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GODERICH STATION

Trains leave as follows,—

Mail	7.00 a. m.
Express	10.00 " "
Mixed	11.45 " "
"	3.30 p. m.

Trains are due as follows,—

Mixed	10.00 a. m.
do	3.20 p. m.
Express	3.30 " "
Mail	9.30 " "

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, APRIL 10, 1872.

Extra copies of this day's Signal can be had at Moorhouse's Book Store or at the Office—price 5 cents.

Explanation.

When we came into possession of the Signal Office on the 21st of December last we found the accounts in such a confused state that we declined to have anything to do with them, and it was arranged between Mr. Smith, from whom we purchased, and ourselves, that he should collect all sums then due, and that our accounts with our subscribers should commence from that date. Mr. Smith has placed his accounts in the hands of Mr. E. F. Moore who is now collecting them. A number of complaints have reached us from parties who paid monies to the person who was in charge of the office before our time, but never received credit, and in one or two instances old subscribers have ordered their paper to be discontinued in consequence. Although it is annoying to be dunned for what has already been paid, we trust none of our friends will be so foolish as to lose their temper and stop their paper because of our predecessor's carelessness or neglect. We promise them that we shall not be guilty of such, and as a mistake will occasionally creep in, in the keeping of a large number of small accounts, we only require to have our attention directed to such in order to have them rectified. We are pleased to learn that our efforts to restore the former character of the Signal are appreciated by the public, and we hope our friends will aid us by subscribing themselves and inducing their neighbors to do so. Mr. Smith will correct any errors in the old accounts and we hope no one will act so foolish as to discontinue the paper because of former mistakes, as that is punishing us for the acts of our predecessors, with which we had nothing whatever to do.—We are now sending out accounts for subscription and advertising from the 21st of December, when we became into possession, and we trust those who receive will them pay up promptly and thus enable us to furnish them with a first class local paper.

The Coming Session.

As our readers are aware, the last session of the first parliament for the Dominion will assemble at Ottawa to-morrow. A number of important questions will come up for discussion, and whether the government will or not they must meet a number of important issues fair in the face. The most important matter will be the Washington Treaty. That official reserve which has so long characterized ministerial utterances on the subject will have to be broken, and we shall have a statement of the position occupied by Sir John A. Macdonald as a Joint High Commissioner, of the extent to which he consulted his colleagues, and how far they consider themselves bound by his action. There can be no doubt that if the house, or even the members of the government, were to exercise their better judgement, they would condemn the Treaty as unjust and unfair to Canada, but judging by the tone of the ministerial press, which has veered completely round during the last twelve months, they will be called upon to vote it through. We trust a sufficient number will be found to vote as their better judgement dictates.

The government policy with reference to the North West will also come up. Reminiscences has been shown in opening up what will ultimately be the garden of Canada, for immigration and settlement, and we trust such pressure will be brought to bear as will induce the government to take speedy action in settling the half breed reserve matter, and throwing open the lands for settlement.

The allotment of the additional representatives to which some of the provinces are entitled under the late census will have to be decided on. We trust justice will be done to this rapidly increasing section.

The recent utterances of the Hon. Joseph Howe will no doubt be made the subject of discussion, and we shall then know whether he stated his own opinions merely, or whether as has been more than suspected he was the mouth piece of his colleagues.

Dr. Tupper's conduct in exercising undue influence over certain elections in Nova Scotia will come up for investigation. We fear his course of action will raise him in the estimation of the rest of the Dominion.

Nova Scotia, following in the wake of the Province, is asking for better terms. It was a great mistake to admit the principle of altering the terms of the Confederation Act, and if allowed to go any further there is no saying where the end will be.

The manner in which the Intercolonial Railway Commissioners have performed their trust will be discussed. The time fixed for the completion of the road is approaching, and it is now quite evident that it will not be ready in time.

These and a number of other matters vitally affecting the interests of the country will come before Parliament, and we can only hope that our legislators will be guided by that wisdom which will enable them to act with prudence and discretion, so as to advance the best interests of our vast Dominion.

Death of Professor Morse.

Professor Samuel F. B. Morse, one of the inventors of the electric telegraph, and a man who was distinguished himself perhaps above all Americans, died at New York on Tuesday evening 2nd April.

He was born at Charlestown, Mass. in 1891 and was educated at Yale College. He had a fancy for the fine arts, and early made up his mind to be a painter. He went to England shortly after leaving College to study his profession, and carried off several prizes for painting and sculpture. On his return he devoted himself to portrait painting, and in 1829 visited Europe a second time, where he remained for three years. While returning home in 1832, a fellow countryman, Professor Jackson, who was a passenger on the same vessel, was describing some experiments which had just been made in Paris with the electro magnet, when a question arose as to the time occupied by the fluid in passing through the wire. Jackson suggested that as it was instantaneous it might be carried to any distance, and made the means of conveying and recording intelligence. Morse took hold of the idea, and before the voyage ended he had drawn out the plan of the system of telegraphy which bears his name. On reaching New York he resumed his profession, but devoted all his spare time to the development of his great invention. As has always been the case with great inventors he met many difficulties and had to face much opposition, but he persevered, and in 1835 completed and put in operation in the New York University a model of his apparatus. In 1837 he took out a patent at Washington for his invention. In 1840 he perfected his patent, and in 1844 the first telegraph line of this continent, from Washington to Baltimore, was completed. Less than thirty years have elapsed, and now we find telegraph lines all over the world, and what thirty short years ago appeared to be the wild scheme of a fanatic is a living reality, and is the means of conferring benefits upon the public beyond all value.

Though it is claimed for Morse that he was the inventor of the telegraph it is only due to others to state that he simply applied the principle by an invention peculiarly his own. Wheatstone, an Englishman, took out in conjunction with Mr. Cooke, a patent in May 1837 for a system of telegraphy, and Steintiel, a Bavarian, invented a system of his own, which though possessing some advantages has been found to be impractizable for extended lines. Wheatstone, patent is in extensive use in England and other parts of the world, while Morse's is used throughout America.

Unlike most inventors Morse lived to see the result of his labours and to receive the merited applause of his fellow men. A statue was erected to his memory in the New York Central Park last year, at the inauguration of which messages were sent without interruption through a line of wire over 4000 miles long.

The Governor Generalship.

RECALL OF LORD LISGAR.

We are shortly to have a change in the Governor Generalship. Lord Lisgar has been recalled at his own request, for private and personal reasons, and the Earl of Dufferin has been appointed his successor. The new governor will probably enter upon his duties in June. While regretting the withdrawal of Lord Lisgar it is satisfactory to know that his successor is a person well qualified for the position.

Lord Dufferin, though not standing in the foremost rank of English statesmen, possesses more than average ability. He is in his prime, being 46 years of age. He was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford. He made a tour through Ireland at the time of the famine in 1846-47 and published an account of what he saw, which attracted much attention. In 1856 he made a yacht voyage to Iceland, a narrative of which he gave to the public under the title of "Letters from High Latitudes." The following year he was sent by Lord Palmerston as Commissioner to Syria, to inquire into the massacre of Christians there, in which capacity he displayed great firmness and ability, and for which service he was made a K. C. B. He is a Liberal in politics and a member of the present administration as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. He is Lord Lieutenant of the County of Down and was at one time Under Secretary for India. He is a man of great literary ability, and at Paris last year was highly complimented, along with Earl Granville, for his scholarly attainments in French. Lord Dufferin, like his predecessors Lord Lisgar and Lord Monck, is a native of the Emerald Isle.

The Washington Treaty.—We understand that after all, the Washington Treaty will not be legislated on this session, but that it will merely come up for discussion and be allowed to stand over, the government not pressing the question to an issue, to save themselves from defeat, if not in the House, certainly when they go before the country. We are fully aware that Sir John A. is cunning enough to resort to any dodge to keep himself in power, but we hope he will be foiled in this manœuvre, and that the electors will refuse to support any candidate who will not pledge himself to oppose such an iniquitous treaty.

The Mail.—Notwithstanding the specious promises made in its prospectus, the *Mail* turns out to be a regular partizan paper. It does not descend to such low personalities as some of its confreres it is true, but it takes quite as biased a view of public matters. In last Saturdays issue it undertakes a defense of Governor Archibald, whose conduct in connection with affairs in the North West has been such as to bring down on him the condemnation of all, no matter what shade of political opinions they hold. We speak from what we know by personal observation, when we say that Governor Archibald has proved a most miserable failure, and the interests of the north west require his immediate recall. On the whole we do not see that the *Mail* is going to be much improvement on the *Leader* and *Telegraph*.

The Missing Marine.

MRS. CAMPBELL CONVICTED.

The trial of Mrs. Campbell for the murder of husband in Nissouri, in July last, closed last Saturday, after occupying the whole week. The following telegram announces the result:—

LONDON, April 6.—The Missouri murder case closed to-day. The counsel addressed the jury and the Judge summed up, occupying in all six hours. In fifty minutes the jury returned a verdict of "guilty," and the unfortunate criminal was sentenced to be hanged on the 20th June. The court-room was crammed all day, and many ladies were present to the last. Upon being asked if she had anything to say, the prisoner said, "I have nothing to say only I am innocent," and burst into tears. Her mother was present with her, and on the announcement of the verdict fainted away. When the prisoner was removed she was quite calm. The Judge said the verdict was a righteous one. Thus has ended the trial for one of the most remarkable murders that ever took place in Canada.

Accident in Elder's Stave Factory.

On Wednesday of last week an accident of a very serious nature occurred in Elder's Factory at Seaforth. It seems that a young man named Duncan McVittie, while running a circular saw lost his balance and fell forward on the saw.—From the nature of the injuries he must have thrown out his left hand to save himself, for his left wrist was sawn half through—he then fell forward on the saw, which came in contact with his face just below the left eye—sawing through the upper lip and deep into the bone of the upper jaw. Continuing its course the saw then ran in a slanting direction to the right side sawing through the lower lip and cutting nearly through the lower jaw. Of course the teeth of both upper and lower jaw were pretty roughly used by the inexorable saw. One of the arteries at the wrist being severed—it spurted freely—but one of the bystanders, Mr. Boxall, with great presence of mind tore a piece off his shirt and tied it round the arm which stopped the bleeding until Drs. Goyenlock and Campbell arrived and tied the artery and sewed up the wounds, replacing the parts as best they could. We understand the healing process is going on nicely and that notwithstanding the frightful wounds of the face—the young man will make quite a creditable appearance.—It is supposed that some stiffness may remain as the saw opened the wrist joint.

LOCAL NEWS.

Pigeons.—Large flocks of pigeons have been flying over the town for the last week and sportsmen have had a good time shooting them in the woods.

Passed.—Lieut. John Wilson of the Seaforth Company, 33rd Battalion, has passed the necessary examination to entitle him to a second class certificate.

Deputy Judge.—We understand that the government have concluded to appoint a Deputy Judge for the County of Huron, and that John Davison Esq., is likely to get the appointment.

Auction Sale.—The furniture saved from the Huron Hotel, belonging to Capt. Cox, will be sold by auction at Trueman's Sale rooms, on Wednesday and Thursday 17th and 18th inst.

Thanksgiving day.—Monday next, 15th inst, has been set apart as a day of thanksgiving throughout the Dominion, for the restoration to health of the Prince of Wales.

New Bye.—Calloway of the British Exchange has a new covered omnibus which he runs between his hotel and the station. There is considerable rivalry between himself and Polley as to who shall have the honour of carrying passengers to and fro.

Patents granted.—M. P. Hays of Seaforth has been granted a patent for improvements in furnaces for heating liquids, A. Campaign of Goderich for improvements in railway car couplers, and G. McLeod and R. Millar of Hesperville for a machine for harvesting pear.

For the Convention.—At a meeting of the Conservatives held on Friday last, Messrs. John Davison, S. H. Detlor, Wm. Campbell, I. F. Toms and W. Dunaghy were appointed delegates from the Town of Goderich to the Convention at Brucefield.

Accident.—We understand that a man named Charles McQueen, employed in Stanley & Co's Stave Factory, had four fingers of his right hand taken off on Tuesday of last week, by the heading machine in that establishment. People employed about machinery cannot be to too careful to avoid accidents.

Personal.—James Thomson, Esq., Town Clerk, has returned from Toronto, where he has been obtaining medical advice. He is not much the better of his trip, but the doctors say that from the treatment he is undergoing he must be worse before he can be better. He has our best wishes for his speedy restoration to health.

New Church.—We understand it is in contemplation to build a new church in Goderich township, near the Union School House, in connection with the Church of Scotland. The distance is too great for the people in that locality to come to town, and a Presbyterian place of worship in the neighborhood would be a great convenience.

Smith's Hill Church.—The contracts for the new Presbyterian Church at Smith's Hill have been awarded as follows,—Brick and stone work, A. McVicar, Goderich; Carpenter work, T. Glen, Colborne. The building will cost over $2000. Wm. Young, Esq., Reeve of Colborne, has generously offered $100 towards obtaining a bell.

Temperance Association.—There is a temperance Association in active operation in Goderich township which meets at the fourth concession Schoolhouse. They have already had one public meeting, and intend holding another tomorrow evening at half past seven o'clock. Several addresses will be delivered and there will also be readings &c.

The Clerk of Tuckersmith.—The Seaforth *Expositor* says that Mr. William Muir of Tuckersmith is entitled to the distinction of being the oldest Township Clerk in the Province, he having filled that position for thirty years. Notwithstanding that Mr. Muir is an aged man as well as an old officer, there are few officials who perform their duties more faithfully and efficiently than he.

The Weather.—Those who made engagements for a sleigh drive on the Queen's Birthday are, it appears, to be disappointed after all. We have been favoured for the last few days with beautiful spring weather, and the snow has nearly all disappeared. The hurry of spring work will be on immediately, and what with ploughing and sowing the farmers will have enough to do. The lake is still covered with ice, but between the wind and the heat of the sun it must soon break up and disappear. The river is gradually opening up, and it is to be hoped the ice will move out without a shove, which usually proves so destructive to property about the harbour.

Goderich and Fort William Route.—Some of our contemporaries have stated that the Steamer *Frances Smith* is to be placed on this route. This is a mistake. The *Manitoba*, a fine fast steamer intended for the Collingwood route is to be the pioneer boat of the line, and the *Frances Smith* is to take its place on the Collingwood route. The other boat on the Goderich line will be a first class large propeller, and the Messrs Beatty will place a third boat on the route if they can obtain one. They also intend to build an iron propeller 220 feet long specially for the route. They have every confidence that the line will pay well, and being possessed of ample means are disposed to make the service of such efficiency that the public will be induced to take advantage of it. The *Silver Spray* will take the place of the *Frances Smith* between Collingwood and Owen Sound.

Slander Case.—An action for slander was brought at the Assizes at present sitting in Toronto, by one townsman, Captain McGregor, against Mr. Milloy, owner of the steamer *Chicora*, which vessel the former commanded last season. Mr. Milloy had circulated a report that Captain McGregor had misconducted himself on the steamer, and the action was brought more to vindicate his character than to recover damages. After the trial had commenced the defendant withdrew the statement against plaintiff and paid all the costs of the suit, when a verdict for nominal damages was entered in favour of Captain McGregor, whose character was fully vindicated by the result of the trial. Captain McGregor takes command of the *Algoma* this season, which vessel has been rebuilt and made perfectly seaworthy.

Advertising.—We are sorry to have to say it, but we are fully convinced of the fact that for want of enterprise and business energy the merchants of Goderich, with a few exceptions, will carry off the palm as against any other town or village in Canada. While our exchanges come to us with columns, of even a whole page, taken up with a single advertisement announcing the arrival of spring stocks, our merchants receive their goods, but never think of informing the public of the fact, and then grumble and complain because times are hard and trade dull, when the remedy lies with themselves. It is a universally acknowledged principle that it is impossible to do a successful business now-a-days without a liberal and judicious use of printers ink, and the harder times are the better does it pay to advertise, for people will be the more anxious to find out where they can buy to the best advantage. Our merchants are sadly remiss in the matter of advertising, and it is no wonder that outsiders speak of Goderich as "the sleepy old town." It may be charged against us that in speaking thus plainly we are trying to bring grist to our own mill. If we are we are only doing that for our own business which we are urging others to do for theirs; but after all we should not be so much benefitted as those who took advantage of our large circulation to make their business known to the public. If our business men have not yet discovered that advertising pays let them try the experiment now, and experience will teach them that a few dollars expended in this manner will not be by any means money thrown away.

Board of Public School Trustees.

The Regular monthly meeting of the Board took place on Thursday evening last, all the members present accept Mr. Detlor. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. A few accounts were read and ordered to be paid. The monthly report of the Head Master was read received and filed, and with reference to a suggestion contained therein a resolution was adopted by the Board authorizing the Inspector and Head Master to place pupils in such schools as they may think best, due regard being had to the convenience of the children as much as possible. It was then moved that Mr. Swanson be appointed to superintend the erection of the new school house in St Andrews ward, to which an amendment was made, that the Committee of Contingencies should confer with Mr. Hick who drew the plan in order to ascertain what he would charge for superintending the erection of the building, and if satisfactory to the committee then to employ him, if not the committee to superintend the work till next meeting of the Board. On being put to a vote the amendment was lost. On the motion being put it was carried that Mr. Swanson do receive the sum of ten dollars by way of remuneration, which was concurred in, and the motion then was unanimously adopted. The Board then adjourned.

Wroxeter.

School Exhibition.—A school examination and exhibition in connection with the Wroxeter school will be held on Friday next, 12th inst. The proceeds of the exhibition will be devoted to the purchase of prizes for the school. Thomas Gibson Esq., M. P. P. has kindly promised to preside. Admission 15 cents, children 10 cents.

Kinburn.

Lecture.—Mr. Matheson of the Clinton *New Era* delivered a lecture in the Wesleyan Church, Kinburn, on Monday evening 1st inst., on the "Physical effects of Alcohol." The lecture was illustrated by plates showing the effect of alcohol upon the stomach. At the close a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Matheson for his able and interesting lecture.

Port Albert.

Fishing.—A large quantity of superior fresh fish has been caught here this season. There is no difficulty in disposing of it at reasonable rates.

Frost.—This is believed to have been the severest winter we have had here for a number of years. A great deal of injury has been done by the frost. Potatoes stored in pits as well as in cellars have been much damaged.

Fodder.—Fodder is extremely scarce and dear. Hay sells at $20 a ton and straw is difficult to be obtained at any price. The farmers are anxiously waiting for the snow to disappear that they may turn their cattle into the fields.

Bluevale.

Accident.—Mr. Jonathan Dulmage of Morris had his leg broken a few days ago by the kick of a horse.

Hall.—The question of building a village hall is at present under consideration. A free site has been offered.

Concert.—A concert in connection with the Bluvale school was held on the evening of the 27th ult. It was a great success the school house being literally jammed. The various songs, readings, recitations, &c. were well rendered and appeared to be appreciated by the audience.

Railway.—Great anxiety is felt as to the course which will pursued by the W. G. & B. R. Company now that the Government have refused to subsidize that portion of the the Southern extension which passes through this place. Many are afraid that we will not be provided with railway connection after all, but we trust the Directors will see their way to build the line as originally intended, notwithstanding the refusal of the subsidy.

Wingham.

Scarcity of fodder. The farmers in this Section complain of the scarcity of fodder. Hay sells at from $18 to $20 a ton and is hard to be got at that. Mr. Jackson of Wawanosh sold in one day twelve tons at $18 a ton.

Steam Mill.—A steam saw, grist and planing mill is in contemplation here. A joint stock company is to take the matter up.

Ecclesiastical. A call has been extended to Mr. Pritchard of Parkhill to become the pastor of Wingham and Bluevale C. P. Congregation, vacant by the translation of Rev. Mr. Hastie to Prescott—Messrs. Abraham and Gollay have been elected Churchwarden of the Episcopal Church. The church edifice has been renovated and looks much improved in consequence.

Printing Office.—R. Matheson of the Clinton *New Era* is about to establish a branch of his business here. He will do job work and issue a paper the same as the *New Era*, to be called the Wingham *Times*. An office has been secured.

Stanley Council.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment at Mrs. Pollock's Hotel, on Monday the 1st inst. All the members present. The Reeve in the Chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Mr. James Gairdner again made application to have that part which was taken off S. S. No. 8 restored, before applying for justice to the County Council. Mr. John Beggart applied for the keep of a poor woman. Mr. Thomas Johnson and 20 others petitioned for aid for Mr. John Purdy. Moved by George Castle, seconded by Dr. Woods, that John Allen be paid $4.85 for gravel.—Carried. Moved by George Castle, seconded by Thomas Keys, that John Turner's application for tavern license be granted. Carried. Moved by George Castle, seconded by Thomas Keys, that the petition of James Gairdner, Trustee of S. S. No. 8 cannot be entertained. Carried. Moved by George Castle, seconded by Gilbert McDonald, that the petition of Mr. John Biggart be not entertained. Carried. Moved by George Castle, seconded by Dr. Woods, that the Inspector be instructed to inspect the house known as the "Albion Hotel," for which William King has made application for a license, and report at the next meeting of Council. Carried. Moved by George Castle, seconded by Gilbert McDonald, that the Auditor's Report be received and filed. Carried. The following accounts were then read, viz:—Dr. Donald, the petition of Mr. Johnson and others, Mr. Purdy, be filed. Moved by Dr. Woods, seconded by Thomas Keys, that we adjourn to meet at Biggart's Hotel, Varna, on the last Monday in May, at 10 o'clock a. m., as a Court of Revision, and after the business of the Court is over to hold a general meeting of Council. Carried.

WILLIAM FLUNKETT,
Tp. Clerk.

Bayfield, 5th April, 1872.

Goderich Township.

Council Meeting.—The Council met, to-day pursuant to adjournment. The members all present. The minutes of last regular and special meetings were read and passed. The sum of $1.09 was refunded George Johnston for wrong assessment. Alex. Hamilton was appointed path-master for Division No. 37, in place of Jas. McDonald; Stephen Shelly was appointed pathmaster for Division No. 1, in place of Christopher Shannon. The sum of $10 was granted to Jas. Creighton an indigent; the sum of $3.00 was paid to Sam. Colclough, for the use of his house for Council purposes. John Holmes, William Baker, John Sheppard and Henry Ball, to perform their statute labor on the 16th con. under John Baker, pathmaster, Division No. 39. The petitions of Mrs. Munro, Charles Robinson and Thomas Champion, asking for tavern certificates were granted. The sum of $30 was paid to Charles Robinson, for providing for and keeping Matilda Whitten during her accouchment, and for thirty-five days maintainance; the sum of $6 was paid to Dr. Shannon, for putting and setting the arm of William Dunn, an indigent person. George McKee, Councillor, was instructed to have the water-course on the B. concession, opposite the farm of Mrs George Brown, cleared out and put in a proper state to allow a free course for the water. The Clerk was instructed to get 200 copies of the following compilation of By-laws, Acts, &c., printed for the use of the municipality, viz:—Statute labor, pound, pound-keepers and fence-viewers, and Canada Thistle Act and amendments thereto. The Council adjourned to meet again at Knox's Hotel, Holmesville, on the second Monday in May next, said meeting be Court of Revision and Appeal.

April 1st, 1872.

T B. STOKES,
Tp. Clerk.

Seaforth.

Public Lecture.—Mr. Donaldson, immigration agent, is advertised to deliver a lecture in the Town Hall, on Thursday the 11th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M. on "Immigration and Flax Culture." Mr. D. is said to be an able man and a good speaker, and no doubt will have a good audience on the occasion in question.

Returned.—Mr. P. Lee of the firm of Lee & Switzar, has just returned from the Eastern part of the Province with a large and varied stock of spring goods which he has purchased for cash, and which they will sell for the same needful article. They are just opening out the goods.

Railway Meeting.—Our worthy Reeve, Mr. Benson, at the request of a large number of the citizens called a Railway meeting for Monday night last. The Seaforth people have hopes of securing the L. H. and B. Railway yet—and the proper steps were taken in that direction.

Ten Nights in a Bar-Room.—This popular moral drama came off in the Town Hall on Tuesday night last before a respectable audience. We recommend all and sundry to go and see it performed whenever they can.

Miss Guthrie's Resignation.—We understand that Miss Guthrie the youngest who has long and ably conducted one of the departments of our school, has tendered her resignation.—This is to be regretted as she was an able and painstaking teacher. It will be hard to fill her place.

Teachers' Meeting.—We understand that the next meeting of the Teachers' Association comes off in the Seaforth School Room, on Saturday next. Several able and instructive papers will be read. Teachers generally should make it a point to attend the meeting.

Bazaar in St. Thomas' Church.—The ladies in connexion with the Church of England intend holding a Bazaar about the middle of the present month. No doubt it will be a success when the ladies have taken the thing in hand.

The Dramatic Club again.—It was rumoured that the Seaforth Dramatic Club had suspended operations for the season—but it seems that such is not the case as they are advertised to give another entertainment in the Town Hall, on the evening of the 15th inst. We advise all to go and hear them.

Clinton.

Oddfellowship.—The anniversary of Oddfellowship on the 26th inst, is to be celebrated by a Conversazione and supper. A lecture on Oddfellowship will also be delivered.

The Central Route.—Messrs. Racey, Whitehead, McTaggart, Ransford, Hale, Worthington and the members of the Village Council, went to London the end of last week as a deputation to urge the claims of the Central route upon the directors of the L. H. and B. Railway Company. We have not heard what success they had.

Shipment of Horses.—Mr. Jobert, horse dealer, shipped two car loads, about 30 in number, one day last week. This is the the largest shipment yet made. Good horseflesh commands a fair price.

Immigration.—Mr. Donaldson, Government Immigration Agent at Toronto, will deliver a lecture on the above subject in the Town Hall, on Friday 12th inst. He will also touch upon the subject of flax growing.

Metropolitan Dramatic Company.—This Company will give a performance on Thursday evening next. There will be a Drama and Farce. The former is entitled "The Idiot Witness" and the latter "Contentment vs. Riches." The proceeds will go to liquidate the debts of the association.

Sickness.—The *New Era* says,—There is a strange disease prevalent here, which affects the brain and spinal column, so that convulsions take place, and sometimes it tasks the strength of strong men to hold the patient. It is called tetanus opisthotonos. We published recently the death of a son of Mr. Bay from this disease. Mr. Peckett, on Monday last, died of the disease, and about the same time two children of Mr. Grammett, farmer, near Clinton, died, and last night their mother perished of this scourge. Mr. John Connell, farmer, of Goderich township, was taken ill at his brother-in-law's, Levi Smith, who resides over Doherty's Music Emporium. This is the worst case that has happened, as he has fearful convulsions, and is not expected to live for many hours, and may be dead before this reaches the public. In one case recovery is likely to ensue, that of S. Stafford, cooper. The little boy Chillingworth, nephew of Joshua Inwood, who delivers the milk, is seriously ill of the same disease. There is also considerable sickness besides, Mr. John Harland being quite ill and Mr. D. Mulloy and two of his little children, who are however recovering. Mr. Thomas Jackson, who yesterday morning was about to start away on the train for Toronto, was suddenly affected so that he fell down, but restorative measures were applied, and we are glad to learn that he is recovering. There may be other cases of sickness of which we have not yet heard, but the duty of all persons is plain; remove all nuisances and clean up the village, so that the atmosphere may be purified. We would urge a general scraping of the streets, and the proceeds would gladly be removed by farmers in want of manure. This should be done at once, otherwise when the sun gets warm the air will be filled with pestilence.

Indian Cannibals.

TERRIBLE STORY FROM OTTAWA.

The Ottawa *Citizen* relates the following, communicated by a gentleman lately arrived from Lake Temiscamangue:—

At the Abotebe Lake (or Obetbee, as some persons call it) five hundred miles from this city, a tribe of Indians are to be found called the Abotebes, supposed to be a remnant of the great Algonquin tribe, who manage to eke out a miserable existence by hunting and trapping. They make no effort to till the ground, they are exceedingly lazy in their habits, and do not even hunt until driven to it by the pangs of hunger. They trade their furs at Fort Temiscamangue, where they get their supplies of powder and ball, and other necessaries which they require; and as they have had missionaries and fur traders amongst them occasionally, they have a slight knowledge of the French and English languages. Until lately, very little has been known of their manners and customs, and the tough yarns related by lumbermen and fur traders of their mode of living, were laughed at as being romances. Stories of cannibalism amongst the Abotebes were related at the Fort by traders who had been amongst them, but they were laughed at as being improbable. A half-breed trader said that one day while trading with a camp of Indians on one of the tributaries of the Abotebe Lake, he asked them for something to eat, but they told him they had nothing to give him. He persisted in his demands, and told them he had eaten nothing that day, and was nearly starved. They at length told him to go to a pot that was simmering on the camp fire and help himself. He lifted the cover from it and took some of its contents, which appeared to be soup and drank it. He returned for some more, and while stirring up the mess to his horror he fished up a human hand, the sight of which made him so sick he could hardly stand. Other stories are told of the Indians when pressed hard with hunger having tomahawked their youngest children for food, and the whole family would join in the horrid feast. The latest story comes from the head of the Abotebe Lake where Mr. Wright has had his shanty this winter. The shanty is one of the most remote from civilization of any of the lumberers works in the Ottawa region, and is situated about ten or twelve miles from an Indian camp containing a family of five persons an Indian and his squaw and three children, two between five and nine years of age, and a boy of fourteen or fifteen. Early in the winter they visited the shanty occasionally to trade furs for pork and flour, but as provisions were scarce and there was scarcely sufficient to last until fresh supplies would arrive from below, the Indians were told not to come near the place again. As the winter advanced the snow became deep and game was so scarce that the Indians were for days at a time without food. They ate up the carcasses of what mink and martin they caught and at length resorted to singeing the hair off some beaver skins and eating the hides. Hares, which had been their principal food, were very scarce, as they had been thinned out by a disease which had attacked them during the summer, and starvation stared the Indian and his family in the face. One evening, he returned to his camp after a three days' moose hunt, in which he had been unsuccessful, and found his squaw and two of his children making a meal off the youngest child, which had been tomahawked by the squaw and cooked for food. The Indian, without asking any questions, sat down with the rest and assuaged his hunger with the same food. Two days afterward he started on another hunt, from which he returned unsuccessful, and savage with hunger he drove his tomahawk through the skull of the next youngest of his children, and a family used the child's flesh as food for several days. In the meantime a terrible snow had set in and it was impossible for the Indian to go on a hunt, and as their horrid supply of provisions had again failed he turned suddenly on his squaw one morning and drove his hunting knife through her heart. The father and son lived for several days on the carcass of the dead squaw, which lasted until the weather cleared up, and the Indian went on another hunt to a deer park several miles from the camp. The snow, although deep, was light, and the deer had no difficulty in making their way through it, so that the hunter, although he tried for three days, failed to get a shot at any of them. He returned to the camp mad with hunger, and as he approached, the boy, who was watching for him, saw that he had nothing with him, and either himself or his father had got to die. Without waiting to discuss the question with his parent, the sweet youth raised his rifle to his shoulder and sent a bullet through his father's brain, and before the blood was cold he was assuaging his incontrollable hunger with the raw flesh. The boy remained at the camp until he had consumed the most of the body, and he had made his way on snow-shoes out to the Hudson Bay Co's Fort, near Lake Temiscamangue, where he related the above story. The men would not believe the horrible tale until he had confessed it to a priest. The young Indian on being closely questioned, stated that about two years previous his father had killed his (the boy's) sister, from they had not had anything to eat for three days, and ate her.

Fort Garry, April 5.

The spring thaw has set in in earnest. Snow is melting and roads are knee-deep in slush.

Tenders are advertised for by the Dominion Government for the erection of emigrant houses, also buildings where the Post Office and Customs, Crown Lands, Pacific Survey, Savings' Banks, Indian Affairs, &c., are to be accommodated.

The land question is causing much agitation. The *Manitoban* says the agitation may threaten the very existence of the Province. The *Liberal* rebukes these expressions. The *Gazette* condemns the tardiness of the government, and threatens a settlement by force.—The *Metis* agrees substantially with the *Manitoban*.

It is thought that Lieut-Gov. Archibald will leave shortly, and the Hon. Alexander Morris is named as his possible successor.

BIRTHS.

In Goderich township, on Monday, 1st inst., the wife of Mr. John Armstrong, of a son.

In McKillop, on the 3rd inst., the wife of Mr. Geo. McGonigle of a daughter.

At Seaforth, on April 1st, the wife of Mr. S. Dickson, postmaster, of a daughter.

MARRIED.

In Blyth, on the 28th ult., by the Rev. A. Maclean, at the residence of Dr. Hutchison, brother-in-law of the bride, Mr. Jno. Hiles, Merchant, Belgrave, (formerly of Pine River), to Miss Mary E. Campbell, second daughter of Mr. Hiram Campbell, Hullett.

At Harriston, on the 19th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Boultbee, Mr. William Kid of Howick, to Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr. William Warren of Wallace.

At Colborne, on the 2nd inst., by the Rev. C. Bristol, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Duncan McNeo, of Colborne, to Dorathea Ellis, eldest daughter of Mr. David Ellis.

At Goderich, April 1st, by the Rev. W. Smyth, Mr. James Vivian, to Miss Elizabeth Black, both of Goderich.

At Goderich, April 3rd, by the same, Mr. Jas. Emmerton of Huron Township, to Miss Frances Tutt, of Colborne, Ont.

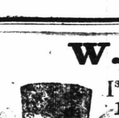
In Lisadel, at the residence of the bride's stepfather, on the 28th ult., by the Rev. Mr. Scott, Mr. Stephen Wallace, of Walkerton, to Miss Sarah Ann Hinds, of Lisadel.

DIED.

At Byron, Minnesota, on Tuesday the 2nd inst., Agnes Elizabeth, aged three months and ten days, daughter of Rev. R. Forbes of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On Friday 5th inst., Susannah, wife of Donald Bruce, aged 22 years and 6 months.

W. M. SAVAGE



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G. M. Trueman's Sale Register.

April 11.—Farm Stock, Graham Brothers Lot 10, front con., Lake Shore, Ashfield, W. D.
April 12.—Farm Stock, Mr. W. Kennedy, Lot 2, 2nd con., Ashfield, E. D.
April 18.—Art Sale Rooms, Captain Cox's late Huron Hotel, Sale Rooms, Goderich.
April 19.—Mortgage Sale of Land, Lots 14 & 15, Maitland con., Colborne, at Sale Rooms, Goderich.
April 25.—Household Furniture &c., of the Raffenbury Hotel, Clinton.
May 1st.—Mortgage Sale of Lands at Sale Rooms, North 1/2 Lot 24, 6 con., and Lot 18, 4th con., Wawanosh.
May 1st.—Real Estate, property of W. D. Allan. 1312

New Advertisements.

Insolvent Act of 1869.

IN the County Court of the County of Huron

ALEXANDER HARVEY, JOHN STEWART and T. J. McPHERSON Plaintiffs.

vs.

AMOS MARTIN, Defendant.

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