DOMINION NEWS.

A Record of the Week's Events in Canada.

ONTARIO.

Sir Charles Tupper has assumed his duties as Minister of Railways and Canals.

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Kingston Rev. Dr. Neil, of Seymour, retired from the active ministry. The home mission presented a favourable report.

John Nolan was found drunk on the railway track on Sunday at the Kingston and Pembroke depot. His body was athwart the rails. He was found by the police just twenty minutes before the arrival of a train.

A petition has been filed at Osgoode hall on behalf of Dr. Fruyn against the return of Mr. Allison, the Reform member-elect for Lennox in the Dominion House. The petition is to be pushed vigorously forward.

A Hamilton cigarmaker, one Graham, threatened his parents and smashed the furniture because his mother asked him for the money for his board. The magistrate fined him $20 on the two charges of assault or 160 days in gaol.

A largely signed petition has been presented to the Dean of Ontario by the congregation of St. George's Cathedral, praying for the reinstatement of Rev. Dr. Wilson in his curacy. The Dean, in reply, states that he can hold out no hope of the doctor's return.

The statement that Captain Ludgate, of the Belleville Salvation Army, is to be married to Captain Nellie Ryerson, of that city, is incorrect. The lady to whom Captain Ludgate is to be married is coming out from England. The ceremony will be performed in Belleville on January 29th.

The report that Wm. Lawlor, now in Simcoe gaol charged with being connected with the recent jewellery burglary at Simcoe, is in a low state of health is contradicted on the authority of the gaol physician, who says that he considers Lawlor to be in as good health as could be desired.

Mr. McNeill, the Conservative member for North Bruce, was entertained at a grand banquet in Port Elgin on Thursday evening, in recognition of his earnest efforts in his constituents' behalf. A noteworthy feature of the occasion was the union of both political parties to honour the popular member for the riding.

An excursion takes place from Ottawa to British Columbia on the 19th of February. Quite a number of people have signified their intention to go to the Pacific Slope on the date mentioned. Mr. A. H. Taylor, who conducted the Manitoba specials with so much success, is the originator of the British Columbia special train.

Mr. J. A. Codd, of Codd & Co.'s Bank, arrived in Bowmanville on Monday from England. A large meeting of the depositors and others interested was held in the Town hall, when, after explanations by Mr. Codd, resolutions expressing confidence were passed. It is expected that the office will be open again for business in a few days.

Five young men from Bath appeared before the Police Magistrate in Napanee to answer a charge of disturbing a Salvation army meeting in that village on last Sunday. They were allowed to settle out of court on payment of $5.85 costs each, but the Magistrate gave notice that in future he would inflict the full penalty of $20 besides costs in every case of the kind coming before him.

A young woman whose name is said to be Jennie Bertram attempted suicide in Hamilton by swallowing 1½ ounce of laudanum, which she had purchased at a city drug store. Dr. Soper was called in and succeeded in counteracting the deadly poison and saving the girl from a premature grave. It is thought the girl had been given the mitten by her beau.

The great cantilever bridge over the Niagara river was tested on Thursday in the presence of fully ten thousand spectators. Twenty locomotives and twenty-four flatcars were on the bridge at one time. The tests were considered exceedingly satisfactory. On the conclusion of the ceremony a banquet was held in the Montcalm house, on the American side, at which several speeches were delivered.

At the Police Court on Monday Ralph Richards was charged with setting fire to German's factory at Markham on October 24th. The place had been set fire to some ten days previous, and in both instances Richards was suspected. The only witness was unable to attend on account of sickness, and the prisoner was discharged with the understanding that if the Markham magistrate should try the case, the dismissal should not prejudice it.

A report is abroad that a new sheriff is to be appointed at Sandwich. Sheriff McEwan says he has not resigned, and has no intention of doing so. He also says he has not been asked to resign. He has received no word from the Government in regard to the appointment of a new sheriff. It was also rumoured that Gaoler Leech had resigned, but that official denies the report. He says no one can rightfully assert that he has not done his duty. Mr. Leech has held office as gaoler at Sandwich since 1860.

The following comes from Glencoe:—Mr. Wm. Symes, bookseller, met with a serious loss lately. He had received $440 to discharge a mortgage held by him, and in going out to attend a meeting handed the amount, all in bank notes, to his wife, telling her to put it in a secure place. This Mrs. Symes did, as she thought, by laying it in the oven of the parlor stove. Subsequently the hired girl lit a fire in the stove, not knowing what a valuable parcel it would roast. Of course the bills were all burned, not a piece of one remaining.

A delegation from the Millers' Association waited upon Sir Leonard Tilley with a view to present another proposal. It will be remembered that some time since they proposed that instead of the present duty on wheat of 15 cents the rate should be made 7½ cents. Their new proposition is that the duty on wheat should be lowered to 10 cents and the duty on flour raised 25 cents. The several proposals and suggestions of the two delegations on tariff changes will be submitted by the Minister to his colleagues when the subject of the tariff comes up for discussion.

James Weekes, a young man of Caradoc, alleged to have committed perjury in connection with an affidavit made by him contradicting the statements of a pinbald Grit of Strathroy named Rowland recently, was arrested at his home on Friday night and taken to London. He gave bail in $500 for his appearance on Thursday next. This is the young man who the Grit papers have been saying ran away to Detroit the night before the West Middlesex election for fear of arrest. He never was outside the county, and the detective who was sent after him did not put himself to any unnecessary trouble.

In the Lennox provincial election case a motion was made by Messrs. H. Cameron, Q.C., and G. T. Blackstock on behalf of Mr. A. H. Roe, M.P.P., the respondent, to strike out the appeal on the ground that it has been set down too late under the rules. Mr. Johnston and Mr. Holman opposed the motion, and supported a cross motion on behalf of the petitioner to extend the time for giving notice of putting down the appeal as a precautionary measure in case the first motion should succeed. The first motion was dismissed without costs, and the second motion was allowed without costs. A rule was also granted returnable with the appeal to strike the petition off the files on the ground that it was filed by an alien.

Marrying a Man to His Wife's Sister.

Rev. J. Gallagher, of Pittsburg, is not seriously alarmed at the charge laid by the Presbytery for violation of the rules of church discipline, in having married a man to his deceased wife's sister. He has challenged investigation, not with a view to notoriety, but to assist in setting at rest the question of consanguinity. There is a very vague church law on the subject, and seven-tenths of the Presbyterian clergymen think as he does upon the reasonable admissibility of marriage with a sister-in-law. It is not so objectionable as the tolerated marriages of cousins.

Notices and Applications from the Gazette

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The *Gazette* this week contains the appointment of J. M. Fraser, of Guelph, to be Outport Collector of Customs.

The Northern Railway Company give notice that they will ask from Parliament authority to connect with the bridge across the Niagara river from Hamilton and for other purposes.

Application will be made to Parliament for a charter to construct a high level bridge across the St. Lawrence at Quebec.

The Souris and Rocky Mountain Railway Company apply for an extension of time and for other amendments to their charter.

A proclamation is published ordering an election under the Temperance Act in accordance with the prayer of petitioners for the purpose of repealing the Act in Prince county, Prince Edward Island, the three years required by the Act being more than up.

Mysterious Spiriting Away of an Important Witness.

NAPANEE, Dec. 21.—When the case of George H. Amey, charged with improper conduct toward his daughter, Mary E. Amey, was called at the Police Court this morning the principal witness did not appear, though all the others were present. Mrs. Cornelius Clancy, at whose place in Camden township she was stopping, says that last night just at dark a woman supposed to be the girl's sister called at the house and asked Mary to go to the gate to speak to her brother, and said that she would not be detained three minutes. The girl threw a shawl around her head and accompanied the caller. After the lapse of several minutes Mrs. Clancy, noticing that she did not return, opened the door and looked out to ascertain the reason. To her astonishment nothing was to be seen of the girl or her visiters, nor could any trace of her be found. The sister alleged to be the person who called upon the girl at Mrs. Clancy's last night appeared at court this morning, and swore that she had not seen Mary for a week and knew nothing of her whereabouts. The case was enlarged for a week, Amey being liberated on his own recognizances. In the meantime an effort will be made to trace and secure the missing girl, who it is thought has been kidnapped to prevent her from giving evidence against her father.

An Old Thief Sent for Trial.

BELLEVILLE, Dec. 20.—A delegation from Harrowsmith, composed of Lazarus Spooner, David Dennison, T. B. Cook, and Robert Thompson, all of whom are victims of the depredations of George Foster, the burglar arrested here, arrived this morning. The first-named gentleman owns the buggy, Mr. Dennison the horse, Mr. Cook the wolf robe, and Mr. Thompson some of the dry goods. The party called at the police station, and after identifying their property were permitted to see the prisoner. Mr. Cook at once recognized him as one who had committed a burglary in Harrowsmith a few years ago, and was sentenced to serve fifteen months for the offence. His right name is said to be John Jackson, who was sent to the penitentiary from Toronto in 1877, at which time he was a member of the Spring Hill gang. He is also wanted in Halton for horse stealing. Mr. Thompson missed some other property which was taken from his store on the night it was burglarized, but it was not found among the goods Foster brought here. Mr. Spooner's harness cannot be found either, nor will the prisoner tell where he disposed of it. The chestnut horse which Foster brought here was indentified by his owner yesterday and taken away. The Police Magistrate this afternoon decided to send the prisoner to Kingston for trial.

Provincial Appointments.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments, viz.:—

Louis Franklin Heyd, of the city of Brantford, to be an notary public, Esquire, brother-in-law, Wm. John Portt, of the village of Forest, in the county of Lambton, gentleman, solicitor of the Supreme Court of Ontario; and William Dick, of the village of Thamesville, in the county of Kent; John Gordon and John Wesley Armstrong, both of the village of Flesherton, in the county of Grey, Esquires, to be notaries public in and for the Province of Ontario.

Joseph Fox, of the township of Mara, in the county of Ontario, to be bailiff of the Seventh Division Court of the said county of Ontario, in the room and stead of Charles E. Hewett, resigned.

Thomas McMillan, of the township of Cumberland, in the county of Russell, one of the united counties of Prescott and Russell, to be bailiff of the Fifth Division Court of the said united counties of Prescott and Russell, in the room and stead of C. H. Cameron, resigned.

David Ricker, senior, of the township of Gund, in the district of Parry Sound, to be bailiff of the Sixth Division Court in the said district of Parry Sound, in the room and stead of John Ricker, resigned.

John S. Clement, of the city of St. Catharines, in the county of Lincoln, to be bailiff of the Second Division Court of said county of Lincoln, in the room and stead of William Brownlee, resigned.

Three Men Nearly Frozen to Death While Smuggling Coal Oil.

From the Essex Record.

A little after six o'clock Wednesday morning last several people who live near the river at Sandwich heard someone crying lustily for help from the middle of the river. Several citizens turned out to find the cause of the alarm. To their astonishment they saw three men in a large yawl boat stuck fast in the ice. The boat was in a sinking condition, partly filled with water, the ice having stove a hole in it. Jas. Gilman and Jos. Lazarus went out, assisted by Mr. Harding and others. With much difficulty and a very great risk of losing their own lives, they succeeded in bringing the men safe ashore, who were found to be in a deplorable condition, and if it had not been for the timely assistance rendered would have perished in a very short time. They said they had been out on the river all night, and offered to give a barrel of oil apiece to two men who took an active part in saving them in consideration of their saving the rest of the oil and the boat. Word was sent to Customs Officer Thomas McKee, who immediately came down and confiscated the oil—four barrels in all. The men told Mr. Gilman that they would go and see a Customs officer in Windsor and pay the duty on the oil, but instead they went up town and called into the Royal Oak hotel and got a few drinks apiece, after which one of them coughed the cob-webs out of his throat and told the proprietor (alluding to the fix he had been in), that he had intended to land at Odette & Wherry's dock in Windsor, that they had made enough money out of the business this season, and they didn't care a cuss; they could afford to lose oil, boat, and all. It is quite evident that a good deal of American oil has been smuggled this summer.

QUEBEC.

A Mr. St. Hilaire, aged 104 years, has died suddenly at St. Roch's.

Madam G. Amyot, wife of the Federal member for Bellechasse, died last week.

Hon. J. H. Pope, Minister of Agriculture, who has been ill for some time, will proceed to the Eastern Townships for a brief period for the benefit of his health. He is slowly recovering.

Mr. Paul Belanger, inspector of cars of the Intercolonial, Quebec, is the father of thirty-three children. He has been thrice married. His first wife was the mother of nineteen children, the second had six, and the third so far has presented him with eight. The two last are twins, and were baptized last week.

The evil day for the Local Government has been postponed, but it is believed only for a few days. A member of the Cabinet who arrived from Quebec yesterday admitted that their hunt of power had arrived. Mr. Wurtele, the treasurer, it is said, has actually sent in his resignation, as well as Hon. Hy. Starnes, but the former, when interrogated on the subject, declined, from a feeling of delicacy, to say yes or nay. Mr. Starnes admits that his resignation has been in the hands of the Premier for months past.

A Body Recognized and Buried.

QUEBEC, Dec. 20.—On the 15th August last some children passing by a more than usually unfrequented spot on the beach at St. Fabien discovered the body of a drowned man and reported the circumstance to the local authorities, who caused it to be buried as that of a person unknown. News of this event having recently reached the Debters' family they applied for permission to exhume the body, when it was fully identified, and reinterred after a solemn requiem service and last rites of the Church in the Parish church of St. Fabien as that of the late Geo. Debters, drowned off St. Michel last summer.

THE NORTH-WEST.

It now appears that the so-called farmers' convention recently held in Winnipeg, at which incendiary resolutions were passed with the object of damaging the credit of the country in England, was packed by Grits and secessionists, and that the resolutions were prepared prior to the meeting.

The district around Calgary is highly spoken of by those who have settled there. A farmer who located near Edmonton on the North Saskatchewan in 1875 says his barley has yielded from fifty to seventy-five bushels to the acre, that he has never had less than fifty bushels of oats to the acre, and that one year he had eighty-six bushels. Another speaks of thirty-seven bushels of wheat, and 250 of potatoes to the acre. Summer frosts there, settlers say, are very rare.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

Prince Edward Island wants the Dominion Exhibition next year. The island is a fine little province. A hand-book recently issued speaks of it as one of the prettiest spots in the Dominion. It has a hardy and prosperous population. From an agricultural point of view it has many advantages, and its fisheries are of real value. Its only difficulty is its isolation during the winter. But that will be overcome as soon as the improved routes to and from the mainland are opened. It would pay those who have leisure to visit the island during the summer. American watering places are no doubt fine resorts, but we have in Canada seaside villages and towns which are quite equal to them. At the Canadian seaside the health-giving sea breezes are to be obtained just as at the fashionable places to the south of us. The advantage which Canadian resorts possess, and which those in the United States do not possess, is the moderate price of accommodation and board. A person can spend a month at the seaside on Prince Edward Island for the money he has to spend in a week at some more noisy and less enjoyable places across the border.

CRIMES.

Sent Down for Six Years.

BELLEVILLE, Dec. 24.—In the Police Court to-day, John Jackson, *alias* George Foster, who pleaded guilty to burglary, was sentenced to six years for burglary, six years for stealing the horse, three years for stealing the buggy, and three years for stealing the robe, the sentences to run concurrently.

One Year in the Central.

GUELPH, Dec. 24.—Samuel Bright, a coloured porter of the Pullman Car Company, who was arrested in Montreal and brought here for trial on a charge of attempted indecent assault on a young lady passenger in a Pullman car, was tried to-day and sentenced to one year in the Central prison at hard labour.

Masked Robbers at Work.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 21.—Last night two masked men entered the store of Mr. James Campbell at Iona station, drew revolvers on him, and demanded his money or his life. He told them he had very little money on the premises. The robbers then ordered him to produce what he had at once or he was a dead man. Mr. Campbell handed them the cash box containing about $70, which they took and then made good their escape.

Murder and Suicide.

A horrible murder which ended by the suicide of the murderer occurred on Thursday in a house of ill-fame in St. Helen street, St. Roch's, kept by Eugénie Brillard. The facts of this horrible tragedy are as follows:—A month ago a young girl aged 19, named Elise Paré, arrived from Montreal and went to reside at Eugénie Brillard's. She had left her paramour, named James Mulrooney, in Montreal. Mulrooney had on several occasions openly manifested his intention of marrying her. However, the day before the murder he arrived in Quebec and visited the house in question, remaining a short time. He returned Monday afternoon, and was in the girl's company until tea time. After tea she returned to her room, where she had left Mulrooney asleep. A very minutes after her entrance into the room one of the inmates who was in the doorway of the room opposite noticed Mulrooney point a pistol at the girl, and immediately heard the report. She also saw the girl fall and another shot fired at the victim. Mulrooney then pointed the revolver towards the right side of his head and shot himself, and fell on the floor over his victim. The alarm was immediately given, and Dr. Garneau was sent for. On his arrival he found them both barely breathing. The priest was sent for, but both had expired before his arrival.

QUEBEC, Dec. 24.—The enquiry into the deaths of Jas. Mulrooney and Heloise Fournier *alias* Paré, his mistress, has elicited no new facts beyond that Mulrooney shot the girl dead by two discharges of a self-cocking revolver and then shot himself with the same weapon. The double murder and suicide was witnessed by a girl named Lily, one of the boarders of the house. It was also established that Mulrooney had a short time previously attempted to shoot the girl in Montreal, but was then prevented by her sister throwing herself between them. The verdict was one of wilful and deliberate murder and suicide against the said James Mulrooney, committed under the influence of jealousy and revenge for the girl's desertion and refusal to marry him.

CASUALTIES.

The number of fatal accidents caused by the careless handling of firearms has been unusually large this year. On Tuesday a son of the Rev. Mr. Wardrope, of Guelph, was shot dead by a companion who was meddling with the trigger of a gun thought to be unloaded.

As a Grank Trunk freight train was starting out of the yard at Napanee lately a brakesman named James A. Smith, lately from Scotland, and on his fifth or sixth trip, fell from the end of a car with his arms across the rail, and the car passed over him, mangling both arms in a shocking manner. They were subsequently amputated near the shoulders. The man is young and vigorous and will probably recover.

Patrick McCarty, who has only been on this side of the Atlantic for a few months, went on Tuesday to spend his Christmas at the house of a friend named Sheehan, 116 Claremont street. They sat down to dinner about three o'clock and a short while later McCarty suddenly rose from the table and went down stairs apparently with the intention of going outside, but before he reached the door he dropped down dead. The police were notified and a search was made for a doctor, but it was fully two hours before one could be found, as all of them appeared to be spending the day from home. Dr. Hagel, who was called about six, examined McCarty and found a large piece of meat sticking in his throat, which was the cause of his death. The body was removed to the morgue.

Burned to Death.

Dan. Sullivan, a lamplighter of Toronto, rushed into Dr. Pickering's office on King street east about nine o'clock on Monday morning, and said Mrs. Moore, of 347 Front street east, was on fire. On going there the doctor found the woman rolling about in the snow endeavouring to extinguish her burning clothes. Her efforts were of very little use, however, for the clothing was nearly all burnt off her and her body was almost roasted to a crisp. As nothing could be done to alleviate her intense suffering there an express waggon was summoned and she was removed to the hospital, where a couple of hours later she died in most intense agony. What led to the fatal accident is not definitely known. Her husband, who is a labourer on the Grand Trunk railway, left the house for his work early in the morning, leaving a coal oil lamp burning on a table in the kitchen in order that his wife, who was then asleep in bed, could get it on arising. It is thought that she had upset the lamp, as it was found lying on the floor, and by that means her clothing caught fire.

FIRES.

Two Fires in Belleville.

BELLEVILLE, Dec. 24.—Yesterday morning fire broke out in Mr. S. B. Burdett's residence near the furnace. The damage was slight.

This morning a small amount of damage was caused by fire in the drug store, corner of Front and Campbell streets. Loss fully covered by insurance. The store is owned by W. G. Delahey, of Toronto.

The Usefulness of Hand Pumps.

RIVER DU LOUP EN BAS, Dec. 24.—At 9.30 this evening fire broke out in the house belonging to J. & J. St. Pierre, general merchants. The lower part of the building is occupied as a store and the upper part as a dwelling. At 10.30 everything was consumed. The adjacent buildings, belonging to Pelletier & Fils and Fraser, were saved after a hard struggle with two small hand pumps, which were the only appliances that could be found in this town to assist the men throwing water with buckets. The building was insured for $1,200 and the furniture for $800. No insurance on stock, which is said to be considerable, but part of which was in the storehouse and was saved. Loss not ascertained as yet.

RAILWAY NEWS.

General Manager Whyte, of the Ontario and Quebec, has snow ploughs distributed at intervals throughout the entire system, in order to counteract prospective snow blockades.

The people of Port Hope, Lindsay, Peterboro', and several other places are anxious to have the workshops of the Midland stationed at their respective towns. Each town claims to have peculiar advantages, and to be the place where the shops ought to be located.

During the months of October and November there were killed by accidents on the various railroads on this continent seventy-six persons. The number injured during the two months was four hundred and sixty-four. One hundred and fifteen collisions took place, and one hundred and forty-eight other accidents.

The Ontario and Quebec bridge across the Otonabee is the largest on the line, and is an expensive structure. The stone for the abutments was brought from a quarry near Warsaw, and the drawing of it cost about $4.75 per cubic yard. The cost of the bridge, without the superstructure, is about $50,000. The work has been well done by the contractors, Messrs. McDermid & Hendrie.

The question of cars for the accommodation of coloured persons has been settled by the Mississippi Valley railroad. Each train consists of from three to four coaches. First next the baggage-car is the smoking-car. Next comes a car for coloured persons, and then comes the white passenger coach. When four cars constitute a train the two last are exclusively for white passengers and the two first for coloured. The coaches are all precisely alike, and the accommodations in the first-class white passenger coach are not superior to those of a first-class coloured passenger coach.

A paragraph has been going the rounds of the press to the effect that the weariness conductor in America is the employ of the East Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia road, and that he is the possessor of 50,000 good American dollars, not one of which is a trade dollar or has been plugged. There is a passenger conductor now running on the Louisville, Evansville, and St. Louis Air line who can, however, go the East Tennessee, Virginia, and Georgia man $10,000 better. This $60,000 conductor is not a very old man as yet, and if fortune smiles on him as heretofore he has a bright future before him, and in the course of a few more years may own the road.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

TEMPERANCE TOPICS.

The fine for selling liquor without a license in Victoria, B.C., is $150.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Milton has over seventy members.

A Workingmen's Temperance Association has been organized in Napanee with a good membership.

A new division was organized at Niagara by the executive officers of the District division of the counties of Lincoln and Welland.

Rev. James Scott has lately organized new divisions at Glenburn, Honeywood, and Lavender, the latter with fifty-nine new members.

The division at Smithville, in the county of Lincoln, which has been dormant for some time has been resuscitated with very encouraging prospects.

The proprietor of a hotel in Hillsdale, Michigan, has been convicted of keeping his saloon open on Sunday, and will be required to pay $130, and will also be imprisoned for ninety days.

The Emperor of Germany recently said to the President of a meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association of Potsdam, "You do well to gather the young men into associations; these prevent them from going into the beer houses."

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union has issued a call to each State union, asking every society, about 5,000 in number, to celebrate the tenth anniversary, which occurs to-morrow, of the woman's crusade. The pastors of churches are invited to preach temperance sermons in the morning. Children's meetings will be held in the afternoon, and in the evening a mass meeting, at which a collection will be taken up for the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The temperance supporters in the county of Norfolk are preparing for a Scott Act campaign. Two preliminary conventions recently held—one at Waterford and another at Simcoe—were well attended. A county association was formed, and township branches are to follow. In the event of Norfolk adopting the Act, its enforcement there will be facilitated by the probability of its application in the adjoining county of Oxford. It will be hard times then for a whiskey soak living along the line between the two counties to get a drink, but none will be more benefited by this than that unfortunate individual himself.

The annual meeting of the District Division Sons of Temperance of the County of Brant, was held in Paris on Thursday of last week. The D.W.P. of the division, F. M. Misener, of Jerseyville, presided. Several matters of interest to the Order were discussed, and information elicited on the working of the Dominion License Law. The question of submitting the Scott Act for adoption was suggested but no definite action taken. A strong committee was appointed to arrange for a series of public meetings in the county with a view to extending the order. The services of a good lecturer are to be secured for that purpose. The annual election of officers was held, and resulted as follows:—Robert Westmore, Caledonia, D. W. P.; Miss J. Elliot, Cainsville, D. W. A.; Thomas Webster, Paris, D. Scribe; Miss A. Perley, Paris, D. Treas.; John Campbell, Cainsville, Chaplain; W. Robertson, Paris, D. Con.; St Dixon, D. Sent.; F. M. Misener, Jerseyville, P. D. W. P. The next quarterly meeting is to be held in March, in connection with Albert Division.

MURDER MOST FOUL.

Old Susan Gibbs, a Well-known Peddler, Clubbed to Death.

Once more the neighbourhood of Lambton Mills has obtained unenviable notoriety. A few years ago it was the murder of one brother by another which made the place known from one end of the land to the other. And now it is the murder of an inoffensive old woman. In the first case it was revenge and jealousy that instigated the crime; this time, however, it was the lust of gold. Susan Gibbs, an old woman of over seventy years of age, and known throughout the length and breadth of the township as "Old Susy," was found murdered in her shanty on what is called the Middle road. The discovery was made by two little girls, one of them a daughter of Mr. Aaron Harris, about four o'clock Saturday afternoon. The children were playing on the roadside, and took it into their heads to go over and see "Old Susy." On peeping inside they were horrified to see her dead body lying on the floor. They ran out to the road where they met a man and his wife driving along, to whom they told their discovery. The latter satisfied themselves that the children had not made a mistake, and then drove on to Mrs. Plunkett's, which is next to the murdered woman's place, and gave the alarm. They then continued their journey to Dundas street, and called on Mr. Evans, magistrate. Mr. Evans at once notified Coroner Beatty, and together they visited the scene of the tragedy accompanied by County Constable Elford. The news spread like wild fire, and although it was nearly nine o'clock, quite a number of the neighbours had already collected, and were gazing horror-stricken on the terrible scene before them. Corboner Beatty and the magistrate at once investigated, and found amongst other things a couple of deeds of land recently purchased.

SCENE OF THE TRAGEDY.

The scene of the tragedy is a wild looking spot, and one well suited for a deed like this. The house of the murdered woman stands a few yards from the south side of the Middle road. It is a frame structure about 16 x 20 feet, and contains but three rooms. The door is on the south side, away from the road, and on each side of it are two small windows. The front and largest room is occupied as a kitchen. To the left of the entrance is a very dilapidated cooking stove, with a pile of kindling wood beside it. The rear of the building is partitioned off into two small bedrooms, the one on the east only being occupied for that purpose, the other doing duty as a kind of storehouse. At the west end of the shanty is a small door leading to a root-house. The body was found on the floor between the bedroom and kitchen with the feet towards the bed. The forehead, lower jaw, and left side of the head had marks of violence, evidently caused by some blunt instrument such as a club. A white cotton night-dress and a grey flannel shirt were the only clothes on the body. The head was covered with a nightcap, and this in turn by an old cloud. There was nothing on the feet, and the opinion generally accepted is that she old woman had either just got up from her bed or was retiring. Her clothing was not torn, but there was a discolouration round the neck as though something had been torn from round it. A further examination of the premises revealed the fact that every nook and corner had been ransacked by the murderer. The mattress on the old woman's bed had been ripped open and the straw thrown on the floor. The pillows also were torn to pieces in the search for concealed wealth. In kicking through the straw Coroner Beatty discovered some papers. These consisted of the two deeds previously mentioned; a deposit book of the Home Loan and Savings Bank, showing a balance of $256 to her credit; also two receipts from the Canada Permanent, one for $680 and the other for $97. The last deposit made with the Home Savings Bank was on July 9th. The receipts, however, are dated 15th October last. There was a receipt for two gold watches, and a certificate of marriage. The latter contained the name of Ellen Gibbs as one of the contracting parties, while the receipts and bank book were in the name of Susan Rogers. Early on Sunday morning High Constable Jones, of York county, proceeded to the scene of the murder to make enquiries, and has been rewarded by the finding of what is believed to be

AN IMPORTANT CLUE

to the discovery of the murderer. Near the west end of the house he discovered a bundle tied up in a red pocket handkerchief. It contained amongst other things a man's shirt. Close by the fence he found a bank of linen thread, and leading from this across the field he found tracks of a man's boots. "Susy" had the reputation of being a miser. For twenty years she had peddled small wares about the township, and was known to every farmer in the surrounding country. Some years ago she married a coloured man named Gibbs, but he subsequently deserted her, taking with him all her money. She had one child by this man, which met its death by falling into the fire during the mother's absence. Sometimes she would become communicative, and on these occasions boasted that she had at least enough money to bury her. Only last Thursday afternoon she called at the house of a man named Lynn on Dundas street, near Lambton Mills. Mrs. Lynn asked her for change of a dollar bill and while giving it she exhibited a roll of bills which she took from under her arm. She was asked if she was not afraid to carry so much money about with her, as some one might be tempted to murder her for it. Her reply to Mrs. Lynn was that she never had much about her, as she always banked her money as soon as she got it.

At an inquest held on Monday evening the following evidence was elicited:—

JOHN IMLACH, a farmer residing in the township of Etobicoke, on being sworn, said—I was going to town on Saturday morning about 10 o'clock when I met Aaron Harris at Hicks' hotel, and took him up into the waggon. We had gone a short distance when he asked me did I hear about Susy Gibbs. I said no; is she dead? He said she was not dead, but was out of the house. I said perhaps she had gone down to the ice-house. He said he did not know, for he had searched every room in the house, and had moved a bundle of clothes on the floor, and she was not there. He told me he saw the time he could

GET A HUNDRED DOLLARS

of white cash in that house. He said he would shortly go to England, and on my telling him he would not go till spring he replied that he might go any time.

AARON HARRIS was next called. The Coroner said—Mr. Harris, there has been a good deal of evidence taken here to-night, and some of it is rather suspicious looking. I won't swear you, but you can make a statement if you like.

"Well," replied Harris, "I'll make a statement, and swear to it if you like. I got a cat from a boy on the road, and as I thought it belonged to Mrs. Gibbs took it down there. The door was a little open, and on the threshold lay a shovel. When I let the cat go it ran into the house. I called out to see if anyone was home, but got no answer. I saw a bundle of clothes lying on the floor but did not examine them, and then went home." The rest of his statement corroborated the given by other witnesses.

In reply to Mr. Fenton, he said he was in the habit of doing odd jobs for deceased, and was on probably as intimate terms with her as anybody else. He went to Mrs. Gibbs with the cat about half-past four o'clock and saw a bundle of clothes in the bedroom. The reason he did not examine the bundle was because he thought

IT LOOKED SUSPICIOUS,

and he was afraid people might say he killed her.

Mr. FENTON—I may as well tell you that one of the witnesses says you searched the house, and even moved the pile of clothes.

WITNESS—That's not so. As God's my judge, I never touched it. I have an idea who it is told you that.

At this point Mr. Imlach repeated that part of his evidence in which he said Harris had told him he had searched every room in the house.

This Harris denied point blank, saying that he never told Imlach anything of the kind. This part of his (Imlach's) evidence was "put on" by himself.

Mr. FENTON then said—Mr. Coroner, in the face of the evidence we now have, what will you do with Mr. Harris?

The CORONER—I see nothing for it but to take Mr. Harris into custody until the affair is cleared up.

HARRIS—Well, it's pretty hard; I've lived here for thirty years, and it's too bad to have suspicion of me.

Mr. FENTON—Well, it's only suspicion so far, Mr. Harris, and future evidence may explain everything satisfactorily. At present, however, we must keep you?

The Coroner then adjourned the enquiry until seven o'clock Friday evening, and Harris was handed over to a constable to be taken to Toronto gaol.

Harris, according to his statement made to a reporter last night, lived in the neighbourhood for twenty-five years. He is in his 64th year, and has a family of four children dependent on him for their support.

O'DONNELL'S AVENGERS.

Fenians Plotting a Dynamite Raid on Toronto—Ottawa to be Visited.

BUFFALO, Dec. 25.—Several secret meetings have lately been held here by prominent Irishmen who were identified with the Fenian raids into Canada several years ago, and the avowed object is to avenge the hanging of O'Donnell. John J. McBride, a Fenian, and a hater of everything British, seems to be the leader of the movement. He is an eccentric individual, and what he says is not always to be relied upon, but circumstances corroborate what McBride says. For several days he has been approaching his friends evidently trying to get them to join a branch of the Invincibles, of which order he claims to be a prominent member. McBride said to-day to your correspondent:—"The execution of O'Donnell was a clear case of murder, and we are going to avenge it. I did all I could to prevent the murder by telegraphing President Arthur to spare no efforts in behalf of O'Donnell. Now that I was unsuccessful I propose to retaliate upon the British Government."

"How do you propose to do it?"

"Dynamite will do it?"

"Where will you get the dynamite."

"I will make it myself. I have always liked chemistry, and have for some time been experimenting with dynamite at East Buffalo and on Grand island."

"Where will you use the dynamite?"

"In Canada of course. We are conveniently located, and can

"GO TO TORONTO

in a few hours and return unnoticed. An attack could be made in Ottawa simultaneously."

"Do you propose to blow up any Government buildings?"

"That will probably be the result, but I shall not tell anything which might interfere with our plans. If we blow up any buildings I think it will be done in the night time. Sufficient damage can be done without risking the lives of innocent people. We cannot be extricated for merely blowing up buildings, but if anybody was killed a charge of murder could be made. All these points have been carefully considered."

"Are you not afraid of the authorities?"

"Can't say that I am. If I do anything unlawful, or those with me, we shall cover up our tracks very carefully."

"Who are associated with you?"

"That I am not at liberty to say."

"A remark that McBride talked very much like O'Donovan Rossa brought out a bitter denunciation of that individual. McBride said:—"O Donovan Rossa is no better than a British detective. He is always giving away our plans and talks too much with his mouth. He is a blatherskite and I don't believe he has courage to harm a flea. I wish we had a few good men like poor Jno. Quinn who was with me in a raid in 1867. They caught him, and so ill-used him in Kingston penitentiary that he was broken down physically when released. Then he took to drink and suicided in a station house where he was confined for being drunk. I don't want to suffer as he did and shall act cautiously."

SHOT DEAD BY A BURGLAR

A Respected Citizen of Belleville Instantly Killed.

PICTON, Dec. 22.—Mr. Peter Lazier, of Belleville, was shot dead last night at the residence of Gilbert Jones, one mile west of Bloomfield. Mr. Lazier, who is a relative of Mr. Jones, called there on his way to Picton to spend the night. Mr. Jones being unwell retired early in the evening, and Mr. Lazier went to his room about ten o'clock, leaving Mrs. Jones in the sitting-room alone. A few minutes later a rap was heard at the door, and on its being opened by Mrs. Jones she was confronted by two masked men, each armed, one with a shotgun and the other with a revolver, who, forcing her back in the house, demanded the money. She screamed for help, when Mr. Lazier rushed from his room and closed with the largest of the burglars, the one who had the revolver, and was handling him roughly and would no doubt have secured him had he not fired, the ball passing through or close to the heart, and Mr. Lazier fell dead. In the meantime Mr. Jones had got up and got his gun, but unfortunately it was not loaded, and the villains made their escape.

OBJECT OF THE BURGLARS.

Mr. Jones is a wealthy farmer, and was paid $800 for hops yesterday afternoon. To secure this money was the object that prompted the attempt at burglary and resulted in murder.

THE VICTIM OF THE FATAL SHOT.

Mr. Lazier was about 58 years old, and has lived up to the last five years about two miles east of Picton. He is well known throughout the counties of Hastings and Prince Edward. He has been residing in Belleville for the last five years, and has been in the employ of Patterson & Bros., selling agricultural implements. He was on a business tour through the country when he met his untimely death. He leaves a wife and one child.

ARREST OF SUSPECTED PARTIES.

Joseph Tompsett, David Lowder, and Geo. Lowder have been arrested and were lodged in gaol last night. They all reside, about three miles south of Bloomfield, on the West Lake road, leading from Picton to the sand banks. The light snow that fell Friday night about the time the murder was committed made it easy to notice footprints, and tracks in the snow were traced from Mrs. Jones' house across fields and along the edge of West Lake direct to the homes of Tompsett and Lowder, and Tompsett's boots fit the tracks. The two Lowders are brothers, and live with their father near Tompsett's, who is married and has a family. Both Tompsett and the young Lowders have a bad reputation, and have been suspected of being connected with some of the thieving that has been going on for the last few years in this vicinity, but no one supposed they were so hardened as to commit murder. Tompsett was present at the railway station in Bloomfield Friday afternoon when Mr. Jones received the money for his hops.

PICTON, Dec. 24.—There are no new developments to-day in connection with the Bloomfield murder. Evidence is being quietly obtained which leaves no doubt about the guilt of Tompsett and one of the Lowders. The prisoners were remanded by Police Magistrate Curry till Friday.

The funeral of the murdered man took place to-day from the residence of Gilbert Jones, where the murder was committed. Services were held in the Canada Methodist church of this place, and the large church was filled with sympathizing friends.

A Field of Corns.

Thomas Savin, of Eglington, says:—"I have used Holloway's Corn Cure with the best results, having removed ten corns from my feet. It is not a half-way cure or reliever, but a complete extinguisher, leaving the skin smooth and clear from the least appearance of the corns."

RELIGIOUS.

Give Him a Lift.

Give him a lift! Don't kneel in prayer,
Nor moralize with his despair,
The man is down; and his great need
Is ready help, not prayer and creed.

'Tis time when wounds are washed and healed
That the inward motives be revealed;
But now, whate'er the spirit be,
Mere words are but a mockery.

One grain of aid just now is more
To him than tones of saintly lore.
Pray, if you must, in your heart,
But give him a lift, give him a start.

The world is full of good advice,
Of prayer and praise and preaching nice;
But the generous souls who are mankind
Are scarce as gold and hard to find.

Live like a christain—speak in deeds,
A noble life's the best of creeds:
And he shall wear