A man named Carnahan, a hotel-keeper in Bothwell, committed suicide on Wednesday by drowning.

At Ottawa, on the 11th inst., John Hughes was tried for the murder of Timothy Foley in 1875, and acquitted.

A young girl named Gorse, aged five years, was run over by a waggon, and died in St. Catharines on Friday.

It is understood that the Grangers of Hinde and Middlemore will have an excursion to the Centennial shortly.

A man, while working on the bank of the Rideau, Ottawa, Thursday afternoon, received a slight stroke and died shortly afterwards.

A married woman, about 40 years of age, named Rebecca Snow, fell down dead on Wednesday night in Toronto, when under the influence of liquor.

A robbery of fancy goods, jewellery, and other articles to the amount of $1,200 has been committed on Mr. J. F. Alexander, of Montreal.

A dead man named John Carney, aged 50 years, was found dead on Wednesday evening in a barn in Paris. When found he was hanging by the neck.

The steamer Quebec arrived at Sarnia on Wednesday night from Duluth, with 45 passengers and 6,500 barrels of flour. The captain reports ice at Duluth extending ten miles out, and very heavy.

The County Council of Frontenac, through last week favoring a County Dundas Bill, asked for by the temperance delegation, passed in the six month's heist by a vote of 12 to 9.

The Canadian lacrosse teams on Saturday played their last public match in London, Ont. Before they sail—on the 29th inst.—they play a private match for the Prince of Wales.

The crew on the steamer Sir Jas. Young, of the Upper Ottawa, cut his throat last Friday while with a carving knife. Death was almost instantaneous.

William McKay, a Port Rowan constable, attempted to arrest James Harris on Saturday morning, and, on the latter shooting Night McKay shot him twice through the body. He died in twenty minutes.

A little girl about nine years old, named Edwards, narrowly escaped drowning on Wednesday night at the ferry dock, Belleville. She fell into deep water from a boom on which she was walking, but was rescued by a girl about her own age, named Chapman.

A school-house on the ninth con. of Pitney was struck by lightning on Wednesday. A large hole was left in the wall, several desks were upset, but though some of the scholars were temporarily deafened, none were seriously hurt.

At the Court of General Sessions in Guelph, on Thursday, the Rev. G. C. Moore, of Meaford, charged with committing an indecent assault on Mrs. Rosemah Jackson, a coloured woman of the same place, was found guilty, and was fined $125.

Mr. J. D. Edgar was the unanimous choice of the Reform Convention held on Saturday to nominate a candidate for South Ontario. The Conservatives, at an open meeting on the same day, nominated Mr. T. N. Gibbs for the same constituency.

The whole business portion of St. John's, Que., was destroyed by fire on Sunday, entailing the loss reported to be about one million dollars. What makes the calamity still more lamentable is that two women were burned to death. The fire renders three thousand people homeless.

At about eleven o'clock on Friday morning a body was discovered floating down the Niagara River. On being brought to the shore it was found to be the remains of a woman, apparently about thirty-five years of age, fearfully cut about the head and without any clothing on. There are strong suspicions of foul play.

The gang who robbed Father Dugas, of Hochelaga, of $6,000, bank books and wine turns out to be the same who illused a woman, whom they took from her house into an adjoining field in an isolated place. The woman soon after gave birth to a dead born child in the field owing to the rough treatment she received. The gang have been arrested and the empty wine jar, belonging to the priest found in their haunt.

A sad accident occurred in Lakefield on Thursday afternoon, by which Miss Jeanie Sanderson, daughter of Edward Sanderson, of Smith, lost her life. She together with another lady and two gentlemen, started up the lake for a sail when their progress was intercepted by a rope that was stretched from a boom to the main shore. In trying to pass under it the boat capsized.

The Annual Synod of the Church of Scotland was held in Montreal last week, a large number of ministers and elders being present. Rev. David Watson was chosen Moderator. Mr. Duncan McCallum presented a largely signed petition from the congregation of West King, praying for ordinances in connection with the Church of Scotland and complaining of proceedings which had resulted in their being deprived of their church property. Rev. Robert Burnet mentioned a long list of congregations in similar circumstances.

A very daring rescue of a child from drowning by a girl aged 17, named Sheehan, took place in the river at Belleville, on Wednesday. A little boy named Ross, who was playing on some saw logs, fell from a log into the deep water, and though a number of men were near, all were afraid to attempt to save the drowning child, who was rapidly being carried by the swift current towards a dam. Miss Sheehan, seeing the desperation of the case, plunged into the river, swam out and safely brought the little fellow to the shore. It is proposed to reward the young heroine in a substantial manner.

Shortly before midnight on Thursday night the discussion of the Macdonnell case in the General Assembly came to a close. The motion submitted by the Rev. Principal McVicar, declining to receive Mr. Macdonnell's last statement, and referring the matter to a Committee, with instructions to report at a future session of the Assembly, was carried by a majority of 263 to 101. The Rev. Principal Snodgrass dissented from the finding of the Assembly, on the ground that Mr. Macdonnell had clearly stated his position to that body, and in his dissent he was joined by 96 members of the Assembly, among them being Rev. Dr. Ure, of Goderich.

About eight o'clock on Saturday morning when the down express train on the Grand Trunk Railway was coming over the crossing west of Oshawa station, a little boy and girl were noticed apparently trying to see how close they could pass before the train without being caught. The boy passed over safely, but the little girl, about ten years old, daughter of Dennis Wilkins, of South Oshawa, was overtaken and thrown off the crossing, but on account of the slow rate of speed at which the train was running she was not instantly killed, but the doctors do not hold out any hopes of her recovery.

☞The Licensed Victuallers, says the London *Advertiser*, are putting their foot in it in their endeavor by legal means to thwart the recent Ontario License Act. Mr. Hillyard Cameron thinks the Ontario Legislature has a right to fix the rate of licenses, but not to limit the number, the latter power, according to Mr. Hillyard Cameron, being in the domain of "trade and commerce," and belonging only to the Dominion Parliament. This move of the Licensed Victuallers, if successful, can be met in either of two ways: the Ontario Legislature can put licenses up to $500 or $1,000 each, if they cannot limit the number in any direct manner; or the Dominion Parliament, if the power of limitation is declared by the Supreme Court not to belong to the local legislature, can come to the rescue by an enactment sufficiently stringent to meet the case. The liquor interest would have acted wisely had it let well enough alone. It may be found that its activity will amount at the best only to jumping from the frying pan into the fire.

Grand Trunk Railway.

TRAINS WILL LEAVE GODERICH AS FOLLOWS:

No. 1 Express, 7.00 a. m., for Toronto, London and Buffalo.
No. 7 Mixed, 8.45 a. m., for Stratford.
No. 3 Mail Express, 12.30 p. m., for Toronto, Detroit and Buffalo.
No. 9 Mixed, 3.30 p. m.

TRAINS WILL ARRIVE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 8 Mixed, 8.15 a. m., from Stratford.
No. 2 Mail Express, 3.10 p. m., from Toronto, Detroit and Buffalo.
No. 10 Mixed, 7.00 p. m., from Stratford.
No. 4 Express, 10.00 p. m., from Buffalo.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, JUNE 21, 1876.

An Unpleasant Reflection!

In the trial before magistrates of a number of the charges against parties for violations of the new liquor law, an unpleasant feature manifests itself in the efforts put forth by the interested parties in order to affect the decision which may be arrived at. Magistrates, like the rest of humanity, are more or less influenced by views, political and otherwise, and when persons get themselves into trouble their next step after securing a lawyer, should the case be in the jurisdiction of a Magistrate's Court, is to secure a bench of magistrates which will favor them. In the trial of several liquor cases of late, we have noticed this fact; and in such cases the result could be easily guessed, by the known feelings of the magistrates.

It is annoying to admirers of justice to hear people discussing the probable issue of a case thus: "There is Mr. A. and Mr. B. who will surely go straight for us; but C. and D. balance them on the opposite side. If we could only get over E. who is a 'little shaky,' we would be safe." The honest and independent one is styled "shaky," because he will be weighed in his decision by the evidence and not by any particular feeling in the matter. It is certainly painful to think that some people place so little confidence in some magistrates, that they must go drumming about to get this one to sit on the case because he is a temperance man, while others hunt up a man with opposite proclivities. Such a state of affairs is very injurious to the interests of justice, and if these tricks are tried frequently our new liquor law will prove far from effective. Where the evidence is not too convincing to be gainsayed, and a legal quibble may be advanced to defeat a moral conviction in the minds of the magistrates of the guilt or innocence of the accused, justice cannot be expected if the magistrates are swayed by their feelings. If people will endeavor to secure justice as the prize in a game of chance, in this fashion, we may expect soon to see some of our magistrates' courts reduced to the level of the New York courts of not long ago.

The Macdonnell case has not yet been settled. After a lengthy discussion in the Assembly last week, a resolution was passed by a vote of 263 to 101 to the effect that Mr. Macdonnell's statement to the Assembly upon the point at issue was not satisfactory and appointing a committee to confer with him in order to secure a more satisfactory statement. This action seems harsh and unwise, and so ready to concede every fair confession of error has been the one party, and so exacting and inflexible the other, that the 101 dissentients may feel that there is a wider breach between themselves and the rest of their colleagues than the spirit of union is capable of filling up.

The County Council of Perth, having been called upon to pay the sum of $1,000 as the expenses of the criminal witnesses in a case tried at the last Assizes, places on record a protest against the reckless summoning of unnecessary witnesses. This gives practical evidence of the injustice to which many persons were subjected to, before the act providing for the payment of criminal witnesses was passed. The experience of Perth only brings into prominence an evil which has long existed, and this fact will work a remedy.

To be forewarned is to be forearmed. Our temperance friends are putting forth strong efforts to carry the Dunkin Act in the County, and although it would be premature to attempt to name the successful party it is certain that the temperance party has many fair indications favorable to its endeavor. The effect of the adoption of the Act upon the liquor dealers will be sweeping, and in view of the agitation going on they should prepare themselves to be as small losers as possible in that event.

The Reformers of South Wellington have selected Donald Guthrie, Q. C., as their standard-bearer in the approaching election. Mr. Guthrie is a man of sterling ability, highly esteemed and no doubt his victory (for this is a foregone conclusion) in the contest will be a sweeping one. The day of nomination is Wednesday, 28th June; polling, 6th July.

Reports are conflicting relative to Turkish affairs. At one time a war involving the principal nations of Europe seemed imminent, and again the public are assured that there is nothing to be feared. We may judge from this state of affairs that no serious difficulties will result from the squabble.

DUNGANNON.

Base Ball.—The Excelsior base ball club of this place held their monthly meeting on Saturday night, 17th inst. The meeting was a success, quite a large number of names being added to the club. Capt. Mallough was elected President, in place of Mr. D. E. Munro, who left the village some time ago.—Com.

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

Tenders.—The trustees of S. S. No. 1 advertise for tenders for certain alterations and improvements to be made in the school house.

Pic Nic.—The Sunday School of S.S. No. 1 intend holding a pic-nic in the course of a few weeks.

Fruit Cure for Alcoholism.—Physiologists are coming to the conclusion that a vitiated condition of the mucous membrane is the prime cause of alcoholism. Supply the taste with nature's juices, and it will never crave the juice of the still. At a festival recently a gentleman said of the cure of the use of intoxicating drinks:—"I overcame the appetite by a receipt given to me by old Dr. Hatfield, one of the good old physicians who do not have a percentage with a neighbouring druggist. When I called on him he said, 'Now that you have the moral courage, I'll tell you the tonic which I have used with effect among my friends for twenty years.' I expected of course, some nasty medicine stuff; but no, he prescribed an orange every morning, a half hour before breakfast. 'Take that, and you will want neither liquor nor medicine.' I have done so regularly, and find that liquor has become repulsive. The taste of the orange in the saliva of the tongue, and it would be as well to mix water and oil as rum with my taste."

County Court.

The following is a list of the cases disposed of before Judge Toms:—

Cunningham et. McKinnon.—Action for a $100 note; verdict for Plaintiff, $102.50. J. P. Garvey for Plff.

O'Rourke et. Wyllie.—Action for account. Mr. R. L. Doyle at the close of the case for the Plaintiff applied to add a replication to the second which was granted. Verdict for Defs. Cameron, Q. C., and C. Seager for Defs.

Murray et. Grant et. al.—Action for account and wages. Verdict by consent for Plff. for $180, with immediate execution. C. Seager for Plff. Cameron, Q. C., for Defs.

McKinnon et. Mallough.—Action for trespass and assessment of damages.—Verdict for Plff., $25. Cameron, Q. C., for Plff. R. L. Doyle and J. Dayison for Defs.

McKinnon et. Fraser et al.—Action for trespass. Mr. Doyle asked leave to add a special plea, which the Judge granted on payment of costs of day within 10 days; Mr. Doyle agreeing to have case argued during July term.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

The Grand Jury returned a true bill in the Queen *vs.* David Atkinson for threatening to shoot, and gave in their presentment as follows:—

The jurors of our Lady, the Queen, beg leave to present that, in accordance with our duty, we have visited the jail, and found everything clean and tidy, and the prisoners well provided with their sustenance. There is an insane female confined therein, whom we think should be removed to the asylum where she could get proper treatment.

We are sorry to find so many men comparatively young men and lads in the habit of carrying fire arms, and think the Government should amend the law so that a penalty or fine could be imposed on persons for carrying said fire arms.

We beg to thank your Honor for the able manner in which you explained the law, governing the cases which were laid before us, and also the County Attorney for rendering us all the assistance in his power.

Signed on behalf of the Grand Jury,
T. Weatherald, Foreman.

The following cases were tried before Judge Toms with P. Adamson, Esq., as associate Magistrate:—

The Queen *vs.* David Atkinson.—The prisoner, a boy of about fifteen years of age was charged with threatening to shoot one Henry M. Young, at the village of Lakelet, Township of Hullett. The first witness called was Henry M. Young, who stated that on April 27th, about five o'clock in the evening he saw the prisoner in company with two other boys named Dixon and Mitchell; the prisoner appeared to be drunk and was trying to go out on the river in a boat, he fell out of the boat into the water and was unable to help himself; witness warned prisoner not to go out in the boat, but prisoner swore back and followed witness to a saw mill where he (witness) was working, and drew a revolver when in the saw mill and aimed it in the direction of witness but not directly at him; witness ran away and prisoner followed him out of the mill. Wm. Cushman stated that he was working in the mill; he saw prisoner outside the mill; he was talking loud and threatening to put a hole through Young or whom he was talking—he had a pistol in his hand; prisoner went upstairs after Young saying that he would bore him; Young left the mill by a back stair and prisoner followed and shortly afterwards witness heard a pistol shot outside; witness did not see the shot fired or who fired it. Richard Young, the father of W. M. Young, was in the mill and saw prisoner follow his son with a pistol in his hand; soon afterwards his son came down stairs followed by prisoner who asked witness "where did that fellow go," and added "I'll fix him;" heard a report of a pistol soon afterwards but did not see the shot fired or who fired it. Nesbit Biggar, one of the owners of the mill said that about five o'clock prisoner came to him and asked for his boat, and he advised prisoner not to go out for fear of getting drowned to which he replied that there was not water enough to drown him; prisoner was drunk; saw prisoner come to the mill with a pistol in his hand, and swearing that he would shoot that fellow (meaning Young); did not see that shot fired or who fired it, but I heard it; went out and took the pistol from prisoner, it was not loaded then; prisoner said he had nothing but blank cartridges. All the witnesses reviewed the circumstances in almost the same way. Mr. Cameron then submitted there was no evidence to go to a jury, but after argument their Worships ruled there was evidence on the second count for a common assault, from the fact of prisoner pointing the pistol in the direction of Young.

Mr. Cameron then called the two boys who were with prisoner. John Dixon said that he was with prisoner when the difficulty took place and that prisoner was under the influence of liquor; witness went up the slide before prisoner and was between prisoner and Young; prisoner did not present pistol at Young; went out of mill before prisoner and took pistol out of his hand a few yards from mill; pistol was not loaded then; opened breech of pistol and Mitchell put a cartridge in and fired it off; prisoner had no cartridges. Mitchell carried them; heard prisoner say he would put a bullet in Young; am positive the pistol was not loaded when prisoner had it.

John Mitchell corroborated the evidence of Dixon and added that prisoner carried a bottle of liquor with him.—This closed the evidence and their Worships decided there was no case to go to a jury, the defence having established that the pistol was not loaded. It seems that in order to convict the prisoner even of a common assault under the present law the crown would have to prove that the pistol was loaded with a bullet and that the prisoner pointed it directly at Young. This would be a difficult matter in any case and impossible in this case. There is undoubtedly a defect in the law as remarked by their Worships and also the Grand Jury in their presentment. The prisoner was discharged with a severe reprimand.

Queen *vs.* Horatio N. Franklin—Prisoner was indicted for threatening to shoot Mr. W. G. Smith with a revolver. It seems prisoner some two or three months ago intending to go with some others to the north west, and they persuaded him to purchase a revolver before starting which he did, and while under the influence of liquor he attempted to enter a private house; Mr. Smith interfered and prisoner then produced his "persuader." The Crown having abandoned the first count charging prisoner with a felony the prisoner pleaded guilty on the second count to a common assault, by advice of his counsel, Mr. Cameron. Under the circumstances their Worships fined the prisoner $5 and costs which he paid.

The crier then read the following notice in open court:—

Mr. Farran gives notice that he will at the next General Sessions of the Peace to be held at Goderich in December next introduce a motion to alter and rescind all former resolutions affecting the number and limits of Division Courts in the County of Huron, and that the following numbers and limits of such divisions be substituted in lieu thereof from and after such date, or such other or further change in such limits as may then be moved, that is to say:—

1st Division Court—comprising the town of Goderich, the township of Colborne and all that portion of the township of Goderich north and west of a line commencing at Lake Huron on road allowance between lots 25 and 26, thence east on said road allowance to its intersection with road between 9th and 10th concessions; thence north on said concession road to cross road between lots 87 and 88 on Huron road, thence on said cross road easterly to Maitland river.

2nd Division Court—comprising the town of Seaforth, the township of McKillop, all that portion of the township of Grey south of the 11th concession; all that portion of the township of Morris south of the fifteenth between lots 29 and 31, and south of the 9th concession and all that portion of the township of Tuckersmith south and south of a line commencing at Huron road, thence along said concession road between lots 25 and 26 Huron road survey, to where it intersects the Bayfield road survey, to where it intersects the Bayfield road, thence northerly on said concession road to intersection with side road between lots 15 and 16; thence on said side road westerly to London road.

3rd Division Court—comprising the town of Clinton; the township of Hullett; all that portion of the township of Morris on south of the 9th con. and west of side road between lots 29 and 30, and St. the 1st and 2nd cons. of East Wawanosh; all that portion of West Wawanosh east of Maitland river and south of 3rd con.; all that portion of Goderich township east of a line commencing at Maitland river on side road between lots 87 and 88; thence westerly on said side road to concession road between 5th and 9th cons.; thence south on said concession road to side road between lots 30 and 31; thence easterly on said side road to concession road between 9th and 10th cons.; thence southerly on said concession road and road running from lot 30 to where it intersects Bayfield river between lots 28 and 29; all that portion of the township of Stanley east of road extending from Varna to Bayfield river between lots 18 and 19, and north of gravel road from Varna easterly to 2nd con., including the 1st and 2nd cons. of Stanley; and all that portion of the township of Tuckersmith not included in Division No. 2, including the village of Blyth.

4th Division Court—comprising the village of Brussels, the township of Howick; all that portion of the township of Grey not included in Division No. 2, and all that portion of the township of Morris north of the 9th con. and east of side road between lots 30 and 31.

5th Division Court—comprising the village of Exeter, the township of Stephen, the township of Usborne and all that portion of the township of Hay east of concession road between 8th and 9th cons.

6th Division Court—comprising the township of Ashfield and all that portion of the township of East and West Wawanosh west of the river Maitland, and west of the side line between lots 32 and 33 and north of river.

7th Division Court—comprising the village of Bayfield; all that portion of the township of Goderich not included in Divisions Nos. 1 and 2; all that portion of the township of Stanley not included in Division No. 1, and all that portion of the township of Hay not included in Division No. 5.

8th Division Court—comprising the village of Wingham; the township of Turnberry; all that portion of the township of Morris not included in Divisions 2, 3 and 4, and all that portion of East Wawanosh and West Wawanosh not included in Divisions 3 and 6.

BRUSSELS.

The voters list for Brussels, for 1876, embraces the names of 214 ratepayers.

H. Chapman, for selling liquor without license, was up for trial before the magistrates on the 12th. Case adjourned.

The times are uncommonly quiet, and things are dull; in fact if it was not for the gentle mosquito there would be no need for any great exertion on the part of the store clerks.

At a meeting of the members of the Driving Park Association on Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. H. Young; Secretary, Wm. Fishleigh; Treasurer, T. Hall.—Post.

WINGHAM.

Wingham has a slaughter house nuisance, where animals are killed and dressed on Sundays.

The East Huron County Temple, United Temperance Order, meets in the Presbyterian Church, Wingham, on Thursday.

On the 12th, Watt & Cameron's planing mill caught fire from a spark, which fell from the smoke stack. The fire was noticed in time to prevent much damage.

The case of R. Sadler, Wingham—charged on the 29th ult., with giving away whiskey and keeping a bar, has been decided by the magistrates by the infliction of a fine of $20 and costs.—*Times.*

BENMILLER.

The following shows the result of written review of the pupils of School Section No. 2, Colborne: Class V—Marks possible, 1150—Sydney Potter, 838. Class IV—Marks possible, 975—Mary Cath. Potter, 861; —Gledhill, 718. Class III—Marks possible, 600—W. Maedel, 460; Nicholas Morrish, 569; Melinda Fisher, 512; Thos. Heddle, 503. Class II, Third Reader—Marks possible, 634—Ida A. Walters, 565; Mary Stevens, 562; Adelia Fisher, 525; Elis. Hartt, 515; Ida L. Vanstone, 513. Second Reader—marks possible 510—Nettie Greer, 368; Samuel Heddle, 454; Ellen Cowan, 448; Ann R. Potter, 434; Benj. Maedel, 430. Part II, 1st Reader—marks possible, 210—Louisa Maedel, 203; Elis. Neal, 189; Mary J. Morrish, 104. Average attendance of scholars during review, 62.—Com.

EXETER.

Teachers' Institute.—A very successful meeting of the Exeter Teachers' Institute was held in the School house on Saturday, 10th inst., there being about thirty teachers present, and the exercises proving of unusual interest. The Deputy Minister of Education, J. G. Hodgins, L. L. D. was present during the greater part of the day, and in the afternoon read a very carefully prepared and eloquent "Plea for retaining the higher Subjects of the Public School Programme." Unfortunately we did not take any notes of the Dr's lecture, and are therefore unable to give even a summary of the arguments advanced by him and the facts on which they were based. Suffice it to say that while fully admitting the very great importance of the ordinary branches of the public school course, he contended very strongly that it would be a great and almost fatal mistake to rest contented with these; that the higher subjects as prescribed in the programme could be taught in our public schools, and that it was absolutely necessary for the advancement of the county in agriculture, the mechanical arts, and manufactures that they *should* be so taught. He dwelt strongly on the fact that the World's Exhibition at Paris, in 1867, had clearly disclosed the fact that England's boasted superiority in the mechanical arts and manufactures was more in name than in fact; that she had been beaten in nearly every department by her continental rivals, and that this result was mainly owing to the want of technical education; that since that time very much had been done in Britain and the United States to remedy the defect, and that Canada was immeasurably behind in that respect. He also referred to his own inquiries into the matter of technical education, when acting as a Government Commissioner, and mentioned that in answer to inquiries which he had made in Galt, Dundas and other manufacturing centres, he had been informed that the great majority of the skilled workmen were old country men, few, if any, had been trained in our Canadian Schools. While not agreeing with the Dr. in all his arguments and conclusions, it is but justice to say that he made out a strong case, and that in view of the very great importance of the subject and the agitation that is going on to have several of the subjects referred to struck off the programme, or at least made optional, we should like to see his paper printed and widely circulated in order that both sides of the question may receive due consideration. The rest of the day was mainly taken up with the subjects of "Mathematical Geography and the use of the Globe," and "Difficulties in Analysis and Parsing" by Mr. Geo. Baird, sen'r, and H. I. Strang, B. A., of Goderich High School respectively.—Com.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

Extended.—The time for receiving tenders for the main sewer has been extended to Tuesday 20th inst.

Dr. Cassady has removed his office and residence to the corner of South and Elgin streets.

Gone to the Asylum.—The insane woman who has been confined in the jail for about three months past, was removed to the asylum last week.

Cathedrals.—A ring of toy drawn about the trunk of fruit trees is said to prevent worms, caterpillars, &c., from getting into the foliage or at the fruit.

The Sons of Temperance will hold a county convention here on Tuesday next, at which important business will be discussed.

Contract Let.—Mr. R. Sharman has got the contract for the mason work on the new brick stores being erected by Messrs H. Horton and F. Jordan.

Pic Nic.—The scholars of the High School on Saturday held a pic-nic at the Point Farm, and spent a very pleasant afternoon, notwithstanding the heavy showers of rain which fell.

A Warning.—Last week one of our citizens was fined $1 and costs for neglecting to register a birth in his family, in accordance with the Statute respecting the registration of births, deaths and marriages. This being the first case tried here of this kind, it was not returned the fine. Parents should take notice of this fact.

An Oddity.—There stands a small tree near the turnstile on the Market Square, opposite the end of Montreal street, in which a little grey bird has built its nest, and on Saturday the happy bird brought forth a healthy brood of four chicks. It is very seldom that wild birds build and hatch in such a public place.

A Prolific Hen.—One day last week a hen belonging to Mr. Walter Hick, filled with a desire to excel the efforts of her sisters throughout the County, capped the climax by laying twin eggs. One of them was of the ordinary size, and the other was about the size of a pigeon's egg. Who can beat this?

Canada Silver Mining Co.—Very encouraging reports have been received from the mines, in consequence of which the price of stock has advanced $2.50, and is now quoted at $15. This stock promises to be exceedingly valuable, if the present indications are to be relied upon and they are very favorable. See adv. in another column.

Horticultural Society.—At a meeting of the directors on Thursday evening, committees were appointed to canvass the different wards in town for subscriptions and members. We hope there will be an extra liberal response this year as it is the intention to make the forthcoming exhibition of the finest yet held, and the amount of prize money will to some extent depend on the liberality of the public.

Escaped from the Lunatic Asylum.—On Thursday afternoon about two o'clock, says the *Globe*, one of the inmates of the Lunatic Asylum, Toronto, named Edward J. Tindall, disappeared, and up to a late hour last night nothing had been heard of him. The man is dressed in dark tweed clothes, is eighteen years of age, and has no whiskers. Tindall is from Huron county, and was confined in the jail here for some months before being sent to Toronto.

Visitors.—On Wednesday, at about 11 a. m., an excursion train of eight passenger coaches, from Port Dover, arrived at the station. The visitors, after having satisfied the inner man, set about enjoying themselves, in which endeavor they apparently succeeded to their own satisfaction, notwithstanding the occasional showers of rain. A large number took advantage of the opportunity afforded by the Holland to make a short trip on the lake. The party left for home at 6 p. m.

Shipments.—Among the shipments from the station last week were the following: J. Magaw, 60 pkgs butter; Stephen Andrews, 2280 lbs tallow; W. G. Smith, one roll leather; Kirkpatrick, Bro. & Co., 20 rolls leather; Jackson Stitt, 8 pkgs leather; Chas. Blake, 3 bbls potash; Jas. Wells, 13 kegs beer; Buchanan, Lawson & Robinson, a large number of sashes, doors, &c. Our fishermen shipped 4,800 lbs. fresh fish, besides what was shipped by Mr. Tolsma.

Judge's Court.—The little boy W. J. Willoughby convicted of larceny was brought up for sentence on Friday and sent to jail for six weeks. The Judge remarked that he allowed this boy to go this time on a light sentence, but if he or any others should be brought before him on a similar charge he would most probably send the offender for several years to a reformatory and thus make a severe example. James Davis for false pretences was sent one year to the central prison at Toronto.

General Sessions of the Peace.—On Saturday this court sat, Judge Toms in the chair, with C. Crabb, Esq., J.P., associate. The list of constables in the county was revised, resulting in dismissing 47 and appointing 35. The Crown Attorney was ordered to send copies of the presentment of the Grand Jury to the Minister of Justice, Ottawa, and the Attorney General, Toronto. John Ainsley was appointed keeper of the lock-up at Wingham, and Jas. Dalmage at Seaforth. Adjourned to Tuesday, September 12th.

Canada Methodist Church.—Some alterations having been made in the report of the Stationing committee presented to the recent Conference, we here present the corrected list of appointments in Huron:—Goderich—W. C. Henderson, M. A.; F. H. Sanderson, Thos. Hamilton (supernannuated). Clinton—Thos Brock. Londesboro—R. Davy. Holmesville—A. Milliken.—Seaforth—Geo. Buggen. Bayfield—Jas. Broley. Kippen—R. J. Tyler. Dungannon—J. Cnawell. Brussels—C. E. Stafford, A. A. Bowers. Blyth—Jos. Philp. Wingham—G. A. Mitchell, B. A., R. R. Maitland. Lucknow—C. Bristol, T. R. Clark, John Walker (supernannated.)

Excursion.—The Grand Trunk Co. this year manifests a generous spirit towards the public, and cheap excursions are numerous. On Dominion Day a special train will run to Goderich from Brantford, leaving the latter place at 7 a. m. and arriving here at 10.50 a. m.; returning will leave here at 6 p. m., thus giving the visitors an opportunity to participate in the festivities here. Return tickets will be issued at very low figures, costing at Brantford and Paris, $1.50; at Stratford, 80 cts; at Mitchell, 70 cts; at Seaforth, 50 cts; at Clinton, 40 cts. An excursion train is also to be run from London. No doubt we shall have a grand influx of visitors on the 1st. Detroit celebrates the Centennial 4th of July by expending $30,000 for the public amusement. Tickets will be issued at Goderich for the round trip to Detroit, at single fare, viz., $4.80, which tickets will be good from 3rd to 5th July, inclusive.

Harbor Notes.—Since the mill has started running, business has improved about the dock. The mill has been running night and day, and between Wednesday and Saturday morning 9 cars of flour, containing 220 bags each, have been shipped to Montreal and Coteau Landing.—Messrs. Corbin, Stickney & Cram and Messrs. Moore & Co. are pushing the harbor work forward vigorously, and the bed for the inside cribwork of the breakwater is nearly all dredged out, while a good number of the lower cribs are in place. —The Grand Trunk Co., we are pleased to see, have a large gang of men at work repairing their dock, and if the work progresses at the present rate, there will soon be good accommodation for our lumber merchants. The dock will be extended to the junction of the inner breakwater.—Mr. S. Tolsma now puts his fish on board the cars at the dock instead of teaming them it to the station. Last week he shipped 36,000 lbs. for Buffalo.

All economical people buy their dry goods, &c., at Cheap John's, for by so doing they save at least 50 per cent.

Coach Coming.—The bill board for W. W. Cole's Hairdressing and Manufactory has been put up on the corner of West street and the Market Square.

Grand Regatta may be expected at Goderich before the season is over. The Committee of Management of the R. C. Y. C. will do the handsome down.

Cracknuts.—Will run fast race, 100 yards, with A. M. Polley, at Lucknow, Pumpkinseed, Hits, Smith's Hill or Goderich, for the sum of one hundred dollars.—John Adams.

Cheap John's is getting to be one of the most popular places in town. The prices are deserved to be well patronized for they certainly sell goods very cheap.

Summer Visitors.—The first party of summer visitors arrived last week from New Orleans, and took up their quarters at The Point Farm. We are informed that the number of applicants for rooms at this popular watering place far exceeds that of previous years.

A Centaurs.—On Sunday forenoon a portion of the embankment, near the waste gate of Platt's dam, gave way, the breach being about 40 feet wide. On Monday a large gang of men and three teams were set at work to repair the damage, which was done by Tuesday.

Bewares of Counterfeits.—A number of five dollar bills of Bank of British North America, purporting to be issued from Kingston, are in circulation, and are very difficult to detect. They are numbered 2732 and upwards. It would be well for business people to be on their guard.

Summer Hotel Co.—At a meeting of the directors on Monday evening, the balance of the stock, thirty per cent, was ordered to be called and is made payable on July next. A resolution was also adopted to sue all in arrear after that date and positive instructions given to the Co's Solicitor to proceed. See advertisement. A resolution also passed to sell the town lot to take one half the grounds from the Company for $6000. The matter will probably come up before the next meeting of Council.

A Denial.—A correspondent in Bayfield requests us to give a denial to the advertisement which appears in another column, offering a reward for the detection of parties who scuttled a scow belonging to Hunter, Morse & Co., of St. Catharines. Our informant assures us that the report is utterly without foundation, and there is plenty of proof to substantiate his statement. The scow dredge at work in the harbor is working splendidly, and the work is progressing rapidly.

Liquor Cases.—Mr. Sheppard Jones, of Colborne, was brought before C. Crabb, Esq., J. P. and P. Adamson, Esq., J. P. charged with selling liquor on Sunday the 4th inst.—James Scott was called, who fully proved the case, and their Worships fined the defendant $20 and $5.35 costs. Mr. Cameron stated that he would appeal this case. Messrs. W. Reed and E. Hicks were also brought up charged with selling liquor after eleven o'clock at night, but the Inspector having mislaid some important papers these cases were enlarged to Tuesday next at 2 p. m.

Stock Raising.—At the sale of short horn cattle in Dropmore last week, Mr. Albert Crane, whose summer residence is in Goderich, purchased the splendid heifers Airdrie Duchesses 2d and 3d for $21,000 and $23,600 respectively; three other heifers for $300 each, and the bull Royal Dereham for $500. These animals are intended for Mr. Crane's farm Durham Park, Kansas. We understand that Mr. Hy. Attcill is making preparations to commence stock raising here, and as he is thoroughly enterprising no doubt the venture will be successfully carried out.

Knox Church Bazaar.—A Bazaar for liquidation of debt on Knox Church, will be held on Thursday and Friday, the 29th and 30th June, through the kindness of Mr. Vivian, in his building on West St. Luncheon, hot and cold, will be served each day from 12 to 2. Refreshments at any time. Tea from 5 to 7, admission 5 cents. Ladies who have promised, or any wishing to send contributions, will please leave them at St. Andrew's Manse before the day of sale. As there is to be nothing but plain selling of goods and no raising valuable articles, the ladies hope for liberal patronage.

Moonlight Trip.—On Wednesday evening last the splendid propellor Holland gave an excursion on the lake, when nearly 400 persons availed themselves of the opportunity. The evening was a very pleasant one, and the presence of the Silver Cornet and Duckham's quadrille bands added materially to the enjoyment of the trip, which lasted about four hours, the boat returning to the dock at a few minutes after twelve. Every one admired the interior arrangements of the boat, which are really beautiful, and this together with the fact that she is said to be the fastest boat on the lake, making 15 miles per hour, tends to secure for the Holland a large share of public patronage.

Personal.—Venerable Archdeacon Elwood is absent from home this week, attending Synod.

—In the County Court at Hamilton, on Thursday of last week, immediately after the opening and the charge to the Grand Jury, an address from the members of the Bar to Judge Sinclair was read and presented by Mr. Miles O'Reilly, Q. C. Hon. John Hillyard Cameron, Q. C., who was present, desired to add a few words. He said that, as head of the Law Society of Ontario, he congratulated Judge Sinclair on his elevation to the Bench. He felt happy that he should be here by accident to listen to the testimonial just read. He had been associated with Mr. Sinclair for some time as a Bencher, and he felt proud that he should be elevated to such a high position, inasmuch as he was so well qualified to fill it. The Judge replied in appropriate terms.

—On Friday evening a dinner was given to Judge Sinclair by the members of the Bar of Hamilton and the county of Wentworth. The affair was an elegant one and the assembly included several prominent members of the Bar from other cities.

Masonic Excursions.—Pleasure excursions constitute the burthen of our record of news this week. On Saturday next, St. John the Evangelist's Day, a day specially observed by the order of Free Masons, members from the lodges in Stratford, Mitchell, Seaforth, Clinton and other places, as well as Goderich Lodge, will participate in the observance of the day with Maitland Lodge. The train bearing the excursionists is expected to arrive about 9 o'clock, when the brethren here will receive them, accompanied by the Silver Cornet Band, and will escort them through the town or otherwise entertain them until noon when a trip of about four hours duration will be made on the lake by the propellor Holland, on board of which a lunch will be provided for the hungry ones. The party will return home about 6 o'clock.—On Tuesday next a number of Free Masons are expected by boat from Detroit.

Dominion Day.—The committee in charge of the Dominion Day celebration are working vigorously, and are sparing no pains to make the affair a grand success. The programme has been arranged, and to carry it out the sum of about $1000 will be expended. Liberal prizes will be given in the athletic sports, $500 for the horse races and $150 will be expended in the regatta, which latter promises to be a magnificent affair. A baby show will be an interesting feature of the day's amusements, and the music of the infants will be alternated by the more melodious strains usually produced by the Silver Cornet Band. In the evening the Market Square will be illuminated, and a grand display of fireworks will take place. The excursion trains will arrive in good season for the days sports and arrangements are being made to have a train leave at about 9 or ten p. m., so that the visitors may have an opportunity of witnessing the fireworks. All we hope for now is that the day may be a pleasant one, that the celebration may prove a perfect success.

Keys Found.—A bunch of keys found. Owner can have them by applying at this office, and paying cost of this notice.

Our Population.—When the assessors made their returns for the present year, the roll showed the population of the town to be 6000 souls, but the proposed appointment of a Police Magistrate has called forth a meeting which disproves this report. The Town Clerk and others have examined the rolls and find that errors in addition reduce that number by 112, leaving our population 4993.

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Bear Hunt.—On Thursday evening last, as Mr. Jas. Hipples, of the 4th con., was at work in one of his fields cutting thistles, he was surprised by the sudden appearance of a large bear. Bruin would not be scared away, and Mr. Sipple started off to alarm some of the neighbors, who with guns returned to the spot. Five shots were fired at the animal, but it escaped in the woods and public owes of his darkness.

Dogs Poisoned.—Some thirteen or fourteen dogs were poisoned one night last week, on the 4th con. Who the miscreant is who committed the act, none can guess.

Sheep Killed.—A good number of sheep have been killed lately by wildcats.

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New Church.—The Bible Christ