefore the petitioner ought to have been duly returned, was referred to the Committee on Elections. The Committee has just reported that the many-wived Cannon was properly returned from Utah, and as to the question of his fitness to hold the seat, it recommended that the House investigate whether the gentleman was a polygamist, and if so, whether he is eligible to sit in Congress. The House does not appear to have evinced any special eagerness to look into the merits of the case, quietly receiving the report and letting it lie over for future discussion.—*Brockville Recorder.*

Reciprocity.

Washington, May 13.—There seems some prospect that the negotiations now going on with a view to a new treaty of commercial reciprocity with the Dominion of Canada may terminate successfully. The Secretary of State conducts the negotiations on behalf of our Government, and Sir Edward Thornton and the Hon. George Brown, Senator of the Dominion of Canada, act as joint plenipotentiaries on the part of Great Britain. Negotiations have been going on for some months, and it is understood that a rough outline of the new treaty is now the subject of investigation and discussion. The Canadians say they have no need to ask favours from anybody, and do not want any now, but if the United States think it to their interest to merge the fishery question and all other troublesome questions in a comprehensive treaty, they will cordially agree to any equitable settlement calculated to place the commercial relations of the two countries on a friendly, unfettered, and mutually advantageous basis.

Tug Explosion.

Sarnia, May 14.—The tug Tawas was blown up in Lake Huron, to-day, opposite Sandbeach, about 60 miles out. Captain Robinson was thrown in the water, and so badly hurt that he was drowned. His body is not yet recovered. The 2nd engineer and three men were drowned. The second mate of a vessel she was picking up was instantly killed by a stick of cordwood falling on his head. The cause of the explosion is unknown here at present.

Large Steamers.

The six largest steamers in the world are the Great Eastern, owned by the International Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company, 678 feet long, 77 feet broad; the City of Pekin (Pacific Mail Steamship Company), 6,000 tons, 423 feet long, 48 feet broad; the Liguria (Pacific Steam Navigation Company), 4,820 tons, 460 feet long, 45 broad; the Brittanic (White Star), 4,700 tons, 455 feet long, 45 broad; the City of Richmond (Inman), 4,600 tons, 453½ feet long, 43 beam; and the Bothnia (Cunard), 4,500 tons, 425 feet long, 42½ broad.

Manufacturing Prosperity.

The St. Johnsbury Caladonian, of April 18th, says, "Last Friday, the Fairbanks Scale Company had an order from the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company for twenty-four five-hundred bushel hopper-scales to be put into their new immense elevator, building at Locust Point. As these are fifteen-ton scales, and are all set in a row, some idea of the size of the elevator may be gained." The production last week was one thousand and seventy and seventy-eight scales, including six iron frame railroad-track scales of thirty to fifty tons capacity and fifty-five hay scales; and these orders come, not only from all parts of the United States, but from every portion of the globe.

New Advertisements.

TORONTO HOUSE.

MISS MILLER

Begs leave to announce to the ladies of Goderich and vicinity, that she has opened establishment this season stocked with a choice variety of

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS,

and is now prepared to please all favourers her with a call.

As regards Millinery she has also a large stock of handsome Mantlets at all prices.

MISS MILLER SOLICITS A CALL,

And guarantees that her prices, as well as her goods will please all, as she is selling some of her goods at a sacrifice at her old stand.

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CANADA.

Bishop Horan of Kingston has resigned on account of ill health.

C. J. Brydges was banquetted at Toronto on Thursday.

A Huron and Ontario ship canal is being agitated.

Incendiary fires are afflicting the city of Three Rivers.

Rev. George Goodson, Wesleyan Methodist minister, died at Sarnia on the 11th inst.

Mr. Fairbairn M. P. P. for West Peterboro, died at Jacksonville, Florida, last Wednesday.

Two colored persons in St. Catharines died a few days since at the ages of 100 and 114 years.

The population of Peterboro is now estimated at 6,805, an increase during the year of 300.

The first locomotive for the use of the Kingston & Pembroke Railway has arrived at the first named town.

A congratulatory address from the people of Ontario to Sir Garnet Wolseley is now circulating for signatures.

A female patient leaped from an upper story of Rockwood Asylum on Wednesday last, and was killed on the spot.

Hon. Mr. Fraser, Commissioner of Public Works, laid the corner stone of the Ottawa Normal School last Wednesday.

Toronto Council has given $10,000 to the Provincial Agricultural Association for the Exhibition to be held there in September.

Harris' Foundry at Brantford was seriously injured by fire on Wednesday last. The Waterous waterworks did good service in putting the fire out.

While coupling cars at the Mitchell station, a few days since, Thomas Dourkin, a brakeman, had his arm broken in two places.

Hon E. B. Wood, who has recovered from his severe illness, leaves in about a week to enter on his duties as Chief Justice of Manitoba.

Mr. James Stewart, of the Montreal *Herald*, on his departure from Scotland, was presented with a £200 cheque by political and personal friends. Lucky man.

From returns published we learn that Brantford has increased 574 over last year; St. Catherines, 433; Belleville, 350; Port Hope, 213; Guelph, 200; St. Thomas, 200, and Stratford, 493.

A brass band has been organized among the pupils of the Blind Asylum, Brantford, and the playing of the members is said to be wonderful for the short time they have been in practice.

There is great rivalry between the steamboats plying from Cleveland to Port Stanley. Fares have fallen so low that the trip both ways can now be taken for about a dollar, meals included.

Toronto has granted a bonus of $100,000 to the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway, to enable it to build an independent line from Weston into the city.

In the township of Louth not far from St. Catharines there is a salt spring. It is proposed to form a company to take hold of the property and commence the manufacture of salt.

A man named Davey was fined $5 a few days ago by the Hamilton Police Magistrate, for having shot a robin. This should be a warning to thoughtless persons who are in the habit of destroying harmless birds.

The House of Commons have decided to pay members for the day they attended Parliament last session, when Sir John refused to meet Parliament. The amount to some will be little,