John Sunday, Paris, was burned to the ground, nothing being saved, on Saturday morning. The proprietor of this foundry, Mr. Spencer, was a proposition from the Town Council to establish a foundry there.

A disgraceful affair between two men took place in a church in London Township at last Sunday morning. They fought fiercely for several minutes. Both were arrested and fined $10 for disturbing public worship.

The action of Rev. Gavin Lang, Sir Hugh Allan and other members of Presbyterian Union in Montreal to obtain an injunction restraining the Unionists from using the old Kirk, had been dismissed.

A few days ago Mr. Hamburger, one of the oldest settlers in the township of North Easthope, was totally injured by the bursting of a chopping stone, a fragment striking him on the leg and smashing it in a dreadful manner. He only lived a few hours.

The Belleville Intelligencer has been shown a counterfeit twenty-five cent piece, which was taken in change by a business man. It is a capital imitation, so far as the execution of the work is concerned, the cutting being as well done as in the genuine, and is well calculated to deceive. The rim is somewhat defective, and the surface is smooth, but it is a very clever counterfeit, and business men should be on their guard.

A rumor is current in Boston that the Grand Trunk Railway hopes to get control of the Eastern Railroad, and gain an outlet at Boston. It is claimed that English capitalists controlling the former road already have possession of above half of the first mortgage bonds of the Eastern, and hope to throw the road into bankruptcy, and eventually into possession of the Grand Trunk.

The Quebec Government has introduced a Bill to abolish the portfolio of Minister of Public Instruction in the Cabinet and to place the educational affairs of the Province under the control of a Superintendent, who will have to assist him a Roman Catholic Board of Education over which he will preside, and in which he will have a vote, and a Protestant Board over which he will also preside but in which he cannot vote.

A scamp pretending to be dumb and giving his name as C. H. Morgan, advertised for several days last week that the Morgan family would give an entertainment in the St. Mary's town hall on Saturday evening. During Saturday he canvassed the town selling tickets, and succeeded it is said to the amount of about $60. He succeeded further in buying from several of our merchants small amounts varying from $5 to $15 worth "on tick." Saturday evening found him "minus." He has since been arrested in Hamilton for forging a note in Paris.

Burglars broke into Messrs. Lockhart & Haldan's dry goods store, Toronto, on Sunday, and were caught in the act of removing about $4,000 worth of goods from the premises. The names of the prisoners are, Alfred Moyle, Frederick Ryneau and Andrew Smith, two of them, Smith and Ryneau, being well known to the police as bad characters. They affected an entrance from Mr. Fiskin's office adjoining, by cutting a hole through the brick wall. The porter coming down in the afternoon at 4 o'clock, tried the lock, but not getting in, he alarmed the police, surrounded the store and nabbed the burglars as they tried to escape. They had the silks nicely arranged in parcels. They had also a full set of burglars tools. The prisoners are old offenders.

WIDE AWAKE for December is ready. It is dazzling with pictures, and displays a tempting table of contents. Besides the serial of child-life, "Young Rick," there are six good stories: "Kim's Last Whipping." "Tim's Partner," "Mysie's Thanksgiving," "The Bird's Harvest," "Out of the Frying Pan," and "Five Pounds of Cinnamon," by Sophie May, Amanda M. Douglas, Miss Farman, Mrs. J. D. Chaplin, M. Quad, and Helme Maxwell, besides two or three bright and good papers, "Birds' Nest Song," by Ella Rodeman Church, and "Franklin's Courtships and Marriage," by Rev. J. Chaplin, and "The Bears of Berne," by C. G. T. There are poems by Noel Benton, Miss Farman, Marion Douglas, and Helme Maxwell, together with a double-paged one, "Silver Locks and the Bears," by Clara Doty Bates, with six capital illustrations by Mrs. Finley, "Parlor Pastimes," by the popular "Amusement Man," George B. Bartlett, the musical pages Dr. Tourjee, and the editorial department, are unusually good this month. D. Lothrop & Co., Boston, $2.00 per annum. We club this magazine with the *Signal* for the sum of $3 per annum.

Any man who has been suspected of kissing the 'hired girl,' whether justly or no, will appreciate this from the Marquette Mining *Journal*: "A lady in this city suspected that her husband was in the habit of kissing Katy, the cook, and resolved to detect him in the act. After watching for a few days she heard him come in one evening and pass quietly through into the kitchen. Now Katy was out that evening, and the kitchen was dark. Burning with jealousy, the injured wife took a few match es in her hand, and hastily throwing a shawl over her head, as Katy sometimes did, entered the kitchen by the back door and was almost immediately seized and embraced in the most ardent manner. With her heart almost bursting with rage and jealousy, the injured wife prepared to administer a terrible rebuke to her faithless spouse. Tearing herself from his fond embrace, she struck a match and stood face to face with—the hired man. Her husband says his wife never treated him so well since the first month they were married as she has for the last few days."

BLESSINGS BRIGHTEN AS THEY TAKE THEIR FLIGHT,—If you have a good head of hair, take care of it; once gone and we realize its loss far more than we appreciate its presence. The BEARINE is taking the place of all other hair dressings, because it is healthful to the hair and delightful to use. 1502

The Signal and Western Advertiser & Weekly Liberal for 1876.

In response to numerous enquiries, we may say that we are now enabled to offer the SIGNAL and the *Western Advertiser & Weekly Liberal* (London Ont.,) with premium Map of Ontario (regular price $1.60 per year), for $2.40 per year, free of postage, giving the balance of this year free to new subscribers. The regular price of the SIGNAL alone is $1.50 per year.

We shall be glad at all times to receiv items of local news, reports of meetings, accidents, or any incident of interest either in the locality where it occurs or to the county at large. Such matter may be sent at the rate of one cent per oz. if marked Printer's Copy and not sealed. To ensure publication in any particular issue it should reach the office not later than Monday evening.

An inquest was held in Toronto last week on the body of an infant found dead in its mother's arms, who was arrested with a bottle of whiskey in her possession. A verdict of "Died from want of proper nourishment,' was returned.

The most singular freak of nature can be seen in a tree in Nevada. It is half pine and half fir. It is a good sized tree, perhaps seventy-five feet high. The body from the ground to a distance of thirty feet is pine. Then for a distance of twenty feet it is fir. The remaining twenty-five feet, like the lower portion, is pine. The fir portion of the tree is in a very flourishing condition. The foliage on that part is so dense that the trunk or limbs can hardly be seen through it. On the pine portion the leaves are rather scarce. The tree is near the road, and has been noticed by nearly all who ever passed that way. It is a rare curiosity, and well worth seeing.

Grand Trunk Railway

TRAINS WILL LEAVE GODERICH AS FOLLOWS:

No. 1 Express, 7.00 a. m., for Toronto, London and Buffalo.
No. 7 Mixed, 9.15 a. m., for Stratford.
No. 3 Mail Express 12.30 p. m., for Toronto, Buffalo and Detroit.
No. 9 Mixed, 3.00 p. m.,

TRAINS WILL ARRIVE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 8 Mixed, 11.30 a. m., from Stratford.
No. 2 Mail Express 2.30 p. m., from Toronto, Detroit and Buffalo.
No. 10 Mixed, 7.00 p. m., from Stratford.
No. 4 Express, 10.15 p. m., from Buffalo.

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CLUB RATES

We are getting up a County Club with the WEEKLY SIGNAL, and hope all desiring to subscribe will send in names at once. Call and see our club rates with other papers also. All subscribers to the SIGNAL will get the GLOBE and other papers at here rates free of postage. New subscribers desiring to club with the SIGNAL now will get the GLOBE to January 1st, 1877, thus getting the balance of this year free. Terms cash in advance.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, DEC. 1, 1875.

Ontario Legislature

On Wednesday last the first Session of the third Parliament opened in a preliminary meeting, the business of which was the selection of a Speaker. Rumor had it that beside the Government and Opposition aspirants for the office, there was "another Richard in the field," but the split in the Government ranks which was spoken of did not manifest itself. Mr. Mowat in a short speech proposed the late Speaker, Mr. Wells, member for South Bruce, hoping that the nominee would meet with the favor of the Opposition, his two years' experience in that capacity making him the most capable person to fill the position. Mr. P. Gow seconded the nomination, but before it was carried, Mr. Cameron, the nominal leader of the Opposition, made a verbal protest in which he accused Mr. Wells of inefficiency; but the House seemed satisfied with the nominee, and no opposition was offered. The Speaker was conducted to the chair, and after he had briefly thanked the members, the House adjourned.

The grand and formal opening took place on Thursday, when the Lieut.-Governor, in the presence of a gathering of the *elite* of the city, delivered his address to the House. Nothing of any great interest was announced in the address; a bill was promised to extend the system of voting by ballot to by-laws requiring the public assent, and the suggestion was made that, with the experience now possessed of the working of the new election act, some improvements to make it more perfect would be advisable. Reference was made to the desire of the Chief Superintendent of the Educational Department to resign his office, and the probability that the House would be called upon to discuss the advisability of placing the control of the department in the hands of a minister of the Crown; also to the inadequate accommodation in public asylums for idiots and insane persons, and suggesting that greater accommodation be furnished. At the conclusion of the speech, His Excellency retired, and a short and unimportant session ensued, the House adjourning at 4:25 p. m.

Friday was a sort of field day in the House, a debate upon the motion to reply to the Lieutenant-Governor's speech occupying the entire day. Dr. Widdifield, member for North York, moved the reply in a speech of considerable ability, in which he expressed his entire confidence in the gentlemen at the head of the Government, and showed himself to be of that independent and progressive character most needed in the House. He referred to the election act, and stated that its provisions were too stringent in some respects, which fact unless remedied would restrain persons from undertaking an election contest. An opinion favorable to the appointment of a Minister of Education was expressed. Mr. Ferris seconded the motion, and among other matters referred to the use the ballot in municipal elections, which he thought would be found cumbersome and inefficient; and speaking of the abolition of the liquor traffic, he reminded the members that it should not be made a political question, but that both parties should meet harmoniously upon this ground. Messrs. McDougall and Cameron were frequently on their feet harping upon the threadbare stories about purity and corruption. Mr. Mowat furnished the Opposition leaders with the information they professed to be seeking after, and caused them frequently to bite their nagor nails meditatively by his cutting retorts to their unreasonable remarks. Dr. Clarke accused the Government of being lukewarm in the prohibition cause, in not promising a measure in the premises. Mr. McDougall took up this cue, and for the first time found that he was a prohibitionist, and proceeded to rate the government soundly. After exhausting the usual programme of his campaign speeches, he attempted to ridicule the Reform party because no startling reforms were promised in the opening speech, and called attention to one which he expected, viz: The abolition of the Chancery Court, after the example of Great Britain. Mr. Fraser followed in a scathing speech, in which he showed up the duplicity of Mr. MacDougall in his political career. Dr. Tupper read the members a lecture upon the impropriety of indulging in personalities, and then attacked the Commissioner of Public Works tooth and nail. In the course of his speech he brought out his published figured up the state of public morality by means of the "rule of three," and the result was that he proved to his own satisfaction that the Tory party was purest and that its 37 representatives received 165,600 votes whilst the 51 Government supporters only received 104,826 votes. Some further discussion followed, when the debate was adjourned until Monday.

FATHER A. BRABANT, Catholic missionary, was brutally murdered at Barclay Sound, Vancouver Island, by an Indian chief, in the early part of last month. It appears that a neighboring tribe of Indians had the small pox in their midst, and some of the men having forced themselves in the midst of their neighbor's camp communicated the disease and the chief Matlahow lost his wife, sister and two daughters by it. The chief burned for vengeance, and the priest, who had assisted to bury the poor victims, went to Matlahow's residence to endeavor to pacify him, but in the interview his passion broke out in a cruel storm and seizing a shot gun he discharged its contents into the breast of the poor priest. He lingered for some days, but when H. M. gunboat Rocket reached the spot in response to the message sent by the wounded man, he was dead. He is spoken of as a zealous and christian man, and the effort to which he was working—to conciliate the antagonism of two savage tribes—showed that he could not have died in a better cause.

Boreas on the Rampage

THE HARBOR OF REFUGE.

SUNDAY NIGHT'S GALE, AND ITS EFFECT UPON THE SHIPPING.

A REMEDY NEEDED.

Sunday night witnessed the fiercest gale of the season. A strong wind, accompanied by snow, blew from the lake with powerful effect. In the early part of the evening the air was mild, but towards morning it turned colder, and when the inhabitants were roused from their warm couches they woke to a realization of the fact that winter had set in. At an early hour an alarm was given that some of the vessels had got loose in the harbor, and the crews and vessel owners were soon on the spot, and found the schooners C. J. Wells, Ontario, Heather Bell and Admiral driven up into the cove at the Grand Trunk dock beating and dashing against each other at every swell of the agitated water. The swell was very heavy and strong, and as the water dashed in spray over everything which opposed its course dock, vessels, shrouds, tackling, &c., were coated in ice, and the scene was indeed desolate and dreary. After a good deal of trouble, the truant vessels were moored, and busy hands were soon at work clearing off the wreck and putting things ship shape. No estimate can be made yet of the extent of the damage done, but it will figure high. The C. J. Wells, a handsome three-masted schooner was badly injured; her top mast was knocked off by coming in contact with the tower of the Grank Trunk elevator as she drifted by, and in falling the point struck the deck first and made a neat hole through it, and it penetrated into the salt which lay in the hold; the topgallant and royal yards were smashed, her starboard quarters was badly crushed, her rigging torn and carried away and her bowsprit gone. She chafed against the dock until her fenders were ground to splinters, and the damage done by straining must be considerable. When the top mast fell, about two o'clock in the morning, the crew were all on board, but luckily none of them were hurt. This vessel had been moved just below the Grand Trunk elevator, and had out a new nine inch cable which parted like a pipe stem with the straining of the vessel.

The Ontario was much damaged by the Wells running into her, crushing her jib-boom and springing her bow sprit badly. Her rigging was considerably torn, particularly in her head gear.

The Heather Bell arrived on Sunday afternoon with a load of coal, and moored in front of Detlor's warehouse. She was in care of the ship keeper when the gale was at its height, and he fearing that she might break loose went for assistance to make her more secure. When she did break loose, she turned completely around, and her bowsprit ran between the two masts of the little schooner Admiral which was laying at anchor in the open water, and carried her into the bow of the Wells. She lost her bowsprit, jib-boom, windlass; her traffail was smashed, shrouds torn, rigging badly injured; and her foremast was so badly splintered as to be useless. The Heather Bell lost a large portion of her head gear, her jib-boom smashed and her rail split. She suffered considerable straining. The Admiral had just come from Sarnia, and was moored at about 7 p. m., but when the gale rose she chafed so severely against the dock that the captain slewed her out into the basin and let go his anchor; but the Heather Bell made the precaution unavailing. Capt. Spence, of the Nemesis, got his vessel well out in the baisin and rode at anchor during the night safely.

When the Wells passed the Grand Trunk elevator, her foremast broke a considerable hole in the tower, and knocked off some of the iron sheathing. One of Messrs. Secord, Gozzens & Co's. lumber piles was upset by the waves, but the greater portion was recovered; and Mr. Williams had to fish some of his lumber out of the water.

It is a sad burlesque to style our harbor a "harbor of refuge"—one in which the force of the waves causes vessels to snap nine inch cables; which are not safe when well fastened to the dock, and when it is necessary for them to have their anchors out. A remedy is certainly needed, for lake captains are learning to avoid rather than seek the harbor for refuge. During the stiffest gales we have, Nor' Westers, the basin is far from what it ought to be.

The loss is difficult to be estimated, but the vessels are all insured, and the loss will be covered. Both the Wells and Admiral were about loading salt, but both vessels will have to winter here.

LAST WEEK the authorities arrested ex-Alderman Clements, of Toronto, on a charge of complicity in the procuring of abortion on the person of Jane Vaughan Gillmour. It is stated that he was the seducer of she girl, and a confession made by Dr. Davis and his wife is to the effect that Clements brought the deceased to the office of Davis and paid him $200 for doing his horrible work. If the statements of the murderer are to be relied upon, Clements has got himself into a dangerous position; and the magistrate before whom he was brought on Friday last, recognizing this fact, refused to admit him to bail but remanded him until next Friday for trial, Clements was a very popular man in his district, and if he is the victim of mistaken surpicion he deserves sincere sympathy, but if the crime laid to his charge is a fact a severe example will no doubt be made of one who represents a class who have generally escaped their dues.

HON. MR. CURRIE has given notice of a motion to introduce a bill to dispense with grand juries in the courts of Ontario. This is certainly a "big push" in the direction of civilization. It has become a general belief that trial by jury is not so reliable as it was once deemed; but it will be some time before Mr. Currie's proposition will be carried. The subject will have to receive much ventilation before it can be adopted.

A NORMAL SCHOOL for Western Ontario has been advocated freely by the papers in London, St. Thomas and other places, and last week we suggested that, among the other places which had pressed their claims for the possession of the institution, Goderich should appear. Mr. W. M. Savage, it will be seen by our report of the Town Council proceedings, has taken the initiative and the advantages which Goderich offers of a healthy, convenient location will be laid before the proper authorities.

HON WM. MCDOUGALL has received a shilling's damages from the *Globe*, for defamation of his character, that paper having charged him with manipulating Governmental authority to benefit his own interests. He sued for $50,000 and got 25 cents, and the privilege of paying his own costs.

THE Toronto *Sun*, in referring to a number of the recent elections, says, "It behooves somebody to go out with a club, and stir up that Conservative Reaction, of which we have heard so much and seen so little."

A young man named Edward Murphy received serious injuries on Thursday, by a tree falling on him, while chopping on Mr. John Porter's farm, in Pusluch.

Town Council.

Council met Friday evening, the Mayor in the chair, and the Deputy Reeve and Councillors, Campbell, A. Watson, Seymour, Savage, Passmore, Small, Grahame, Finlay, G. B. Johnston, Sloan and Ryan, present.

Communication from Squier and McColl, asking Council to instruct the collector not to collect taxes on the income of Judge Toms, as it is exempt by statute. Mr. A. Watson said the only way it could be done now, was to pay the taxes and ask Council to remit; the Council had no power to instruct the collector as asked. Mr. Sloan moved and it was resolved to leave the matter to a special committee, composed of the Mayor, Reeve and Deputy Reeve and Messrs. Small and Finlay. Mr. D. Watson thought the Council should have a solicitor to refer to such matters and to give advice generally.

Communication from John Runciman, asking Council to reconsider their resolution to keep back 20 per cent. of his contract for the sewer until the matter was completed. Mr. D. Watson asked that the communication be received and filed; he was ashamed of the way this main sewer and open drain were managed from the first, and felt that he, as a member of the Board of Public Works, was to blame for it as well as the rest of the Board; it was mismanaged from the beginning; and was not prosecuted with due diligence; the contract with Mr. Runciman was loosely drawn, which proved the necessity of the Council appointing a solicitor to whom such matters could be referred; he did not think Mr. Runciman entitled to what he asked; he was ashamed of the whole matter and considered the drain an eye sore to the public, the blame of which could only be laid on the shoulders of the Board of Works. Mr. A. Watson said the Board of Works thought that by holding back 20 per cent. they were doing all that was necessary; the contract was correct enough, but the error, if any, was in not taking sufficient security; that 15 or even 20 per cent. might be held back in such cases; Mr. Runciman's tender was the lowest, and, having concluded a previous contract satisfactorily, the Board had confidence in him, and did not bind him down as strongly perhaps as they otherwise would; Mr. Runciman was unfortunate this time, not being able to get men and having no means and the ground being too difficult to work, but he did the most of it and by far the worst. Mr. Watson said that extraordinary negligence was exhibited in this matter and he wished to record his opinion; he did not blame Mr. Runciman as much as the Board of Works and the Council would see next spring that the drain was a failure; this was the only matter he felt ashamed of since his connection with the Council. Communication received and filed.

Communication from Mr. John Longworth, calling the attention of the Council to a street between Elgin and the Brittania Road on which nothing had been expended since 1850 and that he has several lots in that section on which he is compelled to pay exhorbitant taxes —Received and filed.

Petition from Mrs. Hillier, Mrs. McCaig, Mrs. Ann Donagh, Mrs. Duffy and Mrs. Ainsworth, asking to have their taxes remitted as they were not able to pay them themselves. Also petition from Mrs. Mark Whitely stating that her property is over assessed and that she got no notice or she would have appealed. Mr. D. Watson thought these matters should be referred to the Finance committee who could report to the Council. Mr. Seymour suggested that other similar petitions would be received and that all should go to the Finance committee as received—Sent to Finance.

Petition of Mr. J. McEwen and Mr. A. T. Halliday notifying Council to remove a stable and a quantity of debris now standing on Raglan street; and to fill the drain in that section as it is over five feet deep. Mr. D. Watson thought these parties were entitled to what they asked so far as the drain was concerned; they had good ground of complaint. Mr. A. Watson said that Mr. Halliday was the only man who had reason to complain and he would not have signed the petition with his own free will; it was all ill will and spite on the part of Mr. McEwen as the drain was on the opposite side of the street from him and did not inconvenience him in the least; he (Mr. Watson) was doing his best and would not be dictated to by any man, he did not care who he was; he thought the petition should be received and filed. Mr. Campbell thought it proper to refer the matter to the Public Works Committee to advise with the parties and endeavor to settle amicably. Mr. Seymour referred the parties to a town by-law which provides for the removal of obstructions, &c. The petition was sent to the Public Works Committee so far as the filling of the drain is concerned.

Report of the Harbor Committee was laid over. Mr. Seymour said the conclusion arrived at was, that if the Government would assume the responsibility, the committee thought it better to leave the docks under the control of the Government on the condition that they are kept in repair. Mr. Campbell felt sure the Government would have nothing to do with the docks and he thought the commercial docks ought to be under the control of the town. Mr. D. Watson thought the Government should hold the docks as it would only be a source of trouble to the town.

Report of P. W. Committee was adopted. Report of Finance Committee adopted.

Report of street Inspector that he had taken care of the lumber for main sewer; and that the water was running freely in the open drain. Mr. A. Watson stated that the water was following the course of the drain properly and the sand on the sides was not filling up the drain. The following accounts were sent to finance: John Bates $2 for rent of room at last election; Wm. Reid for meals to paupers; T. Weatherald for attendance on arbitration on Ransford road, and also work on town park, $58; T. J. Moorhouse, stationery, $20; T. Johnson for meals to paupers, $13.72; Goderich Manufacturing Co. for work and stuff on old engine house, $5; W. Ball for flour to paupers, $15.13. Mr. D. Watson said all these paupers should be sent to the jail. Account of Mr. Gascas for glazing $2, sent to finance.

By-law of 1875 for appointing deputy returning officers and places, &c., for election booths was read, and after passing through the usual forms was passed. Mr. Savage stated that the Government of Ontario was about establishing a Normal School in some eligible point in this Province, and he moved that the Government be wrfiten to pointing out the advantages of Goderich. A special committee, consisting of the Mayor and Messrs. Garrow and Savage, was appointed to attend to the matter and report.

Council then adjourned.

EXETER.

MARKETS.—Wheat 90 to 92, oats 30, peas 55 to 60, potatoes 25 to 30, butter 16 to 18.

PATENT GRANTED.—Mr. J. Smale, a shoemaker in the employ of Mr. Fanson of Exeter, has received a patent for a seamless shoe.

AMPUTATED.—The man Pomworthy, who had his hand cut by the saw in Pickard's mill some days since has been forced to suffer amputation of two of his fingers.

WOOLEN MILLS.—Mr. Geo. Kilpatrick will, next spring, erect a woolen mill in place of the one recently destroyed.

BRUCEFIELD.

SERIOUS AFFRAY.—A stabbing affair of nearly a fatal character occurred here one evening lately. It appears that a number of boys were engaged in snowballing and otherwise annoying an able-bodied loafer, named Malcom McGregor the latter, being partially drunk. One young man on venturing too close received a stab with a jack-knife. The knife passed into the thigh making a gash about three inches long and severing the formoral vein. Before he reached Dr. Stewart's office he was about exhausted from loss of blood. His wound was there attended to and he is now doing well.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

THANKS.—*A*, M. Ross, M. P. P., has our thanks for parliamentary papers.

WM. KAY has just received a lot of Snow Excluders, an ingenious kind of overshoe. Call and see them.

TOO LATE.—"Consistency's" last letter came too late for publication. Will appear next week.

GENERAL SERVANT wanted in a small family. Particulars at the SIGNAL office.

CHANGE OF TIME.—Our readers will notice that a change has been made in the arrival and departure of trains. See time table in another column.

LEGAL.—A man named Purcel was on Monday committed to jail on a charge of theft from Messrs. Wright & Foster, of Clinton, and taking money from another person.

POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY.—We need only say of the December issue of this fine publication that it is equal to its predecessors. Some articles on natural history are especially attractive.

KENNEDY TO-NIGHT.—We need not remind our reader that they will miss a great treat by not visiting Oddfellows Hall this evening, as almost every person has decided to be present.

PERSONAL.—We are glad to learn that Mr. Jas. Stewart, of Maitlandville, who was a few days ago not expected to live is rapidly recovering from an attack of congestion of the brain.

SEAFORTH FOUNDRY QUESTION.—The proposition of the Goderich Foundry Co., to the Council of Seaforth will be considered in conjunction with two other proposals at the next meeting of that body.

CANADIAN SILVER MINING CO.—The shares of this company an now quoted at $12.50 in consequence of the encouraging reports from the mine. Mr Dixie Watson is agent here for the sale of stock.

TAILORING.—The tailoring department at Crofts & Johnston's is in a flourishing condition. Their new cutter, Mr. Gillett, brought with him from the city a first class staff of workmen.—The garments they are turning out is a credit to the establishment.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—The firm of Garrow & Walker, Attorneys, Solicitors, &c. has been dissolved, and both gentlemen will carry on business the former in the new office on the corner of Hamilton St. and the Square, and the latter in the old office of the firm on West St.

VENISON.—Last week Messrs. Thos. Weatherald and R. Fritzley visited the swamps in Stephen, and brought back with them two fine deer which attracted considerable attention at Mr. Stephen Andrew's meat shop. Mr. Sloan of Dungannon, also brought one to Mr. Andrews from Ashfield.

PETER'S MUSICAL MONTHLY.—The Household Melodies published by J. L. Peters, 843 Broadway, New York, for this month conclude seven beautiful songs printed on fine paper and in neat form. This periodical is a great favorite with lovers of music, as it deserves to be. Single copies sell for 40 cents, and the music which the present number contains, costs, in sheet form, $2.20.

SAFE IN PORT.—The Schooner *Penokee* was last week successfully relieved from her perilous position, and started for Port Huron. She received no damage of account. The Jenny Rumball, which relieved her of part of her load, left for Port Huron on Saturday to restore it to that vessel, which is bound for Buffalo.

CANADIAN METHODIST MAGAZINE.—This magazine improves with every issue, and the number for December is full of interest, containing articles touching subjects of general import. Admirable portraits of Moody and Sankey also appear. S. Rose, Toronto, is the publishers. Only $2 a year, single copies 20 cts.

SOCIAL EVENING.—A social will be given in North Street Methodist Church by the Ladies Aid Association, on Friday evening next. An excellent programme, including an excellent bill of fare, music and an address by Rev. W. R. Parker, M. A., of London, has been prepared, and those who will be present will certainly have every means furnished them of enjoyment. Tickets 20 cts., tea served at 7 p. m.

THE CLOSE SEASON.—A conductor named Daley, on the W. G. & B. R. had a barrel of fish at Guelph, on the 18th ult. Mr. Kerr, Inspector of Fisheries, has received instructions to prosecute him and the skipper, and also the N. R. and G. T. R. for carrying the fish over their roads. The close season for white fish and salmon trout ended on the 30th ult. Our fishermen and the public should take note of the stringency of the law.

GRAND LODGE I. O. G. T.—The annual meeting took place at Guelph last week, and was well attended. Mr. John Wynn being the delegate from Goderich. The following is a summary of the statistics of the year:—Number of lodges now in existence, 743; lodges instituted during the year, 189; total numbers, 37,219; initiated during the year, 19,149; reinstated, 1,332; admitted by card, 764. Mr. Wynn was appointed one of the auditors on credentials.

NEW CHANDELIERS.—Last week two handsome bronze chandeliers, with twelve lights in each were put into the North Street church. They were lit up for the first time on Sunday last, and the effect was admirable, furnishing abundance of light where before a deficiency was noticeable. The chandeliers were bought from Messrs. Kerr & Mackenzie, and cost $45 each. The appliances for raising and lowering will cost extra.

DEATH OF A LATE GODERICH MAN.—From a letter addressed to Mr. E. Campaign, we learn of the death of Dr. Wm. Beckett, who was on a visit to Goderich last summer for the benefit of his health. His death occurred shortly after his return to Jamaica, on the 27th of September. Many will learn the sad information with regret, as the deceased was well known and much respected in Goderich. The remains were brought to Richmond, Ont., for interment.

DIRECTORY FOR HURON.—It is now about seven years since a directory for this County was published, and the lack of an authentic one is much felt in business circles. We are pleased to announce that Mr. John C. Currie is making preparations for the publication of a complete directory of the County, which will contain valuable information for business men and others and furnish as excellent advertising medium. Full particulars are given in our advertising columns.

GAS IN GODERICH.—The scheme of lighting the town with gas is taking practical shape, and we have now before us a stock list awaiting the signatures of those who see the advisability of undertaking the project. Mr. Geo. McKenzie has manifested his enterprise and liberality to public schemes, by taking stock to the value of $1,000. Shares are fixed at $25 each, and the list is now in this office where those wishing to take stock in the proposed company may sign their names. We have no doubt but the desired amount of capital—between $5,000 and $10,000—will easily be obtained, as many are anxious to add this improvement to the town.

METHODIST MISSIONS.—Sermons in behalf of the Methodist Missionary Society will be preached in the Methodist churches in this town, on Sabbath next. In the North St. church the Rev. Manly Benson, of Stratford, will preach in the morning, and the Rev. W. R. Parker, M. A., of London, the chairman of the London District, in the evening. In the Brock St. church Mr. Parker will conduct the morning and Mr. Benson the evening service. The anniversary meeting will be held in the North St. Church on Monday evening, and in Brock St. on Tuesday evening: Deputation: the ministers already named and Rev. James Laird of Bayfield. A collection will be taken up at each service in aid of the funds of the society.

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—Those interested should bear in mind that the entrance examination to the High School begins next week. This is the only opportunity to pass before next June.

PERSONAL.—The Rev. W. C. Henderson, M. A., delivered a lecture on the subject of Courtship and Marriage in the Central Methodist church, Stratford on Tuesday evening.

ALWAYS THE CASE.—The first assembly of the season in Stratford was a fine affair, and the *Beacon* says: "The belle of the ball' in the estimation of many, was a bright-eyed brunette, from the shores of Lake Huron." A Goderich lady, of course.

TO VOLUNTEERS.—It seems to be the custom of volunteers in some parts of the country to wear their regimental overcoats in the winter months. This is strictly against regulations, and renders the offender liable to $20 fine. The authorities intend being very strict this winter on the subject, so volunteers should be careful.

Y. M. C. A. SOCIAL.—The regular monthly social will take place at the rooms on Thursday evening next, when a pleasant evening may be anticipated, various amusements being furnished and a programme of music, &c, will be rendered. This entertainment is for the members of the association and their lady friends. At the close the papers in the reading room will be sold at auction.

REGISTERED LETTER STAMPS.—The new stamps to be used in payment of registration fees are, for all letters passing through the Dominion, 2 cents; for United States letters and for parcels in the Dominion, 5 cents, and for letters for the United Kingdom, 8 cents. These stamps are of a good design, red, green and blue respectively, and being conspicious, will, to a large extent, obviate the overlooking of registered letters in sorting the mails, which sometimes now occurs. They are to be placed on the *left* hand corner of the letters, while the postage stamps are to be placed on the *right* hand upper corner.

SUMMER HOTEL CO.—At a meeting of the directors on Thursday last, the resignation of Mr H. Cooke was accepted and Mr. Alex. Allan was elected President of the Co. The different plans were then examined, and those of Messrs. Parafest & Bros. of Brooklyn, N. Y. accepted conditionally and then Secretary was instructed to write then stating the conditions, and if they agreed to the terms, one of the firm to come here at once and lay out the ground, making such alterations in the plan as the directors may advise or he may suggest. There will be another business meeting at an early day, when it is trusted something substantial will be presented to the public. The stock books are still open to receive subscribers and a fresh effort will be made to increase the capital.

THE LUMBER TRADE.—In addition to the article which we published two weeks ago relative to the extent of the business in lumber done here, we append some further items. The firm of Williams & Murray has been doing a very good business for some years, and during the past summer 4,655,000 feet of lumber have been received, of which already 3,370,000 feet have been disposed, the remaining portion being stored in the yards at the dock. Mr. Murray has charge of the mills of the firm which are situated at Blind River, Algoma, and the greater portion of the stock is brought to this port. The lumber business has been disposed of almost as soon as it arrived, and many vessels loaded direct on the cars. A good portion of it was furnished to the London, Huron and Bruce Railway, and sales were made throughout the Province generally.

T. M. E. CHURCH SOCIAL.—On Tuesday evening of last week a very pleasant social took place in the Methodist Episcopal church. The attendance was good, and the refreshments provided being excellent and tempting, ample justice was done to the spread. Everything was done by those in charge to supply the demands of varied tastes and keen appetites, and the ladies particularly earned high praise. After the substantial feast was consumed, C. Crabb, Esq., was called to the chair, and after a few remarks introduced Rev Mr. Griffin, of Manchester, who gave a soundly argumentative discourse upon Temperance, in which he expressed the very sensible opinion, that tavern keepers should not be cried down and abused as they sometimes are for selling liquor, for the laws of the country made their business legitimate and beyond abuse. Mr. J. H. Wood, of Woodstock, recited "Joe and Bill" with excellent effect, and was followed by Rev. Mr. Benson, of Strathroy in a few remarks. An election took place in which the married people and the single people were pitted against each other, the prize being a handsome cake, and the young people carried the day by a majority of thirty votes. The sum of $21.70 was realized from this source. Music was furnished by the choir, and altogether the affair was a great success.

COLBORNE.

TEA MEETING.—The following is the programme of the opening services in Lobburn Presbyterian Church, on Sunday next, Dec. 5th:—Sermons by the Rev. J. Sieveright, at 11 a.m., by Rev. R. Ure at 2 p. m., and by Rev. A. G. Hartly, at 6:30 p. m. Collections in aid of the building fund. On Monday evening a soiree will take place, tea to be served at 6.30 p. m. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Messrs. S. Young, R. Ure, A. G. Hartly, J. Sieveright and others; music by the choir of Knox Church, of Goderich. Admission, 30 cents.

BLYTH.

FOUND DEAD.—A man named Byron Galley was found dead on Friday, in David McConnell's field. He left Holland's Hotel, Bushfield, on Wednesday night about nine o'clock intending to go to Blyth, and not having arrived in Blyth, search was made for him when he was found by Robt. Reed as above. Whiskey is supposed to be the cause. Mr. Galley was a laborer, fifty years of age, and unmarried.

LUCKNOW.

PROGRESS.—Lucknow is to have a steam saw-mill and a new planing mill.

THE SHOW.—It has been definitely settled to open the Arts Exhibition on Tuesday the 14th inst., and to be kept open for four days.

CHURCH OPENING.—The Methodist Church, after undergoing repairs to the extent of $650, was formally re opened on Sunday of last week.

ACCIDENT.—A threshing machine was left in Mr. Alton's barn, and some boys were playing with it recently. A son of Mr. Alton's was oiling the cogs and some of the other boys started the cylinder, crushing the boy's index finger and adjoining one so badly that Dr. McGregor found it necessary to amputate them.

SEAFORTH AND VICINITY.

OBITUARY.—Mrs. S. Powell, who, it was announced last week underwent a dangerous surgical operation in Toronto and was doing nicely, died on the morning of the 21st ult.

MACHINE SHOP.—Mr. R. Runciman, of Goderich, has leased the premises now occupied by Messrs. Gray & Scott, and intends opening a finishing and mill-wright shop about the 20th of December.

ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday of last week, a young man named John Daley was at the Merchants' salt works with a horse and wagon for the purpose of getting some salt. He was standing in the wagon and stooped down to take the tail board out, when the horse made a start, causing him to lose his balance, and fall out of the wagon on the hard ground, breaking his arm. The fracture was set, and the young man is doing well.

NEW TEACHERS.—The trustees of the Seaforth Public School have engaged a male teacher for the second division in the person of a Mr. Andrew Graham, of Trowbridge, at a salary of $450. For the junior department a Miss Anderson, of Milton, has been engaged at a salary of $350. There were 75 applications.—*Expositor.*

WINGHAM.

SHARP TRICK.—Two strangers entered a bar room in Wingham and got a $4 bill changed; but just as the bar tender handed over the change he was called to another part of the room, and on his return the fellow who offered the bill said he had not got his change. The bar tender shut the doors and telling the fellows that they could not leave until he found out who got the change, one of the sharpers confessed to receiving it, and they were promptly kicked out.

HORSE DIED.—Mr. A. Shiels of East Wawanosh lost a fine mare four years old, on Tuesday evening last. She caught her hind foot in a rope that was tied around her neck, throwing herself into the manger.

RUN OVER.—A man named James O'Brien, teamster, while driving some railroad men and kits of tools up the gravel near the village on Thursday, 11 inst., fell off the wagon and the wheels passed over his thigh, inflicting severe bruises.—*Times.*

PETTY THEFTS.—On Monday night some person took a piece of pork, weighing about 40 pounds, from Mr. Adam's wagon, which was standing in the street. The pork was afterwards found behind a potato pit in a field close by. On the same evening a large fish was taken out of a barrel in front of Mr J. Robinson's grocery.—*Advance.*

BRUSSELS AND VICINITY.

LIBEL.—The editors of the *Post* have been asked to apoligize for certain remarks upon the character of a young man named McCutcheon, lately in their employ; but they are possessed of evidence which warrants them to deny an apology.

MARKETS.—Wheat 85 to 97, barley, 50, oats 30, peas 60, butter 17 to 18, hay $10.

DECEPTION.—One day last week a farmer from Grey township came to town and s