TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

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

Trains leave Listowel Station daily as under:

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

For Palmerston— Express at 6.59 a. m.; Express 1.09 p.m.; Mixed, 9.15 p.m.

PORT DOVER AND STRATFORD & HURON RAILWAY.

GOING SOUTH.

	a.m.	p.m.
Leave Listowel at	5.50	and 1.17
" Millbank	6.32	and 2.05
" Milverton	6.45	and 2.24
" Stratford	7.20	and 3.05
" Woodstock	8.35	and 5.00
" Burgessville	9.04	and 5.35
" Norwich	9.44	and 5.50
" Otterville	9.59	and 6.10
" C. S. Crossing	10.15	and 6.30
" Simcoe	10.53	and 7.15
Arrive at Port Dover	11.25	and 7.45

GOING NORTH.

	a.m	p.m.
Leave Port Dover at	6.30	and 2.20
" Simcoe	7.00	and 3.15
" C. S. Crossing	7.31	and 4.00
" Otterville	7.46	and 4.20
" Norwich	8.00	and 4.50
" Burgessville	8.09	and 5.02
" Woodstock	8.45	and 6.15
" Stratford	9.30	and 7.30
" Milverton	10.33	and 8.20
" Millbank	10.51	and 8.34
Arrive at Listowel	11.37	and 9.20

LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1878.

THE decision of the Department of the Interior, to whom the Oka Indian matter was referred, has been rendered. After a lengthy investigation of its whole history, the conclusions arrived at are that the Indians have no legal title to the soil, that the gentlemen of the Seminary are absolute proprietors of the land, and that no suit against the Seminary with a view to obtain possession of the property for the Indians, could be successful. The Seminary offer the Indians $20,000 if they will relinquish any right they may claim and vacate the seignory altogether. Acceptance of this offer is urged by the Department. As this vexed question has obtained a national importance, it is to be hoped that its final settlement will be amicably arranged at once.

ON Tuesday the Ontario Conference of M. E. divines was brought to a close for the present year. During the week occupied by the session, our town has undergone an experience which will mark an epoch in its history. This has been the first instance in which such a large representation of ministers of the gospel has been congregated here, and a succession of religious meetings such as have taken place within the week has not been known heretofore. The evening meetings and Sunday services have been particularly marked features, the general public interest which they awakened being something beyond the ordinary. Night after night the church edifice in which they were held was densely thronged with people of all denominations, and on Sunday afternoon when the pulpit was occupied by the "corinthian pillar" of the Church, Dr. Jaques, President of Albert College, every available space was taken up and many went away after vainly attempting to find room. Were success to be computed by numbers, then it might at once be taken for granted that the Conference has been successful in the extreme. However, in pronouncing upon the measure of success attained, the fervent exhortations, powerful sermons and persuasive addresses listened to, should not be under-estimated. It is reasonable to infer from the demonstrative feelings of the people that an amount of good has been accomplished which will be enduring, and that the meeting of the Conference here will not soon be forgotten. That the members of the Conference will also have reason to remember with pleasure their meeting in Listowel is indicated by the rising vote of thanks tendered our citizens for so hospitably entertaining them.

NORTH PERTH CONVENTION.

S. R. HESSON THE COMING MAN.

A Large and Influential Gathering—Unanimous choice of a Candidate—John A.'s Policy Endorsed.

In accordance with notice duly given, a Convention of delegates from the different municipalities of the North Riding of Perth was held here yesterday, 9th inst., to nominate a candidate for the House of Commons in the stead of T. M. Daly, Esq., who had tendered his resignation. The following are the names of the delegates, each municipality being fully represented:

Stratford—Timothy Haggarty, James Fahey, David Scrimgeaur, T. Mane Daly, jr., Thos. Storey, Jno. Read. *Elma*—Whitfield McCormack, Wm. Fennell, John Stephenson, Young Coulter, John Nixon, Moses Harvey. *Listowel*—John Campbell, Geo. Towner, A. S. Deavitt, A. F. Lustig, Andrew Morrow, James Lee. *Ellice*—Francis Ruston, Robert Henry, Robert Hanna, Henry Vogt, August Baumbuch, John Pearson. *North Easthope*—David Carroll, Wm. Eakins, Wm. Bradley, McFarland Bates, Lindsay Smith, Samuel Jones. *Palmerston*—Wm. Neswry, Wm. Lang, W. H. Finnamore, G. S. Davidson, James Collinge, A. Campbell. *Mornington*—J. D. Pierson, John Farrell, John McKee, George McKee, Chas. Glenn, Hugh Kerr. *Logan*—Arthur Stewart, Robert Keyes, George Roch, Henry Vietor, Philip Sibert, Wm. Thompson. *Wallace*—Nathaniel Fennell, Thos. Hayes, Wm. King, James Gallagher, F. Hammill, John Mills.

John Read, Esq., President of the Conservative Association, was appointed Chairman; Thos. Mane Daly, jr., acted as Secretary, and John Pierson, Esq., of Ellice, assistant Secretary. Before nominations were proceeded with, Mr. Daly's resignation was read; a resolution was then introduced and unanimously concurred in, expressing the great indebtedness of the Conservatives of North Perth to Mr. Daly for the loyal course he had always pursued in connection with the party. Mr. Jas. Fahey, in seconding this resolution, in a few comprehensive sentences, paid a just tribute to the late nominee.

T. M. Daly, Esq., amid uncontrolable emotion, thanked the Association for the faith which they had placed in him in the past, and expressed his unqualified determination to continue to the last staunch and true to the Conservative cause.

Two candidates were proposed for nomination, viz., Samuel Rollin Hesson, Esq., ex-Mayor of Stratford, and William Alexander, Esq., Inspector of Public Schools for the Riding. An open vote being taken, the result was declared to be a tie, each candidate receiving an equal number of votes. When this was made known to the gentlemen whose names were before the Convention, each was only too willing to retire in favor of the other. Mr. Alexander, however, was permitted to withdraw his name, thereby making the nomination of Mr. Hesson unanimous. The Convention gave expression to its appreciation of Mr. Alexander's magnanimous action by a resolution which was endorsed with the strongest feelings of esteem.

Mr. Hesson in accepting the nomination, thanked the Convention for the honor conferred upon him, and made a speech which at once stamped him as a gentleman whom the Conservatives of North Perth will take pride in having selected as their standard bearer, and will enter the coming campaign with a unity of sentiment and purpose that will make victory a certainty ere the battle is begun. Vigorous speeches were also made by James Fahey, Esq., S. S. Fuller, Esq., T. M. Daly, Esq., John McDermott, Esq., and Mr. John A. McDonnell, Secretary of the Conservative Association of the Province. The following resolution was unanimously concurred in:

Moved by Jas. Fahey, seconded by Thos. Stoney, that this meeting desires to express its approval of the policy indicated by the Right Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald in favor of protection to the Agricultural, Manufacturing and Mining interests of Canada, and that in the present circumstances of the Dominion a careful and judicious re-adjustment of the tariff is essential to the material prosperity of our people. They also desire to express their indignation at the violations of popular liberty which has recently taken place in the Province of Quebec, where a despotic partizan of the Dominion Government endeavored by the undue exercise of an absolute prerogative, to subvert the rights of the people of our sister Province; and trust that the *coup de etat*, manouvered by the Dominion Government, made in its interest and justified by its partizan press, will meet, as it deserves, with the disapprobation of all true lovers of the Constitution who are able to rise superior to the allegiance of party.

AMERICAN NEUTRALITY.

The New York *Tribune* of the 3rd says:—The rumor that citizens of Philadelphia, San Francisco and other adventurous seaports are going largely into the business of privateering may be dismissed as the dream of some light-headed reporter. The privilege of fitting out privateers in American ports is one which the United States Government reserves for its own use. Other nations do not enjoy that liberty even in time of peace. Any American citizen within our jurisdiction who accepts a commission to serve against a country with which we are at peace is liable to a fine of $2,000, and imprisonment for three years; and any person, whether citizen or not, who within our jurisdiction enlists or procures another to enlist as a soldier, sailor, or privateersman against a power with which we are at peace, may be punished by $1,000 fine and three years imprisonment. The penalties for fitting out privateers, or taking a pecuniary interest in them, are still more severe—ten years imprisonment and $10,000 fine. If Russia wishes to issue letters of marque, therefore, she must furnish all the officers and men herself. She can buy ships here, but she cannot arm or furnish them in our waters. And if it is true that "certain residents of Philadelphia are getting up a joint stock company for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a privateer to sail under the Russian flag," they are likely soon to be laid by the heels.

PEACE PROSPECTS BRIGHTENING.

Although containing no definite information of the progress of negotiations, the despatches from St. Petersburg continue to be of the most hopeful character. A complete change in Russian feelings seems to have taken place, and a sincere desire is now apparently manifest for an understanding with England. In fact, in the *salon* of the Czarewitch on Sunday the Empress is said to have announced that an understanding was certain and peace was assured. The taking of the conduct of the negotiations into his own hands by the Czar has inspired great confidence, and the approaching visit of Count Schouvaloff to Russia is regarded as another hopeful sign. England is also reported to be considering a series of propositions personally submitted by the Czar. Gen. Todleben has offered to fall back behind the straight line drawn between Dedeagatch and Adrianople if the British fleet will withdraw at the same time. He is now retiring to the lines of Tchataldja, intending to leave only a small force at San Stefano, Russians having occupied the line of the River Argish, thus interrupting the communication of the Roumanian army in Little Wallachia, with its headquarters at Bucharest. Roumania has sent another protest to the powers. Great opposition is being manifested to the Russian occupation at Varna and Botoum, the inhabitants of the former place threatening to take up arms against it, and the authorities of the latter city have appealed direct to England.

HORRIBLE MURDER IN BERTIE.

Throat-Cutting by an Indian Half-Breed.

On the 13th ult., a man named Thos. Allen entered a shoemaker's shop in Bertie and applied for employment. He said he was on his way from Port Hope to Buffalo to see a brother, and seemed desirous of working his way thither, though he said he had money. On being told there was no work there, he asked the way to Fort Erie, and Jack Smith, an Indian, who happened to be in the shop at the time, said he was going that way himself, and volunteered to accompany him. They started out together, and from that time nothing has been heard of Allan until a short time ago, when it turned out that on the 27th ult. a body had been hidden under some leaves in a sugar bush, near Stevensville, and buried, and as near as can be learned, there was no inquest held at the time; but the proprietor of the shop in Bertie, at which Allen had called, having heard of this discovery, succeeded in having the body exhumed, when it was recognized as Allen's, and on examination it was found that his throat had been cut, and that some of the clothes then on him had been worn by the Indian when last seen. Smith had in the meantime been arrested and imprisoned a short time in Buffalo for drunkenness, and a large knife with blood stains was found on his person, and is now in the possession of the police at Clifton. He is well known in Drummondville, and a silk umbrella, which he was suspected of having stolen there, and which was seen in his possession at Bertie, was found near the body of the murdered man. The Ontario police are making efforts to ascertain the whereabouts of the supposed murderer. He is half negro and half Indian, about 5 feet 7 or 8 inches, black moustache, scar on cheek resembling a burn, hair inclined to curl. He is a fortune-teller and basket maker.

THE PICKERING OUTRAGE.

Sentenced to Death.

The trial of Thomas Burke and John McPherson, for entering the dwelling house of Mrs. Ellen Bennett, a married woman residing near Brougham, on the 26th of July last, and violating her person, the outrage resulting in her death, took place at Whitby before his Lordship Chief Justice Harrison. The number of witnesses in attendance was large. The room was crowded throughout the day. The defence set up was an *alibi*, counsel for the defence insinuating there might have been an attempt at abortion, causing the wound spoken of in the medical testimony and causing death. The learned Chief Justice charged rather against the prisoners. After an hour's absence the jury brought in a verdict of "guilty," and the prisoners were sentenced to be hanged on the 14th of June, at 10 o'clock a. m.

THE LATE WHOLESALE EMIGRATION.—The Winnipeg *Free Press* thus refers to the arrival of the colony which left this district for Manitoba, some time since:—"A large number of Mr. Prittie's Little Saskatchewan colony started out west on Tuesday, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, they having been preceded by others of the party on Friday and Saturday. That party was accompanied by Mr. Prittie and a medical man, who intends practicing in the Little Saskatchewan country. Owing to the bad roads several mishaps were met outside the city, but not even the heavy rains seemed to dampen the ardor of the crowd."

Successful observations of the transit of Mercury, on the sixth inst., were made at various points in the United States. The contact took place several seconds later than 10.26 a. m. Prof. Peters, of Hamilton College, N. Y., thinks he has discovered indications of atmosphere on the planet.

METH. EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE.

Meeting in Listowel.

Specially reported for the STANDARD.

(*Concluded from last week.*)

THIRD SESSION.

Opening religious services were conducted by R. A. Simpson. To save repetition we might state that every session is opened and closed by religious worship. The fifth disciplinary question, "Who are to be ordained Elders this year?" being taken up, J. C. Bell and J. F. Durkee, characters passed, and were elected to Elders orders. F. W. Warne, character passed, elected to Elders orders; requested to attend Albert College, Belleville—request laid on the table. Tliese are to be ordained on Sabbath afternoon. On second disciplinary question, J. J. Beddilt, F. W. Watts, J. Vickery, T. Ried, S. A. Dean, characters passed, credited for examination and continued on trial; G. F. Byam, character passed, but trial discontinued. A request for a public temperance meeting was referred to committee on temperance. A very affecting address from Rev. W. Pirritte, P. E., Colborne district, who had been very ill during the year, and said he never expected to meet his brethren again in Conference concluded this session.

FOURTH SESSION.

The first order of business in each session is the reading and approval of minutes of former session. The character of all the ministers of Colborne district were passed; very encouraging reports were given from their missions, stations and circuits. J H George, E N Barker, G. Horton and F W Warne, were permitted to attend Albert College. Rev F Argue, P. E., gave a very encouraging report of the year's work, especially in church building and revivals. The characters of most of the ministers were passed, and the reports from the circuits given before close of the session. Good report from Rev. J A Campbell, our missionary in Winnipeg.

FIFTH SESSION.

Opening services by J W Lent. The temperance committee report, recommending public temperance meeting Monday evening, was adopted. Huron district taken up: Presiding Elder of the district reported progress, an increase of $2,000 worth of church property this year, and a good increase in membership. The characters of all the preachers on the circuit were passed; reports good. Rev: J H Hilts, one of the oldest and most faithful ministers in the Church who has spent all of his ministerial life on this district, at his own request was granted superannuated relation to the Church. It saddens the hearts of the members of Conference as the aged retire from the work. The Rev. S G Stone, Sec. of the Parent Missionary Board, read an encouraging report from the work in Manitoba. We are looking forward with delight to the time when we will have annual conferences and general conferences in the North-west. The Church believes through her instrumentality tens of thousands in the North-west will be added to the Church and shall be eternally saved.

SIXTH SESSION.

Opening service by Rev. R Carson. The first order of busines was the election of delegates to General Conference, to be held in Belleville in August of this year. The General Conference is composed of every fourth regularly ordained minister from each of the three annual conferences of the M. E. Church in Canada. The following are the names of delegates appointed: Revs. G Abbs, T Argue, J Curts, A Campbell, R B Denike, F M Finn, J H Hilts, J R Jaques, B Lane, S Morrison, G Miller, W Pirritte, S A Simpson, J M Simpson, R Sanderson, G Clark, G Bennett; four reserves—R Large, C Taylor, R E Lund, J C Pomeroy.

A missionary meeting was held on Friday evening. The church was densely crowded. Addresses were delivered by Rev. WH Hansom on Home missions, and Rev. S G Stone, on Foreign missions.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Opening religious service by R E Lund. Several ministers who were not present at the opening of Conference, had their reports received and characters passed. A resolution was unanimously carried by standing vote, expressing the sympathy of the Conference for Bro. J F Durkee, who has had much affliction and death of his eldest son during the year. The case of G F Byam, who was dropped, was reconsidered and he continued on trial.

EIGHTH SESSION.

G Bennett conducted the opening services. Notwithstanding the financial pressure, there was a very encouraging report given from the printing establishment. Deacons elect who are to be ordained on coming Sabbath were asked the usual disciplinary questions by the Bishop and received necessary instructions and counsel.

On Saturday evening a lecture on Education was delivered by Rev. J R Jaques, D. D., Ph. D., President of Albert College, Belleville. It was no ordinary effort of no ordinary man.

SABBATH SERVICES.

All the pulpits in the town were filled during the day by members of the Conference as far as was required. In the M. E. Church on Sabbath morning, before a crowded house, Bishop Carman preached to the ministers, especially to those who were to be ordained, from the 126th Psalm, last verse, "He that goeth forth." He pressed the truth with the eloquence and earnestness of a Whitfield. They should "go forth," not stay around home, nor get home-sick. Home-sickness was a very poor recommendation for a preacher. "Go forth," bear precious seed; not thorns of men's invention; not flowers of rhetoric; but precious golden grain, purchased with the blood of Christ. He showed what kind of preachers would return again rejoicing, and what kind would not, making all present feel the responsibility of the Christian ministry. The Bishop is a living orator, a devoted, earnest Christian, a master mind, a victorious general in the army of Christ. At the close of preaching the Deacons elect were ordained.

AFTERNOON SERVICES.

To a house literally crowded to overflowing, J R Jaques, D. D., preached from II. Tim. III, 7, "Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. He treated his subject negatively and affirmatively, exposing theories, the sinfulness of human heart, by its hatred of truth as the child hates the physician who comes with lance to probe his sores or forceps to extract his teeth. The only true way to learn the truth is by experience; we can learn here more than is found in books. Skeptics cannot destroy what we know by experience. The sermon throughout was one of extraordinary merit, and the vast concourse of people was held spellbound for fully an hour. After service those who had travelled four years were ordained Elders, and were given all the powers of a minister. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper followed; ministers of other denominations and their people joined, which was very enjoyable.

EVENING SERVICE.

The church, which is one of the largest in the town, was again crowded. The pulpit was taken by the Rev. B Lane, M A, L L D, pastor of the M E Tabernacle, Belleville. The subject chosen was, "Born of God." His reputation of being one of the first Divines in the Dominion was well sustained. Prayer-meeting, conducted by J R Jaques, followed, in which a goodly number desired the prayers of the Church. Thus closed the Sabbath services, long to be remembered by the people of Listowel.

NINTH SESSION.

Opening by J R Jaques. A request for a conference picture came in, but was voted down. Report from President of the College shows great improvement in the building. It now, over and above University work and preparatory department, has power to give an excellent commercial training and grant diplomas. There were admitted into the Conference on trial, A C Maybe, C W Taylor (both from the College,) J Leik, W Sellery (permitted to attend College,) D H Scarrow and W Ottawell (admitted on trial and appointed to work.)

The tenth session was wholly taken up with reports of committees.

A temperance meeting was held on Monday evening, at which very interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by three members of the Conference to a crowded house.

STATIONS OF MINISTERS.

The following are appointments made for the current year:

COLBORNE DISTRICT—W Pirritte, P E; Belleville, B Lane; Frankford, T Myers; Trenton, D C Crossly; Stirling, T M Finn, W Pomeroy; Madoc, R W Marsh; Campbellford, R E Lund, S A Dean; Blairton, S W Denike; Percy, B B Denike, Brighton, A Campbell; Colborne, G W Stephenson; Haldimand, J H Watts, T C Bell; Cobourg, B G Hutton; Hope G. Horton; Orono & Clark, W Hanson, F W Watts; Kinmount, T Ried, F Love. Albert College—J R Jaques, President; J H Gorge, F W Warne, E N Baker, J M Kerr, W Seliery.

TORONTO DISTRICT—F Argue, P E; Oshawa, G Miller; Brooklin, A C Maybe; Darlington, E Howard; Myrtle, J Wilks; Port Perry, C A Simpson; Reech, J Egan; Oakwood, N E Scott; Lindsay, J J Reddit; Uxbridge, J W Lent; King, J Curts, J Vickery, J Leek; Markham, G Bennett; Young Street, R S Sanderson, G F Byam; Brampton, C Taylor, W Pimlot, Nelson, G Abbs; Georgetown, J A Campbell; Queensville, D M Billings; Winnipeg, A T Ferguson.

HURON DISTRICT—J M Simpson, P E; Eramosa, A Cooper; Orangeville, J Lynch; Garafraxa, R Carson; Melancthon, J F Durkee; Hanover, T C Sanderson; Meaford, G Clark, D H Scarrow; Thornbury, F M Smith; Creemore, J W Sanderson; Invermay, W F Ferrier; Kincardine, R Large, W Ottawell; Teeswater, G A Jameson; Listowel, H Norris; Palmerston, J X Moran; Mount Forest, J C Bell, (one to be sent;) Eugenia, A L Thurston; R M Pope returned to Bay Quinte Conference.

LEBANON.

For the STANDARD.

We have experienced a decided change for the better since last week. The land is now quite dry and every person seems to be busy seeding again. Our village postmaster and shoemaker have rented a piece of land and are at work this morning as though they meant business. The post office has changed hands lately. Its new manager is a man of money, a man of business, and a man of intelligence. He takes a great interest in Sabbath school matters as well, and is also connected with the temperance lodge. He is likely to become a very useful man among us. And if we are successful in getting a railroad through from Berlin to Listowel and have a station here, his business qualifications would well fit him for the position of express agent and station master.

Moorefield is still agitated over the burning of the mill. The insurance companies are holding an inquest. Mr. Brodie has been put to a great deal of trouble and annoyance, besides sustaining an immense loss. He has been the most useful man who has ever settled among us, and it is hoped he will get through with this difficulty all right, and soon have a new mill running.

The fruit festival has been postponed for a week, owing to the bad roads. It will be held on the 20th inst., and, of course, will be a great success.

PALMERSTON.

Mr. G. S. Davidson is about commencing business in the loan and insurance line.

At the examinations in the county of Perth and in Palmerston, James Smith stands highest for entrance to 6th class, and Lizzie Robertson second. Abraham Hall stands 3rd for entrance to 5th class.

The Bishop of Niagara held a confirmation in St. Paul's Church, last week. After the laying on of hands, his Lordship delivered a very instructive address to the congregation.

The Wallace council are taking steps to have the gravel road put in repair from Minto township to Listowel boundary. They cannot have it repaired too soon as it is now almost impassable.

CLIFFORD.

For the STANDARD.

The Howick & Minto Agricultural Society have let the contract for building a hall 100x50 feet, to be completed in time for the fall show. They have also added three acres more to their ground in this place.

There is to be a grand concert here on the 10th inst., the proceeds to be devoted to the purchase of a town bell.

Railway matters are on the tapis again, it having been announced that the Directors of the Stratford & Huron Railway purpose going on with the work this summer; the people are bound to bring it this way if possible. This is without doubt the best route, being the shortest, cheapest, and likely to prove the most profitable, and it is to be hoped that no selfish interest will carry it in any other direction.

BRUSSELS NEWS.

BONUS—John D. Ronald, proprietor of the Chatham Fire Engine Works, agrees to locate his workshops and remove his employes to Brussels, provided a bonus of $20,000 is given him by the municipality. A by-law to raise that amount will be voted upon on the 25th inst.

ASSESSMENT.—In 1877 the assessment of the town, amounted to $302,455; this year it amounts to $315,390. The value of personal property is reported some $13,170 less than last year, but real property has gone up $22,145; the increase in incomes is $800. The total population is 1,203, an increase of 31 over last year.

DIED IN ILLINOIS.—Rev. S. Jones, of Knox Church, was suddenly called away by a telegram on Saturday, 27th ult., which stated that his only son, an Episcopal minister in Illinois, was not expected to live. He died ere the father reached his bedside. Mr. Jones will have much sympathy in this heavy affliction.

MITCHELL.

The aggregate number of children attending the various Sunday Schools in Mitchell is estimated to be 650. Of these one-fohrth attend the Presbyterian, one-foruth the Methodist, and one-fourth the Bible Christian churches.

The *Advocate* has the following regarding a queer character:—"We had a call last week from old Bobby Milne, formerly of Elma, who is/quite an eccentric. He has never been married, is 75 years of age, and for 45 years has never worn a coat or hat, unless in very rare occasions. In Elma he has 200 acres of valuable land, and 200 more near the Georgian Bay. He lives in a shanty on the latter, all alone, his nearest neighbor being two miles away. He dresses rather old-fashioned, and makes his own shirts, the latter being sewed on to him like a bag. He has no relatives in this country, and although worth about $20,000, is as grasping as though he had not a cent to his name. He rubs his person with a salve, which he says is a sure preventative against death. A few months ago he was robbed of a large number of notes and about $60 in cash. In Logan, last week, his pocket was also relieved of $20.

HARRISTON.

John Curtis, while assisting at the raising of a barn on the farm of James Ival, Minto, had his hand badly crushed by an overlay falling upon it, the hand and fingers being literally smashed. A number of business men have given liberal donations to the fire company for its prompt action at the fire, April 17.—During a recent storm, lightning destroyed some instruments in the Dominion telegraph office.—The new machinery for Preston's mill has arrived.—A. G. Markell is about to enlarge the Royal.

If you want a good cup of tea buy your Tea from D. D. Campbell, Wallace street.

STRATFORD AND HURON RAILWAY.

Meeting at Chesley.

Reported for the STANDARD.

One of the largest railway meetings ever held in this section of the country took place on Tuesday last, 7th inst., in the town hall, at which the Company was represented by D. D. Fullerton, President, Stratford; J. W. Scott, Esq., Banker, Listowel; A. D. Wright, Esq., Director and Engineer; P. Watson, Esq., Secretary and Treasurer S. & H. Ry. The following towns and villages were fully represented:—Palmerston, Harriston, Clifford, Ayton, Newstead, Hanover, Elmwood, Chesley, Scone, Tara and Invermay, Allenford, Hepworth, Dobington and Wiarton; also the following townships: Howick, Minto, Carrick, Brant, Normanby, Bentinck, Elderslie, Sullivan, Arran, Albemarle, Amabel, Eastnor, Derby and Keppel.

Mr. Fuller explained the advantages that the Stratford & Huron Railway would be to the different municipalities, and stated that the Company were prepared to go on with the construction of the road immediately if the towns, villages, and townships interested were prepared to vote a bonus of, from Listowel to Wiarton, a distance of seventy-five miles, the sum of $400,000, equivalent to $6,500 per mile. He said that it had been found necessary to ask this amount on account of the difficulty in selling railway bonds in England. He clearly showed that the difference in freight on the Stratford & Huron Railway would alone more than pay all the bonus asked.

Mr. Wright also explained the reason why so large a bonus was wanted.

Mr. Scott, mayor of Listowel, said that the people in Listowel had every reason to be and were satisfied with the Stratford & Huron Ry. which Company, he said, had always paid bills to the contractors promptly and satisfactorily; and he considered that if the municipalities along the proposed line should have the road constructed they would be fortunate indeed.

Speakers from the different municipalities also addressed the meeting and expressed themselves as satisfied to support the road and do their best to carry the bonuses necessary.

The following resolution was put to the meeting and carried without one dissenting voice: Moved by J. H. Elliott, seconded by J. M. Kilburn, and resolved, "that this meeting, representing the different municipalities from Listowel to Wiarton, after hearing the explanations of the President, Mr. Fuller, and the other Directors of the Company, and the amount of bonus required to make a sound financial scheme for the entire completion and equipment of the road, viz., $6,500 per mile to Wiarton, we do hereby pledge ourselves to raise the amount necessary, as we consider the road will be of great benefit to all the municipalities asked to contribute."

A committee was appointed to apportion the different amounts; and it is intended to have the by-laws submitted immediately and voted on previous to meeting of the Local Legislature. Votes of thanks being passed to the speakers and the Chairman, the meeting adjourned. The people north are now delighted to think the prospects are so good for the speedy completion of the road which is so much wanted by them

A Heinous Offence.

There were living in Guelph a short time ago, in the neighborhood of Essex street—a woman named McKay, and her daughter about nine years old. Leaving Guelph, they went to Stratford, where they have been ever since. A few days ago Chief Constable Williams, of Stratford, was informed by Mrs. McKay that her daughter had stated to her that a son of Mrs Buckner, named Isaac Wallace, had some time previously entered the house they were living in, during her mother's absence, and holding a handkerchief over her head, he abused her in a horrible manner. After accomplishing his purpose, he warned her that if she ever mentioned what had transpired, he would kill her as soon as he heard of it. On account of the terrible condition of the child—having contracted a disease—a doctor was consulted, and the above charge was made. Chief Constable Kelly was communicated with, and promptly caused the arrest of Wallace. At a preliminary examination held in Guelph last Friday, strong evidence was brought against him, and he was committed for trial at the assizes, which take place this week.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Quebec Legislature will meet on the 4th of June.

Hobart Pasha dined with her Majesty at Windsor on Saturday.

Chatham has a daily paper not much larger than two postage stamps.

If there is any efficacy in showers there must be an abundance of May flowers.

The Act recently passed prohibiting the sale of pools has come into force.

A new bell weighing over 1,200 pounds now adorns the Town Hall, Owen Sound.

You cannot always tell by the way a person dresses whether his pew is paid for.

At Ingersoll a man was fined $10 and costs for trespassing on the G. W. R. track.

Out of 17 civil cases on the Wellington assize docket 15 are in some way connected with Orangeville people.

The irrepressible J. D. Edgar has been nominted as Government candidate for the Commons, in Monck.

EXCURSION.—It is understood that a large excursion party from Erie, Pa., will visit Stratford, on the Queen's Birthday.

One million five hundred thousand bushels of grain were received at New York on Monday, being the largest receipt ever known in one day.

Mr. A. Gunn has been nominated to oppose Sir John A. Macdonald in Kingston. His amunition will probably be found to be blank cartridge.

The Huron Foundry, Scaforth, property of Whitelaw & Moore, was sold by mortgage sale to R. Runciman, of Goderich, for the sum of $3,250.

Kingston's population is 14,072, an increase of 829 from last year. The total assessment is $5,411,888, a decrease of $30,278.

The Hessian fly has made its appearance in Burford and some fields of wheat are literally covered with the fly in its mature state.

Joseph Gibson, who took part in the Dunkin campaign in Wellington, has been nominated as Conservative candidate for South Oxford in the Commons.

Patrick Kelly, Esq., of Blyth, received the nomination at the West Riding of Huron Conservative Convention, held at Dungannon on the 1st inst.

SAD CASE OF DROWNING.—A three-year-old child, daughter of Mr. Wm. Graham, collector, Blanshard, was drowned in a kettle of soap on Wednesday of last week.

In the United States House of Representatives a bill was passed permitting Canadian vessels to render aid to other Canadian vessels wrecked in the waters of the United States.

Mr. Daniel A. Harrison has been appointed manager of Stratford gas works. The former manager, Mr. Nash, goes to Windsor to look after the works recently erected by his brother.

THE FENIANS.—The Fenian brotherhood in and around St. Albans are reported getting into working order, in view of a possibility of war between England and Russia.

Mr. Alfred Watts, a wealthy and influential manufacturer of Brantford, was on Tuesday nominated by the Conservatives of South Brant to contest that Riding for the Commons.

A QUICK TRIP.—Mr. T. Ballantyne, M. P. P., returned from England on Tuesday, having made the round trip in four weeks, and remained in London for several days, long enough to transact his business.

C.V. RAILWAY.—The Engineers for this railway reached Woodstock last week. Some of the rails recently purchased in England are expected to arrive in a few days and work on the line will begin at once.

A terrific explosion occurred in a flour mill at Minneapolis, resulting in seventeen persons being killed, and the destruction by the fire which followed of milling property valued at a million and half of dollars.

Rumors are aboard in Buffalo of a proposed Fenian invasion of Canada in the event of an Anglo-Russian war. A number of companies are reported to be ready, equipped and armed, for a raid almost at any moment.

EVANGELICAL ASSOCIATION.—The Canada Conference of the Evangelical Association of Canada was held lately at Lingelbach's Church, North Easthope. Bishop J. J. Escher, from Chicago, presided. The session was unusually pleasant and profitable. The statistical report showed an aggregate membership in this Conference of 4,621, and the missionary contributions were $6,018. A new mission was taken up in Manitoba.

SHOT.—Mr. Hadwen, (well known in Wingham) formerly of Lucknow, but who lately settled in Dakotah, was a few days ago shot by a colored man with whom he had a dispute over the digging of a well. Mr. Hadwen was alive when heard from, but was not expected to recover.

THE CROPS.—The New York *Times* publishes dispatches from sixty different points in twenty-nine States and one Territory; with the solitary exception of Colorado, every State heard from reports the most brilliant prospects for the yield of every product of the soil.

DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT.—Private letters received at Montreal from prominent members of the House of Commons state that the Government has resolved on a dissolution of Parliament within two weeks from the present time. Conservatives be warned.

Mr. J. J. Hawkins, of Brantford, has been nominated to contest the representation of Bothwell to the House of Commons, against the Hon. Ann Arbor Mills. The constituency is very Gritty, but Mr. Hawkins has accepted the nomination.

The sorrowful wiseacres who predicted two hard black frosts, which would come on the nights of the 4th and 5th of May, to cut away the fine prospects of a fruitful season, ought to take courage and trust more kindly to Providence. The weather clerk seems to be really dealing very graciously with us this year.

More to the Chinese than to any other nation the telephone has been a blessing. Owing to the fact that the Chinese language has no alphabet, the telegraph has never been available in China; but now that the telephone has been discovered it has been seized upon, and 500 miles of telephone wires are said to be already in operation.

A PROJECTED PRIZE FIGHT.—A prize fight for $1,000 a side and the championship of America, has been arranged to take place in Ontario, within fifty miles of Buffalo, between the 15th and 25th of next July. The principals are John J. Dwyer, of Brooklyn, who claims to be present champion, and Patrick Ryan, of Troy. The authorities, we trust, will use every exertion to "drop on" the bruisers.

From the report of the Minister of Marine it appears that 60 new steam vessels were added to Canada's marine during the year. Our tonnage is 1,310,468, being fifth on the list of nations. Great Britain and the United States are the only nations much above us; Norway and Italy are slightly in advance; France has about half as much as Canada. One sixth of the registered tonnage of the entire British Empire, including the colonies, is Canadian.

It is, perhaps, not generally known that work on the tunnel under the British Channel is quietly progressing. The experimental shaft at Sangatte is already 330 feet below water mark, a pair of pumps throwing out water, which works in plentifully; while in the chalk bed under the channel a trial gallery has been opened perpendicular to the shaft. If no serious obstacles are encountered in this gallery up to a distance of 8,281 feet, the grand tunnel will be begun.

James T. Fields, lecturing in New York lately on "Cheerfulness" said he was not surprised that so many pupils died young, and, in giving an example of the way in which some children dread the harshness of their teacher, related the following anecdote. He said he once was in a school-room when he heard the principal ask a little girl the following question:—"Who made the world in six days and rested on the seventh?" "I did, sir," said the terrified little child, "but I—I—I will never do it again!"

QUEBEC ELECTIONS—The London *Advertiser* and other Reform papers make a Rouge majority in Quebec by including as Independent Mr. Turcotte, of Three Rivers, who said in his address.—"I have never authorized any one to publish or announce in the journals that I would support the Joly Government, and I have not even dreamed of doing so. I desire and intend to solicit the suffrages of the electors as a Conservative, consequently I will be opposed to the present Government." Six or seven gentlemen who have expressed themselves in similar language, are also claimed by the Grit organs as Joly boys. And this is what they call a victory!

AN EVENTFUL CAREER.—Six years ago a gid named Charlotte Cassels left her home at or near Goderich, and went, no one knew where. During this period she became an actress, getting high up in the profession. Taking a fancy for the trapeze, she attempted to master its difficulties in New York State, when a few weeks since, she fell and sustained severe injuries. Lying ill for some time her friends deserted her, money became scarce, and she then telegraphed to her father to come and take her home. This he did last week. Her mother had died in the interim, and it was thought that the daughter was also dead.

News comes from Sydney, N. S. W., of the probable massacre of a ship's crew by natives. A large quantity of wreckage having been seen in Jones' Strait, near Duck island, an attempt was made to land in search of the missing crew, but the attempt was resisted by the natives. An attack is also reported on a missionary lugger, which was repulsed after the captain had been seriously wounded. The missionary, Mr. Calmers, with his wife, four teachers and their wives, and the majority of the crew of the lugger went on shore among the angry natives trying to pacify them, in which work they were engaged when the lugger left.

A CONFIDENCE GAME.—C. Higginson a young Englishman who has been putting on considerable style and playing the confidence game generally in Princeton and Woodstock for some time past, representing himself to be very wealthy, lately bargained for a valuable farm, fancy horses, buggy, together will all kinds of farm implements, and was to be married in a few weeks. On Saturday he went to Paris to draw some $18,000—which he never had—to pay for the farm and other indebtedness, and forgot to return, leaving all manner of unpaid bills, proving to be a scoundrel, in many ways, of the deepest dye, and well able to deceive.

One of the meanest slanders afloat is that which charges that one of our clergymen swore on oath the other night. The circumstances are simply these:—He went into the house, and attempted to make his way in the dark through the sitting-room to the pantry, to deposit a bunch of rhubarb presented him by a parishioner, forgetting that the house-cleaning had commenced. The wretched girl had left a pail of soft soap near the door, over which he accidentally stumbled. Making a herculean effort to save himself, he grabbed for something with both hands, and as he alighted firmly on his stomach pulled down on top of him a table full of crockery. Rising promptly to his feet, he made a pitch for the match safe, but happening to plant his foot in a puddle of soft soap, he promptly sat down in a tub of preserved fruits. His poor tired wife, who had retired early was roused from her slumbers, and thinking that burglars were abroad, shrieked for help, to which the hired girl responded, rushing into the room and tumbling headlong over the man in the washtub. These are the naked facts in the case, and that is all there is of it.