Tinkers confined at hard labor. Referred to Gaol and Court House Comm.—Moved by Mr Perkins, secd by Mr Gibson, That this County grant the sum of $2000 to grade and gravel the 8th and 9th con. of Howick, provided the Township grant an equivalent sum, and that the County Engineer let the contract and superintend the same. Referred to Finance Committee. Reports of Dr Tennant and Mr Farrow, L. S., referred to School Com. Report of County Engineer read and referred to Gravel Road and Road and Bridge Com. Engineer's accounts, &c., referred to Fin. Com. Moved by Mr Cresswell, secd by Mr McCaughey, That the County Engineer be instructed to put the approaches of the bridges at Egmondville in a proper state of repair at his earliest convenience. Referred to Gravel Road Com. Moved by Mr Farran, secd by Mr Simpson, That a grant of $300 be made to improve the road now partly gravelled between Clinton and Varna. The same to be laid out where the County Engineer may direct in cutting down hills and improving the worst places Referred to Finance Com.

Moved by Mr Patton sec by Mr Farran, that the clerk furnish this Council with the Bonds and Sureties of the County Treasurer for their examination. Bonds and Sureties of the Treasurer were submitted by the clerk and referred to Finance Committee. Moved by Mr Patton, sec by Mr Castle, that whereas this Council has for some years been paying part of the cost of the Treasurer's security, still it is the opinion of this Council that the Treasurer furnish his own security for the current year. Referred to the Salaries Committee Moved by Mr Young sec by Mr Horton, that the Engineer be instructed to fence the western approach of the Manchester bridge, and would recommend that the same be done with cedar posts instead of boards as these boards are always torn off and taken away. Referred to Road and Bridge Committee. Adjourned to 4 p. m.

4 P. M.

The Council resumed. Accounts of Mr Matheson and Cox & Smith were referred to Fin. Com. Letter from the County Treasurer with detailed statement of Expenditure was read and referred to Fin. Com. The following Reports were read and adopted, Finance Com., Gaol and Court House Com., Salaries Com., Gravel Road Com., Select Com. A communication was read from Messrs. Donaghy, Matheson and Cox & Smith respecting Gravel Road By-Law, and referred to Fin. Com. A petition from James Mullan and 403 others requesting the Council to abolish all tolls or otherwise to collect tolls on all the gravel roads of the County was referred to Gravel Road Com. Moved by Mr Leckie, sec by Mr Bishop. That a committee consisting of the mover, seconder, and Messrs. Farran, Kelly and Messer be appointed to investigate the case of Armstrong and Kerr and report to morrow—carried. Moved by Mr Perkins, sec by Mr Gibson, That this Council grant the sum of $1000 to grade the 8th and 9th con of Howick, if the Township Council give an equivalent sum, and that the Co'y Engineer let the contract and superintend the same. Lost on a division by a majority of 9. Moved by Mr Castle, sec by Mr Yearly, That this Council adjourn to 10 a. m. to-morrow.

27th Jan., 1871.

The Council met, the Warden in the chair. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Two accounts certified by Engineer were referred to Fin. Com. Report of Road and Bridge Com was read, when the Council went into Com of the Whole, Mr Farran in the chair. Moved in amendment by Mr Horton, seconded by Mr Dallas, That in reference to the motion of Mr Kelly, making Boundary Bridges of 50 feet span and upwards a continuous charge upon the County. That the County Engineer be instructed to classify these bridges giving their dimensions, their present condition and the number of bridges which Mr Kelly's motion covers and report the same at the June meeting of Council—carried upon a division by a majority of 13. Moved in amendment to the amendment by Mr Bishop, sec by Mr Simpson, that No 7 of the report of the Road and Bridge Com be amended by each Municipality keeping its own bridges, except in some exceptional cases, and that each case be considered upon its merits—Carried upon a division by a majority of 9 Moved in amendment to No 51 of the Report, by Mr Messer, secd by Mr Cornyn, that the County Engineer be and is hereby instructed to have the Bridge at Zetland rebuilt and to have the contracts let forthwith, and that the Engineer select the best timber possible. Lost on a division by a majority of one. Moved further in amendment by Mr. Leckie, seconded by Mr. Gibson that this Council grant the sum of $1000 00 to assist in the rebuilding of Zetland bridge. A debenture to be given for the same when said Bridge is completed, and that the Townships interested, have the services of the County Engineer and that no grant whatever be made towards the bridge near Morrisbank. Carried upon a division by a majority of seven. Moved further in amendment to the amendment by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Yearly, that the Report of the Road and Bridge Committee be amended by this Council refusing any aid to those Boundary bridges. Upon the names being called for, there voted for the amendment to the amendment Messrs. Willis, Greenway, Carrick, Dalton, Sheppard, Gaunt, Castle, Yearly, Simpson, Patton, Moon, Armstrong, Girvin, Kelly, Brown, Horton and McCaughey. For the amendment, Messrs Perkins, Snell, Gibson, Leckie, Bishop, Messer, Cornyn, McDonald, Scott, Gibbons, Cresswell, Dallas, Young, Hays and Farran. The amendment to the amendment was carried by a majority of two. When the Warden resumed the chair and submitted the report as amended, which was adopted. Moved by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Dalton, that this Council grant the sum of $500, to complete the Ashfield Gravel Road and that the Engineer be instructed to let the same as early as possible. Upon the names being called for, there voted for the motion, Messrs. Perkins, Gibson, Dalton, Gaunt, Sheppard Snell, Moon, Patton, Armstrong, Girvin, Kelly, Horton, and Young. Against, Messrs. Farran, Carrick, Greenway, Castle Yearly, Simpson, Willis, Bishop, Leckie, Messer, Cornyn, McDonald, Scott, Brown, Hays, Cresswell, McCaughey, Dallas. The motion was lost by a majority of five. [illegible] Printing Committee. Petition of Mr. Trainer requesting an increase of salary was read and referred to the Finance Committee. Moved by Mr. Gaunt, seconded by Mr. Castle. That this Council adjourn to 4 p. m.—Carried.

4 p. m.

Account of Mr Luxton was referred to the Finance Committee. Report of Printing Committee was read and adopted. Report of School Committee was read and adopted. Moved by Mr Bishop sec by Mr Gibson, that a Committee of five be balloted for to report on the Municipal Act. Upon a ballot being taken, the committee was declared to consist of Messrs Leckie, McCaughey, Bishop, Messer and Patton. Moved by Mr Bishop sec by Mr Leckie, that seeing the great necessity of more extensive railway accomodation in this County both North and South, resolved that this Council submit a By-law to the ratepayers granting a bonus of $200,000, to any company that will construct a railway entering the County at its southern extremity and running through the same to the north, tapping the County of Bruce. Said By-law to be submitted on receiving a satisfactory guarantee that such a project will be carried. Moved by Mr Messer sec by Mr Gibson in amendment. That one half of the said bonus be granted to the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, provided they cross the Northern Townships of this County. Carried upon a division by a majority often. Moved further in amendment to the amendment. That the motion of Mr Bishop and amendment of Mr Messer now read be laid over until the June meeting of Council, as we consider them premature in the meantime. Carried upon a division by a majority of 4. Moved in amendment to the further amendment by Mr Patton, secd by Mr Castle, that there be no County bonus granted for railways. Upon the names being called for there voted for the amendment, Messrs Greenway, Hays, Dalton, Willis, Kelly, Gibson, Messer, Leckie, Bishop, McDonald, Cornyn, Perkins, Scott, Horton, Young, Dallas, McCaughey and Gibbons. Against, Messrs Farran, Brown, Carrick, Armstrong, Patton, Gaunt, Castle, Sheppard, Yearly, Moon, Girvin, Snell and Simpson. The amendment to the further amendment was lost by a majority of 5. Moved by Mr Horton, secd by Mr Cresswell, that the Engineer and Warden's Com. be empowered to consult some authority on acoustics, in reference to improving the Court-room as to sound. And if after such consultation, it is found that an improvement can be made, said Committee may be authorized to instruct the Engineer to have the work done—Carried. Moved by Mr Sheppard, secd by Mr Castle, that this Council adjourn till 8 a. m. to-morrow.

28th Jan., 1871.

The Council met, the Warden in the chair. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved Report of Special Committee upon the Municipal Act was read and adopted. Report of the Comm appointed to investigate the case of Armstrong and Kerr was read and adopted.—Supplementary Report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted. Moved by Mr Perkins sec by Mr Horton, that this Council do now adjourn to meet again on the first Monday in June next. Carried.

Huron Signal,

GODERICH, Feb., 2nd, 1871.

Fallen! Fallen! is Paris.

The termination of hostilities the civilized world has been praying for has come at last. On Saturday, 28th January, all the forts around Paris surrendered.—None can refuse admiration to the gallant resistance of the French, in the face of defeat, death and famine, which with the energy of despair they offered to their German invaders, and all have to pity the mistaken enthusiasm which only increased and prolonged the sufferings of the conquered without averting the inevitable surrender at last. Two months ago, the struggle should have ceased; but the Provisional Government dared not propose capitulation to the people, as they would, in exhibiting what the masses might have considered the spirit of cowards and dastards, have imperilled both their offices and their lives. For one hundred and thirty long and weary days of wasting, hunger and carnage, beginning with the 20th of September, the hopeless fight was maintained. Fitful gleams of victory to the French armies in the open field, now and again, fanned the national spirit to a fresh flame, only to be anew quenched in blood; while steadily and remorselessly the Prussian cordon closed in around the doomed city. Desperate sorties from week to week were beaten back, leaving tens of thousands of dead, wounded and prisoners in the hands of the victors. One by one the Parisian forts were silenced, and the inhabitants crowded in towards the civiccentre where suffering and hunger were as fierce as the fire of the German guns. At length the last sortie was made, the last fort ceased to reply, and King William telegraphed the following message to his Queen:—

"Versailles, 2 p.m. Sunday.—Last night an armistice for three weeks was signed. The regulars and Mobiles are to be interned in Paris as prisoners of war. The National Guard will undertake the maintenance of order. We occupy all the forts.

"Paris remains invested, but will be allowed to revictual as soon as arms are surrendered.

"A national assembly is to be summoned to meet at Bordeaux in a fortnight.

"All the armies in the field will retain their respective positions. The ground between the opposing lines is to be neutral.

"This is the reward of patriotic heroism and great sacrifices. Thank God for this fresh mercy! May peace soon follow!

(Signed) "WILHELM."

As the Prussians could now spare 200,000 men from Paris, to follow those French armies not yet captured or dispersed, it is to be hoped the French generals will be wise enough to lay down their arms.

Surely Prussia can now afford to be magnanimous. We hope to hear that there will be no parading of the conquering armies through the desolated Boulevards We hope to hear that no rigid conditions will be exacted from the conquered, beyond such a temporary cession of territory in Alsace and Lorraine as will secure the fulfilement of the compact agreed to. The calling together of a national assembly at Bourdeaux in a fortnight will give the French people the opportunity of expressing their desires for the future. We trust the 'man of mystery,' who caused the war and so melodramatically retired from the disasters he created, will be remembered sufficiently to be ignored in the deliberations. France may yet arise from her ashes with the prospect of a great and glorious destiny. The blood of her patriots may be the seed of her coming dignity among the nations Heaven grant that all the kingdoms of Europe may now sheath their swords, disband their armies and return to the prosecution and development of the arts of peace. If Prussia is as generous in council as she has been invincible in the field, we may expect the armistice to resolve itself into an enduring treaty of peace. The working-men of every land have protested frequently against the 'mounting devil of ambition' in the hearts of Kings and statesmen, which has made them lead out their innocent subjects to death or deformity, to gratify the unholy lust of territory or power. We hope these protests will now be listened to, and it would be only just and christian that all the neutral powers should exert their influence to secure gentle terms to the vanquished; and that all the nations of Europe should combine, in the interests of humanity and progress, in the effort to reach a mutual understanding which will prevent this generation from again becoming the spectators of or actors in such an another sanguined tragedy, which has left behind it only dead bodies and broken hearts. Why should men or rulers listen to the voice of devils, urging them to "Cry havoc and let loose the dogs of War" when the divine ideal of human affairs is 'Peace on earth, goodwill towards men.'

Damaging Advocacy.

In the issue of the London *Free Press* of 23th inst., we were surprised to find an article headed "After the Champagne," in which that journal with very poor judgment and very bad taste not only insinuates but asserts that the respectable deputation which visited Hamilton in the interests of North Huron and South Bruce, were influenced in favor of the Wellington Grey and Bruce scheme by the unlimited supply of "green seal" placed at their disposal by some parties whom the *Free Press* is pleased to style 'Hamilton Railway Manipulators.' We might repeat the truism *in vino veritas*, and say that after the champagne had performed its exhilarating office, the delegates uttered the unvarnished truth when they said the inhabitants of their localities would prefer Railway accomodation from the Wellington Grey and Bruce, and only pay a bonus to the London, Huron and Bruce when they were certain of not being served by the former. As far as Huron is concerned the composition of the deputation is as follows:—*Howick*, Thomas Gibson; *Turnberry*, John Messer, Reeve, W H. Leech, L. J Brace and J. Gregory; *Grey*, Thomas Strachan; *East Wawanosh*, R. Currie and George McKay; *West Wawanosh*, Edwin Gaunt, Deputy Reeve; *Lucknow*, James Somerville, Alexander Murray and M. Campbell; *Ashfield*, J. Andrews. Anything more intelligent, trustworthy and thoroughly representative than this it would be hard to find; and strange to say those acquainted with the individuals will recognise among them an unusual preponderance of the *water-drinking* element Yet the *Free Press* thinks that these gentlemen having been 'dined and wined to their hearts' content' became plastic as clay in the hands of the potter to the 'Hamilton Railway Manipulators.' Wondering where the *Free Press* got the inspiration which induced it to shoot this poisoned arrow which will recoil on itself and its constituents, we happened to light on the following paragraph in a letter written by Mr. Dyas, the engineer, which appeared in the *Free Press* on 27th inst:—

"On the 20th I came to Lucknow. There has been a deputation down in Hamilton this week from Lucknow, Wingham and many of the northern townships of Huron. They have been exceedingly well treated, and I might say *treated* often, by the Hamiltonians—a grand dinner, a free drive round the city, and a generally good time. They came back last night full of Hamilton cheer, and the guarantee of a railway in 18 months if they will raise $6,000 per mile. The returned delegates hold a meeting here to night I have determined to go to the meeting and attempt to hold them back."

This meeting was graphically described by our esteemed Lucknow correspondent in our last weekly issue, and Mr Dyas in this issue replies to him. It is very unfortunate that both the *Free Press* and the engineer of the company should have formed the opinion that bonuses can be secured to either line by having the rate-payers of this County "*treated* often" either in Hamilton or elsewhere The Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway, running through the Northern Townships to Kincardine, would be the very line to open up that section of the country to the best advantage, and *via* Guelph would be as short a route as could ever be secured to central markets—the difference between it and the London Road, and in favor of the former, being just the saving in mileage between a straight line and a semicircle. We think the pledge of the Wellington Grey and Bruce Directors, and the letter of the Great Western officials, which will no doubt be sanctioned by the English Board, already published by us, are sufficient to justify the Northern Townships in determining to *first* endeavor to secure a branch from the Wellington Grey and Bruce to Kincardine, before they look at any other scheme at present on the carpet. The directors of the London, Huron and Bruce Railway would do wisely in the meantime to pursue the route nature has marked out for them, as far up through the Southern Townships of Huron as they can secure the pledge of fair bonuses. But, whatever they do, don't let them insinuate any more that responsible men sent as delegations by the rate-payers make promises "after the champagne which they would not have made without it;" when the fact is that they were expressly sent down to take the course they did if their promises were properly reciprocated, as they have been, by the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Directors of the Great Western officials.

Proper Generosity

We were very much pleased to find the County Council granting the sum of $100 towards paying the expenses of the Canadian team, which is being organized to enter into competition at the National Rifle contest at Wimbledon. We have good marksmen amongst us and should like our brethren of the United Kingdom to see some of our gallant volunteers who have done our country such good services in the time of invasion, and listen to their tales about Canada and how they have always been able to drive our dastardly foes "over the border." We think such fraternising in friendly contest between the riflemen of Great Britain and Canada will do more towards the perpetuation of Imperial connection than the thunder of Bright or the philosophy of Gladstone an effect towards a severance. We therefore congratulate the County Council in being wisely generous enough to contribute its mite to this desirable object.

The Wardenship.

If the Darwinian theory is correct we believe the *Star* has an intimate affinity to the well-known butting ram which the farmer could only cure of the bad habit, by fixing a crow-bar in a wall and thereon hanging a hat. The bellicose animal was effectually quieted when the iron entered its forehead and came out beneath the tail. The insensate "butting" of the *Star* against the continued election of Robert Gibbons Esq, by acclamation, to the Wardenship of the county stands in need of just such a check. The [illegible] other week he paraded as a candidate for the office D. Patton Esq; patting that gentleman on the back and demanding for him the admiring vote of the council. Not to make his hero-worship of Mr Patton so very glaring, he jesuitically threw in the name of our esteemed friend Wm Young Esq. of Colborne as an offset. The *Star* is now further pleased to say that Messrs Archibald Bishop and C Girvin, who proposed and sec'd the nomination of Mr Gibbons, in so doing acted hypocritically, being themselves aspirants to the honorable office. Now we think Messrs Young, Bishop and Girvin are all gentlemen of that frank, and outspoken stamp, who, if they desired an office, would openly say so and manfully enter the lists to fight for it. As long as they think their own claims (which are by no means small) secondary to those of Mr Gibbons, we would recommend the *Star* to stop its butting. If Mr Gibbons "would serve the interests of the town better on the floor than in the chair," so also would Mr Patton better serve the interests of Goderich township by staying where he is. We don't want any more advantages for this 'grasping Corporation' than we already have. Don't be so selfish, brother *Star!*

The testimonial given by the citizens of St. Thomas to Mrs. Reeks, widow of the unfortunate man who was burnt to death at the late fire, amounted to $411.50,

Town and County Fraternising.

On the invitation of Robert Gibbons and Horace Horton, Esquires, the Municipal Councils of the County of Huron and Town of Goderich and a number of leading citizens met to supper in the Huron Hotel, on the evening of Thursday, 26th inst. Some 70 gentlemen were present, for whom Capt. Cox, the *debonnaire* host of the Huron had prepared ample and well-appreciated supplies. After supper, song, toast and story were pleasantly alternated. The usual loyal toasts having been heartily honored; that of the "Army, Navy and Volunteers" was admirably replied to by Col. Ross Commodore Grabb (who facetiously called himself an amphibious animal) and Capt. Thomson; the last named pertinently asking *how much* (L. S. D-ally) the Council valued the volunteers and what grant they would give them when next in Camp. The Commercial Interests' came next, eliciting a very eloquent address from John V. Detlor, Esq., and sensible remarks from Messrs John Leckie, John Messer and John Harris. M. C Cameron, Esq., M P, in a long and able speech, replied to the toast of the 'Dominion Parliament,' urging all to combine to aid the development of our material resources; proving the soundness of his position on the tariff question; and stating his intention to think for himself in the House of Commons, accepting good measures by whomsoever they should be originated. The other toasts were replied to as follows:

The 'County Council' by R. Gibbons, Esq.

The 'Bar of Canada,' by Messrs John Davison and H Macdermott.

The 'Press' by Mr Cox, Mr. Donaghy, of the *Star*, Mr Young of the *Signal*, Mr Matheson of the *New Era* and Mr McLean of the *Expositor*.

The 'Farmers' by Mr. Archibald Bishop, of Usborne.

The 'Town Council of Goderich' by Messrs Horton and Clifford.

The 'New County Councillors.' by Messrs Moon, Holmes and A. L Gibson; the last named creating much amusement by the recitation of the very humorous Scottish story of "Habbie Simpson and his wife baith dead."

The "Ladies" by Messrs Brown of Hay, and Shepperd, of Goderich Tp.

The 'Officers of the County Council' by Messrs. P Adamson, and B. Trainer.

The entertainers of the evening 'Messrs. Gibbons and Horton'; to which these gentlemen responded, expressing the extreme pleasure which they experienced in having been instrumental in assembling such a cordial company, for the securing of a better acquaintance and understanding between the leading men of town and county, and the interchange of sentiments on matters of mutual interest. After singing "Auld Lang Syne," as in duty bound, the company dismissed, having throughout the evening excellently blended good fellowship and sobriety.

The Famous Commissionership.

We thought the *Star* would blurt out part of the truth at last. Ingenuous youth! This morning's edition so far owns up with unmistakeable sincerity when it says "that we (the *Star*) had never been promised it (the Commissionership) or applied for it *in the way he* (the SIGNAL) *indicated*.' Just so, we were correct as to the fact but wrong in supposing that the organ was likely to "work the oracle" with tact and judgment. Let our contemporary adopt "the way we indicated" next token of government affection he sues for and he will probably be saved the agony and heartburning of the discarded wooer. As everybody but the *Star* has long ago recognised the "South Riding lawyer" and remembers his visit, we don't think we need condescend on particulars for the benefit of only one wilfully blind, individual in the community.

Town Talk.

Curlers, Attention! Mr. Gibbons, the President, requests a meeting of the Goderich Curling Club, in Mr Henry Horton's Store, on Thursday 3rd February at 7.30 p. m. Full attendance expected.

Fancy Dress Carnival. — The first skating carnival of the season, came off at the Skating Rink on Friday evening last. The ice was in the best order we ever saw it. The music was very good from our Battalion Band with Mr Duckham as leader. The characters on the ice were well got up but there was rather a scarcity of ladies in costume. The spectators numbered large considering other amusements going on in the town the same evening. Both skaters and spectators seemed very much pleased with the evening's performance and hoped that another carnival would soon be announced. Ladies, get your dresses ready for next carnival!

The Penny Readings were attended on Friday evening last by an audience of over 260 persons, who were very much delighted with the entertainment.

Goderich Branch Bible Society—The Annual Meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, on the evening of Friday 27th inst. Rev. A. Mackid in the chair. The Agent of the Society Rev. Mr. Caulfeild described the work the parent Society was doing, particularly in Spain, Italy, and France. The following officers were elected for the current year:—President, Samuel Pollock, Esq. 1st Vice do. Rev. A McKid, 2nd Vice do. P. H. Carter, Esq., Treasurer, Hugh Johnston, Esq., Depositor, T. J. Moorhouse, Esq., Sec. R. B. Smith.

Fire! Fire!—See Dixie Watson's advt. of the "Ætna" and insure your buildings and stock.

Auction Sale—We would direct attention to the advertisement of the daily auction sale of valuable Stock, in Mr. W. M Savage's store, now being conducted by Mr. B. Hazlehurst.

Town Lots—See advt. of Auction Sale by B. Hazlehurst, on 15th February next of Town lots adjoining the Huron Road and quite convenient to the Station, to Standly & Co., Sawmills and numerous Salt works.

Meteorological—The observer of the Goderich Meteorological station informs us that on Monday last the temperature fell to 5°.9 below zero, the lowest temperature for three years. The barometer (reduced to the temperature of 32° Fahr) stood at 29.888 inches at 1 p. m. on Wednesday the 25th instant, the highest range for four years.

County Sabbath School Convention. With the advice and assistance of Rev. W Millard, Secretary of the Provincial Sabbath School Association, a County Convention of Sabbath School Teachers will be held in Goderich on Thursday and Friday, 23d and 24th February, day and evening. Mr. Millard is to bring with him an influential deputation. Circulars will very shortly be sent to each Clergyman and Sabbath School in the County.

Too much Butter—Our confrere of the *New Era* gives us credit for *singing* "God Save the Queen," at the South Huron dinner We tried our unmusical best, for loyalty's sake, to *help* the *New Era* to sing it; but he has got no ear for music either and the combined result was, to say the least, nothing to brag of. At any rate we are unwilling to be loaded with any more than half the credit.

Rio Janeiro advices to the 6th inst. state that a vessel, supposed to have been the bark Borneo, from Callao for Liverpool, had been wrecked between Montevideo and Santos, and 35 persons were drowned.

LUCKNOW CORRESPONDENCE.

Railway Matters.—Since writing my last, the County Council of Bruce has been in session, and has taken very decisive but laudable steps towards supplying the county with railway facilities. For some time past the Toronto and Hamilton companies have been competitors for the inducements Bruce offers to a Railway, and of late the matter, in South Bruce, has been closely contested; but the demands made by the Toronto company were so exorbitant that none but those who had local interests at stake, could give it their hearty support. The Toronto people now see that they are unable to cope with their indefatigable opponents, and are likely 'to abandon the lost cause', though Bruce is still a gem so highly prized. In short they perceived that their further efforts to reach the lake through Bruce would prove so futile that they did not consider it prudent to send a deputation to attend the last Council session. The result was that but few held up 'their puny arms of rebellion' against the course pursued by that body. The extension of time to the Hamilton company, which was such a bugbear to Laidlaw. Teeswater Timothy & Co., and other indomitable copper heads, has been granted without murmur, save 'a small still voice' from the would-be centre of railways. In all justice no other course could be pursued since they required an extension to complete but some fifteen miles of road. But the greatest quandary of all is likely to be settled upon the most advantageous terms possible. The Council have pledged themselves to grant a Count, bonus to a railway in South Bruce, and ere long a branch of broad gauge will be located on the Southern survey, and a railway will be built where the natural outlet of the County requires one.

Temperance Anniversary.—Pursuant to notice the Good Templars of this village held their ninth Anniversary in their Hall on the evening of the 26th inst. In the absence of Mr, Jas Somerville, W. C. T. the chair was taken by Mr. Laurence. The speakers were the Chairman, Messrs. McCreadie, Cliffe, Jackson and Kellam who satisfied the unexpectedly large audience that intemperance was the greatest of evils, and that temperate habits were the associates of wealth, prosperity, and happiness. The Juvenile Choir under the leadership of Mr. C. Cliffe rendered good service by discoursing a number of pieces of appropriate music A number of songs suitable to the occasion were rendered in good style by Misses McKee and Murray, and by Messrs McKee, Robinson, and Murdoch. In the recitations and plays, there was an almost indescribable variety, from an Ethiopian clown to an obliging Landlord, and so well were those counterfeited that some little boy was heard to ask 'Did he kill him dead?' "Are thim nagurs tame?" The meeting came to a close by the choir singing an appropriate finale.

A Concoction of Jocularity and Jeopardy.—A few evenings since a panto-mime of jocundity and disappointment took place in a certain hypothecating Parthenon of an adjacent village, not one 100 miles north of Goderich, which for drollery and buffoonery is a fit subject for the pen of a poet laureate. It appears that the *Anas leucopsis* who tries to run the notorious 'shebeen" was so exercised by the cold, as Mrs Partington would have it, that he was compelled to make a wood-bee (?) in order to keep his bacchanalian majesty from congestion of the lungs. In the evening a few of his courtiers resolved "to trip the light fantastic toe," and Joe was baigned and bedighted in his cadew to suit the occasion However, a number of our village boys visited the temple in order to join the carnival, The landlord noticed that they had rendered no assistance during the day, exclaimed "byes wur you at the bay to-day?" on being answered in the negative, he exclaimed in in the cadenza of a baritone voice, "O vipers and fiddlers, clarks and blacksmiths, to your tints as Joshua said to his min!! ather spend a yarker over the baar or lave! Whin I was a bye like ye. I tuk a quarthur with me to spind in every place of amusement, but now ould times are changed old manners, gone! O *tempora, O mores*!' Recognizing one of the crowd, he procured his book, containing a catalogue of offenders, and holding it up as well as his classic head and trembling frame would permit, he shouted "*Non est com atibus et ralium swampo.* Live my house or ile put you in here along ud the rest of the blaggards?" Verily, Joe has yet a word of exhortation to spare though he is weary in well doing. Another character in the dramatic performance was a blushing youth of Napoleonic visage who was advised to return to his "tint," playing the "Dead march to Saul." This he did with his *violina* (*quæ dicitur fidicula*) in one hand and *musicus iber* in the other. Since then I understand he has been soliciting *Coelebs quid Agam* and *Esculapius* for a phrmaceutical preparation with which to heal his mortified bumpological curiosity. The petitions are that he may find the talisman. So mote it be though "it takes a sthrong man to tind baar."

Newfoundland Affairs.

The *Commercial Journal* of Newfoundland reports that the Labrador fishing last year may be classed with the worst ever known for the extent of the outfit, the cod and herring fisheries having failed on a large extent of coast. Cheapness in the necessities of life, and the good price realized for what was caught, made up to some extent for this. The Newfoundland fishing on the other hand had been very successful; The weather had been favourable for curing and the quality added to the value. From St John alone nearly 100,000 quintals had been exported last year in excess of 1869. With the exception of Brazil the foreign markets had given remunerative returns, those from Great Britain having been particularly so. The United States, in spite of the duties, took 14,776 quintals last year as against 5,301 in the year previous, and British America 23,627 quintals as against 7,086, large quantities being still in course of shipment here. Cod oil shows a deficient export of 574 tuns on the year; seal oil shows 584 tons in excess, although seal skins are deficient. Mackerel, which have been absent from the coast for thirty years have returned, but the fishermen not being prepared with suitable nets, the catch was small. The report on the whole is encouraging, and the greater part of the imports show an increase.

SEAFORTH.

Boiler Explosion—Loss of Life.

Seaforth, Jan 28.—This morning about two o'clock, the boiler in John Elder's stave factory exploded, instantly killing a young man named Shaw, who was acting as night fireman, and so severely scalding a younger brother, who was keeping him company, that he has since died. The building was shattered to pieces and the boiler hurled to a distance of fifty yards across an adjoining field.

The suffering among the persons lately burned out in the Ottawa district, during the late severe cold weather, has been very great. The wooden houses in which they live were put up so hurriedly as to be incapable of affording proper shelter.

London and Port Stanley Railway is prospering.

The British Columbian delegates will be here the latter end of next month.

Legislature of Ontario.

Toronto, Jan. 26th.

The Speaker took the chair at 3.15 o'clock.

Hon Mr Cameron presented returns, showing the minutes of the meetings of the Council of Public Instruction for 1870.

After routine, the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Bill to regulate poisons, and respecting chemists, druggists and apothecaries—Mr Eyre in the chair.

Considerable amusement was created by the explanations of Mr. McGill, the promoter of the Bill.

On the third clause, Mr Boyd raised the question as to the clause coming within the bounds of trade and commerce—consequently being beyond the power of the House.

At the suggestion of Attorney-General Macdonald, the clause stood over for consideration.

On clause four, Mr Blake said this would create a close corporation.

After some discussion, the clause was defeated, on a division. Several succeeding clauses were agreed to; and, it being 6 o'clock, the House rose for recess.

After recess, the House proceeded to forward several private Bills.

A Bill to incorporate the North Grey Railway Company—Mr Scott, Grey—was read a third time and passed.

A Bill to incorporate the Streetsville and Port Credit Railway Company—Mr Coyne—was referred to Committee, amended, and then read a third time and passed.

The House went into committee on the Bill to incorporate the Oakville, Milton, & Guelph Railway Co., and passed. Third reading to-morrow.

Hon Mr Carling moved the House into committee on the Bill for the distribution and settlement of the estate of Hon. George Jervis Goodhue, deceased.

Hon Mr Richards moved the three months' hoist. He recited the provisions of the will, and stated it as his opinion that the House should not interfere with it. The sum involved was about $600,000. Of this sum, Mr Goodhue had left the interest of $30,000 to each of his five daughters, and $22,000 to his son, besides an annuity of $6,000 a year. There had been various legal opinions on the will, but his [Hon Mr Richard's] opinion was that it was the intention of the testator that the interests of the children were contingent, and not vested, and that the interests of the grandchildren should be protected. The parties should have applied to the local tribunals, and not to this House.

Messrs. Cumberland and Boyd opposed the Bill, which was supported by Messrs Beatty, McGill, McKellar, and Scott, of Ottawa; and a vote was taken, with the following result:—Yeas, 13: nays, 60.

The Committee reported the Bill, with several amendments—the report to be received to-morrow.

The House rose at 2.13.

Toronto, Jan. 27.

In the House yesterday the principal matters under discussion were the bills respecting election petitions, the resolutions relating to the matter in ordinary and the secretary of the Court of Chancery, and also the resolution respecting the accountant of the same court. Mr Blake intimated his intention at another stage to move amendments to the bills A number of private bills were advanced a stage. The School Bill came up again for discussion.

Hon. Mr Cameron proposed to make an amendment by introducing a clause respecting the fund for superannuation of teachers. The amendment proposed provided that the county inspector should have the right to deduct from the salary of a teacher two dollars at the end of six months; also, if the teacher withdraw from teaching, that he should be entitled to have his money returned to him; that if he died while he was a teacher, his family should have the money that he had paid in, with 7 per cent interest; if he became superannuated before his death, then he would be entitled to the benefit of the fund. This was a provision entirely in the interests of teachers, and it was considered desirable that some such provisions should be made for teachers.

Mr Blake raised a point, that it being in fact a new clause, it could only be proposed at the end of the Bill. After conversation this view was agreed to by Mr Cameron, and the clause stood over.

Hon Mr Cameron then moved that clause 32 be expunged, and the following be substituted:—The public schools in cities, towns, and incorporated villages shall be under the management of the Board of Public School Trustees, and each school board shall be a corporation under the designation of the Board of School Trustees, &c.

It was suggested that the proposed amendment to the Bill should be printed, when, after a great deal of desultory conversation the suggestion was adopted, and the Committee rose, reported and asked leave to sit again.

Hon Mr Cameron presented the estimates for the ensuing year, and they were referred to Committee of Supply on Tuesday next.

Hon Mr Cameron moved the second reading of the Bill to consolidate and amend the laws respecting municipal institutions. Carried, and referred to a Special Committee.

On motion that the House go into Committee on the Sale of Poisons' Bill, Mr Boyd renewed his objections to clause three, as referring to trade and commerce.

After some discussion, the Speaker ruled the objection as invalid, and consideration of the Bill was postponed.

Mr Craig (Glengarry) moved a second reading of the Bill referring to tavern licenses. The Bill had for its object to protect a person who had a contract with the Grand Trunk.

Mr Blake moved a six months' hoist; and, after some discussion, the Bill was withdrawn.

Several private Bills were passed, and the House adjourned.

Brantford has voted its Mayor $300 for the past year's services, and Hamilton its Mayor $800.

A battle has been fought near Montevideo, in which the rebels were defeated The revolution in Entre Rios is extending to the surrounding provinces.

A certain lecturer asserts that woman's sphere is bounded on the north by her husband, on the east by her baby, on the south by her mother-in-law, on the west by her maiden aunt.

A patriotic goldsmith in Carlsruhe has offered to set in silver, free of charge, the bullets extracted from the bodies of Prussians volunteers, that they may serve their owners as ornamental and honourable mementoes.

The Greenwich advanced liberals have adopted a resolution protesting against the proposed dowry of £30,000 and annuity £6,000 to the Princess Louise, "inasmuch as they consider the same unjust and unnecessary, and that the amount would be far more usefully and beneficently expended in clearing and cultivating a portion of the waste lands of the State, and thereby find work for some of those who are sadly suffering for the want of employment."

The Awkward Age.

Mrs. Suha Dorr, in *The Household*, says: "It is popularly supposed that boys must necessarily have a 'green' age—a time when they must be nuisances; a time when they will either be painfully bashful, or so rude and boorish as to make all who come in contact with them uncomfortable. This is a false idea, and one that is the parent of untold mischief. If a boy is never 'snubbed' at home; if he is treated politely as well as kindly by mother and sisters; if particularly at that trying period when he is neither a little boy nor a full grown man, he is made to feel that his presence is never unwelcome, if he is neither teased nor laughed at, but tenderly and wisely helped, he will pass over that Bridge of Sighs without knowing it.'

The same idea may be equally well applied to girls. Nothing makes an overgrown girl of thirteen so awkward and uncomfortable as the self consciousness brought about by the ridicule and harsh comments of older members of the family. Human plants, like vegetable ones, grow most freely and gracefully in sunshine.

Havana, Jan. 23.—An encounter took place in the Pacific, the exact locality not being given, about the 20th of Dec., last, between the Prussian frigate *Medusa* and two small French gunboats, the *Curieuz* and *Bruiox*, resulting in the sinking of both the French vessels.

The deepest excavation in the United States is said to be a copper mine near Lake Superior. It is 1,300 feet deep.

A very penurious lady was so affected by a charity sermon on a recent occasion as to borrow a dollar from her neighbor and put it in her own pocket

The Earl of Orkney has been gazetted bankrupt. His lordship is one of the representative peers for Scotland, sitting for this present parliament and no longer.

There is a machine in operation in East Summer, Maine, which can make thirteen thousand toothpicks in a minute; yet the demand is greater than the supply.

A *soi-disant* ex-major of the American army has just gone through Napanee and Oshawa folks for a few thousand, and skedadled across the line.

No surplus policy yet.

And now the *Leader* denounces Grand Trunk mismanagement.

The Toronto *Telegraph* is down on the Knights of St. Crispin.

The *Globe* opposes the Goodhue Will Bill as a dangerous precedent.

St Catharines recently had a meeting of the veterans who took part in the battle of Queenston Heights; they numbered eight.

On Saturday last resolutions in favor of the union with Canada were passed unanimously by the British Columbia Legislature.

The owners of the famous steamer Chicora, which plies between Collingwood and Fort William, are having another large boat built at Port Robinson

The sum of $2,000 has been sent from Hamilton as the first instalment of the Macdonald testimonial fund.

Mr. H. Patton, Plympton, was knocked down and robbed on the road, a few nights ago, by a party of ruffians.

A number of the Montreal snow-shoers got lost on the Mountain in Friday's storm and wandered helplessly for some hours.

A bar of gold worth about $5 000 was brought to Halifax city last week from the Montague Mines.

THE MARKETS

Goderich, Jan. 31 1871.

Fall Wheat	$1.21	(a)	1.33
Spring Wheat	1.20	(a)	1.30
Flour	5.50	(a)	6.00
Oats	0.45	(a)	0.45
Peas	0.61	(a)	0.61
Barley	0.50	(a)	0.50
Potatoes	0.35	(a)	0.40
Butter	0.16	(a)	0.20
Eggs	0.25	(a)	0.00
Hay, ⅌ ton	8.00	(a)	11.00
Hides (green)	5.00	(