or railway at once durable and inexpensive.
Starting from Guelph at an elevation of 833 feet above Lake Ontario, the summit level on the Harriston line is found at a point nine miles north-west of Fergus where the elevation is 1,286 feet above the same level. On the Mount Forest route the summit level is 1,334 feet above the water of Lake Ontario, being at a point-eight miles north of Fergus. In both cases the steepest gradients do not exceed a rise of 80 feet per mile (and that in short lengths at a time) which is somewhat more favorable than the ruling grade of the Galt and Guelph Railway; and there are no curves of less radius than 600 yards. After computing accurately the quantities of materials on both lines, I find that they are so nearly similar in amount that, for all practical purposes, the two routes may be regarded, in a mere engineering point of view, as offering enal facilities for railway construction. Were the railway to be constructed, in the first instance, the whole way to Walkerton, (from which point there is a choice of routes to Lake Huron) the distance from Guelph via Drayton and Harriston would be 65 miles, and via Mount Forest and Neustady, 07 miles. But as occasional lateral deviations might be found advantageous in determining the final location of either route, the distance between Guelph and Walkerton may be assumed to be practically the same by both lines.

The next and most important point in his report is the estimated cost. He says:—In calculating the cost of the lines above described, I have based my estimates upon a railway of the existing gauge of the Canadidian lines—viz., 5 feet, dinches—and I have kept in view the various requirements of a line capable of carrying with safety and certainty, from Guelph and Galt to Harrisburg, and at the same rate of speed as those trains, Instead of rails weighing 69 lbs per yard, as used on the Great Western and the Grand Trunk Railways. I propose to adopt a rail of 50 lbs per yard, secured at the joints by means of an improved steel scabb which in addition to the excilent quality of "he soil, have in a very large measure con-tributed to the rapid settlement, and to the almost unexampled prosperity, enjoyed by the counties of Wellington, Grey and Bruce. For facilities of transport, abundance of pro-visions and fodder, for workmen and horses, for streams of pure running water, and for galubrity of climate, I certainly know of no

ITALY—For the first time since the establishment of the Kingdom of Italy, Victor Emmanuel has formed a Ministry out of the minority of the Chamber of Deputies, and thus put himself in open opposition to the will of the people. The speech made by Prime Minister Menabrea on the reopening of Parliament, is remarkable for its silence on the Roman question and the relations between France and Italy. The Government undoubtedly wants to settle the Roman question by means of Conventions and Conferences, but the Parliament, we expect, will soon again show that it has no confidence in the present policy of the King.

According to the latest accounts from Paraguay, there is as yet no prospects of an end of the war. The Paraguayans are unanimous and enthusiastic in the support of their President, while Brazil and the Argentine Republic are as equally determined to push on the war with vigor.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Tonorro Jan, 14th.
The chief subject of discussion yesterday was on the resolution to empower the ministry to five province in Dominion Rock, m.

The Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway.
Mr. Geo. Lowe Reid, Chief Engineer of the Great Western Railway, has sent in to the Directors of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway his report on the survey of the first forty or fifty miles of this line. We give the most important portions of his report:

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Starting from the Guelph Station of the Great Western Railway, the proposed line of railway runs in a very straight course to the village of Elora, keeping on the west side of it, and nearly parallel to the Gravel Road between Guelph and Elora. It enters the village of Elora as the S. W. corner, at a distance of 12t miles from Guelph; then proceeding in an casterly direction, it crosses the Grand River at a point about one mile west of Rosers. Sandfield Macdonald, Wood.

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The wife of M. C. Cameron died suddenly on Tuesday morning at eight o'clock. Mr. Cameron is absent from the House in consequence.

The first number of the Spirit of the Age, published in the interest of the Licensed Victuallers, appeared in Toronto yesterday.

Toronto yesterday.

HON. MR. HOWLAND.—Reports that the Hon. Mr Howland was suffering from "cancer of the stomach," having been circulated, the Ottawa Times is authorized to contradict the statement, and says further: "Nor is it the case that the hon. gentlemen is in that extremely precarious condition which the tone of our contemporary's remarks would lead the public to infer. It is true, and we regret it, that the hon. Minister of Inland Revenue has been in poor health for some weeks, but we are very glad to repeat as we stated on Saturday, that he is now recovering."

Mason Again-Whiskey Detective Mason was to have 102 cases before the police magistrate of Toronto, to-day, of parties who sold liquor after legal hours on Saturday night.

EXHIBITIONS .-- The teachers of the Baptist Sabbath School, Hillsburgh, have secured a number of first class views, and Chapel in that village. The profits are intended to aid the Sabbath School, Full particulars will be given by posters

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for streams of pure running water, and for graduality of climate, I certainly know of no tract of country in Canada which offers greater facilities to a railway contractor in the prosecution of his work than is presented by the district herein described. As it is not intended that I should in this report furnish you with all the details of cost of the lines surveyed, I shall content myself with appending hereto a more abstract of them. I made out my estimates of cost in three distinct divisions, namely: lat. From Guelph to Fergus; 2nd. Fergus to Harriston; and 3rd, Fergus to Mount Forcet. But I have now taken an average of all these and reduced the same to the cost per mile of railway, which after making an ample allowance for right of way, general management, engineering and all contingencies, gives a result of \$15,000 per mile, exclusive of rolling stock and cars. would be invaluable to you

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YEOMANS-In Mount Forest on the 5th inst, the wife of Mr. L H Yeomans of a son.

STEWART-In Egremont, on the 6th inst, the wife of Mr John Stewart of a daughter

PSON-In Guelph, on the 14th instant, the wift of Allan Simpson of a son.

MARRIAGES.

COATES—COATES—On the 1st inst, by the Rev W S Blackstock, John Coates, Esq. to Mary, daughter of Thos Coates, Esq. all of Trafalgar. ARTHURS—MANN—On the 7th inst., by the Rev. I. Cameron, Mr Joseph Arthurs, to Margery, fourth daughter of John Mann, senr., all of

DURLIN-HATCH—On the 1st inst, by the Rev R Robinson, Mr Thaddeus Conklin of Mount Forest, to Miss Mary Jane Hatch, of Owen Sound.

TH-McKinnon-On the 1st inst, by the Rev J Unsworth, Mr Abram Smith to Miss Mar-garet McKinnon, of Erin Township.

AY—HALL—At the residence of the bride's father, near Ahna, by the Rey Mr Davldson, Mr John Gray, of the Township of Hope, to Miss sfary Hall, second daughter of William Hall, Esq. Township of Nichol,

MSTRONG—At Brockville, Ontario, on the 18th Dec, aged 31 years, Capt John Fellows Arm-strong, late of the Royal Canadian Rifles, and only son of the late Capt Thos G. Armstrong, of H M 66th Regiment.

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ing expenses. uelph, 15th Jan, 1868.

CARD OF THANKS.

WE beg to tender our thanks to the Directo of the Lancashire and Gore Mutual I surance Companies for the prompt settlement our claim for the loss by fire at the Alma Bloca and also for the honorable and courteous namn of the Inspectors while examining our statement and books.

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