TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

(SOUTHERN EXTENSION OF W. G. & B. RY.)

Trains leave Listowel Station daily as under:

For Kincardine and intermediate points—Mixed, 8.25 a.m.; Express 2.10 p. m.; Express 8.19 p.m.

For Palmerston— Express at 6.59 a. m.; Express 1.09 p.m.; Mixed, 9.15 p.m.

PORT DOVER AND STRATFORD & HURON RAILWAY.

GOING SOUTH.

	a.m.	p.m.
Leave Listowel at	6.00 and	1.20
" Millbank	6.37 and	1.57
" Milverton	6.45 and	2.10
" Stratford	7.25 and	3.05
" Woodstock	8.50 and	4.45
" Burgessville	9.5 and	5.15
" Norwich	9.37 and	5.25
" Otterville	1.00 and	6.39
" C. S. Crossing	10.26 and	6.00
" Simcoe	10.54 and	6.30
Arrive at Port Dover	11.18 and	7.00

GOING NORTH.

	a.m	p.m.
Leave Port Dover at	6.30 and	2.30
" Simcoe	7.00 and	3.00
" C. S. Crossing	7.29 and	3.33
" Otterville	7.42 and	3.58
" Norwich	7.54 and	4.10
" Burgessville	8.03 and	4.19
" Woodstock	8.35 and	6.10
" Stratford	9.50 and	7.30
" Milverton	10.31 and	8.15
" Millbank	10.39 and	8.27
Arrive at Listowel	11.10 and	9.00

A "mixed" train, with passenger car attached, leaves Listowel Station every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.40 a.m.; returning, arrives at Listowel Station every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6.35 p. m.

LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 1878.

MR. McDERMOTT'S CANDIDATURE.

It is now pretty generally understood that Mr. McDermott, Reeve of Wallace, is the Conservative standard-bearer for the Local Legislature in opposition to the present sitting member; and it is a matter of congratulation to the party that so efficient and trustworthy a representative as Mr. McDermott in all probability will be secured for North Perth. Amid all the vicissitudes of political life Mr. McDermott has on all occasions preserved a most consistent and commendable record. For a great number of years he has been entrusted with the helm of affairs in his own township, and the wisdom of the municipality of Wallace in reposing this trust in him is evidenced by the continued prosperity which has surrounded its affairs. Mr. McDermott possesses many characteristics which commend his candidature to the electors of North Perth, which are too well known to require enumeration. The agriculturists of North Perth will be enabled the more to place implicit confidence in him when they consider that he is himself a most practical and successful tiller of the soil, as well as admirably qualified in a commercial point of view to watch the Riding's interest at large. Mr. Hay, his opponent, has successfully gerrymandered a majority of the electors of North Perth for some considerable time back, but we apprehend that the people are now alive to the peculiar necessity of electing a representative to the Local Legislature who is not biased by prejudices inimical to the true interests of the Province. Our present M. P. P.'s career seems like a satire upon political ambition. He has risen to office; he has stopped short of influence, and where he has stopped he will remain. At the Local Legislature Mr. Hay has been living in an atmosphere of trickery and intrigue, which appears to have limited the horizon of his views on all subjects. Subservient at all times to the great Mogul Christopher Finlay Frazer, he sees but through the spectacles of extreme Gritism. This might be condoned, if any adventitious results were the sequel, but the system of misrule and bitter partizanship which has been carried on should be sequestered, and we trust the electors of North Perth in the coming contest will elect Mr. McDermott by such a majority that the political feeling of the constituency will be pronounced unmistakeably hostile to the present mal-administrators.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

By an explosion in a Lancashire coal mine last week, a terrible loss of life was incurred. The number of persons killed outright is stated to be in the neighborhood of 250.

The Emperor of Germany is rapidly convalescing from the recent attempt upon his life. The Government is taking strong measures to suppress the Socialistic movement, and the number of arrests for treasonable utterances continue to increase. Nobeling, the would-be assassin and suicide, is likely to recover.

Messrs. Paterson and Hardy are again in the field as Government candidates for South Brant. Mr. Campbell, Deputy-Reeve of Amabel, Co. Bruce, is likely to be the next M. P. for Algoma.—C. F. Ferguson, Esq., has been unanimously chosen as Conservative candidate for North Leeds and Grenville.— Horace Horton, M. P., again elevates the Grit standard in Centre Huron.—Hon. John O'Connor has been nominated as Conservative candidate in Russell.

Joly's Government has been defeated by one vote. On Tuesday Mr. Molleur's sub-amendment to Mr Chapleau's amendment to the address was voted upon and lost, the division being—yeas 31, nays 32. Mr. Chapleau's amendment, "That this House regrets that the Government has seen fit to accept and continue in office, though not supported by a majority of the House," was put and carried on the following division—For the amendment, 32, against the amendment, 31. The absence of Price caused the turn in tables; it is said to have been his avowed intention not to vote on the Address. Notwithstanding this defeat, Joly seems determined to stick to office. If this is not a burlesque upon the fundamental principles of Constitutional government we fail to comprehend the rights of the majority.

SERIOUS RIOTS IN QUEBEC.

A very serious riot has just taken place in Quebec. On Wednesday the city was virtually in the hands of the mob for a time. The disorder was occasioned by the recent strikers, who collected in great force, plundered Renaud's flour store, and destroyed a large amount of property in different parts of the city. All the banks were closed and business generally has been suspended. The military were called out and the Riot Act read. Stones were freely used by the mob, and in return the military were ordered to fire upon them. Two of the strikers are known to have been shot down, and several others wounded. One man was killed outright, his forehead being driven in by a large paving stone, supposed to have been thrown by the mob. Several officers and men of B Battery are severely wounded with cuts from stones. Numerous arrests have been made, and latest information is to the effect that quiet has been partially restored. Troops have arrived from Halifax and Montreal.

ST. MARY'S POISONING CASE.

Sudden Death of Robert Guest under very Peculiar Circumstances—Dr. Ford, Ex-Mayor, accused as the Poisoner—The Dying Man charges Him with the Crime—Strong Evidence of His Guilt—Lodged in Stratford Gaol.

A thrill of horror went through the citizens of St. Mary's on Wednesday morning of last week, on learning the sudden death, during the preceding night, of Robert Guest, second son of the late R. Guest, Esq. Mr. Guest, who was a young man of twenty-one years of age, in robust health, spent the evening around town with some companions of his age, in pleasant converse. About eleven o'clock the deceased entered the office of Dr. Ford, and was next met on the street by a companion, to whom he complained of being "dosed" and poisoned. The deceased was assisted home, and Dr. Wilson called in, but nothing could be done by medical skill to stay the foul work done by the poisoned cup, and in less than three quarters of an hour, the once vigorous youth was a corpse. The circumstances surrounding the case seemed so suspicious that Dr. Harrison felt justified in holding a coroners' inquest.

As the facts of the Guest poisoning case are revealed, the public are more and more startled. Enough has been disclosed to justify a very strong suspicion, if not a conclusive belief, that the poison was administered by a well-known physician of the town, Dr. Ford, ex-mayor, with what purpose, if any, remains to be seen. The doctor left town on Wednesday morning for London, and was followed by Constable Mitchell, who found and arrested him at the Tecumseh House. He is reported to have exclaimed on being arrested: "My God, you don't suspect me! We have been such good friends!"

The bulk of the evidence having been taken by Coroner Dr. Harrison (other with closed doors or in the absence of the accused, upon consultation it was found requisite to take the evidence once again with open doors and in the presence of the prisoner. The taking of evidence commenced on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the temperance hall, and the jury having sat until 6, an adjournment took place until 8 p. m., when the session lasted until 11 o'clock. On Thursday the jury met in the old church of the New Connexion at 8 p. m., and sat until nearly midnight, when they adjourned until 2 o'clock on Friday.

The stomach of the deceased was forwarded, after being duly secured, in charge of a constable, to Dr. Ellis of Toronto, on Friday morning.

The prisoner, Dr. Ford, is a clever looking man, about 40 years of age, six feet in height, and as straight as an arrow. He has dark hair, rather thin over the temples, grey eyes, sharp looking, with thin features and a prominent straight nose. During the taking of evidence he appeared to be perfectly cool, and chatted easily with his counsel, sometimes smiling at different points in the evidence.

Mr. C. W. Jones, of St. Mary's, appeared for the prisoner; Mr. Hayes, County Attorney, for the prosecution, and Chief Williams of Stratford, is engaged in working up the case.

The following is the principal evidence taken at the inquest:

Walter Crosthwaite, sworn—Knew deceased; saw him about 10.30 in billiard-room; sat beside him, asked him how he felt; he replied "first rate;" he remained for some time; seemed despondent; did not appear to wish to converse; left billiard-room about ten minutes to eleven; saw him go; saw him after at corner of Queen and Water streets; he was alone; he crossed over to Dr. Ford's office; heard him lift the latch of the door, but did not see him enter; wished witness good night at the doctor's door; witness was on other side of street; there was a light in the office; thought deceased was looking remarkably well. To a Juror—He usually is cheerful, but did not seem so last night. He was perfectly sober.

Thomas Guest, brother of the deceased; sworn—Parted from deceased about 7 or 8 o'clock; was then in good health; near 12 o'clock last night heard him come into our house; came up stairs in a hurry—two steps at a time; seemed to be retching as if he wanted to vomit; he came into witness' room and said, "Tom I'm drugged;" he tried to vomit, but could not vomit much; he complained of great pain in his stomach, and groaned continually; his sister came into the room and asked him to go down stairs; he did so; she gave him salt and water, and he vomited considerably; she afterwards gave him rum and water; he vomited more, still groaning as if his pain was very great; got him to come up stairs again in about fifteen minutes; threw himself on his bed and kept saying, "I'm drugged;" asked him where he had been; did not answer at first; witness then told him he had been with Dr. Ford; he denied it at first; but afterwards acknowledged it by saying he was with him; told him to lie quiet for a little, and he might get better; he asked witness to go for Dr. Wilson; the doctor arrived in a few minutes; when Dr. Wilson was in the room witness asked him who drugged him, and he replied, "That fellow, Dr. Ford;" asked who else was with him; understood deceased to say Bethune and Proctor; this was about fifteen minutes before he died; his mind was perfectly clear; did not state why he had taken drugs; did not ask what Dr. Ford had given him; he has been in perfect health. To a juror—He has been in the habit of frequenting Dr. Ford's office; was not down stairs when his sister was giving him salt and water; he said when he first came into the room that he had been drugged; witness said, "I guess you've been drinking;" he said he had not drank a drop, but that he had been drugged.

Angus Bethune, sworn—Said he knew deceased; saw him between 11 and 12 o'clock on the corner of Queen and Water streets, at Walsh's store; he was alone; he was gasping for breath and trying to vomit; he told witness that he had been poisoned by Dr. Ford; witness thought that he had just come out of Dr. Ford's; witness said it was strange, and looked at the doctor's office and saw that the light was out; took him over to hotel; asked him if he would have a glass of water; he took it and drank it; he then went outside and tried to vomit by putting his finger down his throat; he was unable to do so; witness asked how poison was given to him; think he said in rum, and that the liquor was "riley;" urged him to go home; he did not want to do so, but wanted to go down Water street for a walk; witness objected, and took him home, parting with him at Wellington street, at rear of Federal Bank; Dr. Wilson passed along; witness stopped him, but did not speak about deceased to him. To the foreman—Met Dr. Ford shortly before he saw deceased; after giving deceased the water, saw a light come suddenly into the doctor's office and go out again; saw Dr. Ford in Clark's hotel about 20 minutes before witness met deceased; he did not appear to be at all under the influence of liquor.

Cross-examined—Deceased said it was Dr. Ford who had poisoned him; he said he knew what he drank was rum or rye; deceased did not know why the doctor should have poisoned him, there was nothing between them; Proctor came out of hotel and helped deceased; witness also helped him by taking his other arm; Proctor left him before deceased died. To a juror—When witness first saw him, he was leaning over a post in front of Walsh's store; he seemed to have one arm across his stomach; when he left witness he said he would not see him (witness) again.

Sarah Guest, sister of deceased, sworn, said she heard deceased first last night when in his room, at about 11.45 was attracted by hearing him say, "I am drugged, I am;" went to the deceased; he asked witness to bring in a light; he took the light to the glass and looked at himself; he said, "Oh, my God, ain't I terrible!" suppose he referred to the swelling of his face, and he was kind of purplish; he sat down on the bed, and said again, "I am drugged; they have been trying it on me several times;" he then came down-stairs to the bottom, and sat on bottom step; gave him salt and water; he was complaining that he wished to vomit; he vomited three or four times; then gave him mustard and water; he again vomited; he was rubbing his face and saying, "I have never been like this before;" asked him who gave him the drugs; he appeared unable to tell, on account of the retching; his face was flushed and much swollen; his hands were cold; witness said, "Bob, you look terrible;" he jumped up and looked in the glass, perfectly wild, saying, "I am dreadful;" took him up-stairs; he lay down on the bed, still vomiting; did not complain much of pain, but kept rubbing his face; he sat down on the bed for a time; then he said, "Tom, you go for the doctor—I'm not fooling;" shortly after he raised himself up in bed to vomit, and fell over, as if he had lost all power; laid him back in bed, and before Tom went for the doctor he said, "I feel a little better now;" he lay quiet for a short time; witness told Tom he had better go for the doctor, and Tom went.

Dr. Wilson sworn—Saw deceased on Tuesday, about 11 o'clock at night, in front of Mr. Walsh's store, on the corner of Queen and Water streets; Dr. Ford was standing close by him; there might have been others, but, if so, he did not notice them; deceased and Dr. Ford were talking; witness said good-night to Dr. Ford; he bowed and witness walked on; went down to a flowing spring, on corner of Jones street; on his return did not see deceased, but saw Mr. Bethune; from the time he saw deceased until his return when he saw Bethune, it was about five minutes; saw deceased about 12.30 or 12.45; Thomas Guest came for him; he was cold, pallid, pulseless, in a state of paralytic exhaustion, slightly livid; he complained of being in very great pain in region of stomach; the action of the heart was very feeble; witness went to McLean for materials; he made an effort to administer carbonate of ammonia, but after the first trial the glottis closed, with spasms, and threatened suffocation; he then applied mustard to his back, chest and bowels; he was then sinking very rapidly; breathing had become very slow, and in another three or five minutes had ceased, and immediately after mustard was applied the heart's action ceased; his face was swollen, and slightly livid; he made some violent attempts at retching, and once or twice threw off a small quantity of yellowish greenish fluid; expressed his opinion that deceased was dying from some acrid, irritant substance taken into his stomach; witness asked him if he had been drinking in any quantity; he said he had not in any quantity; he said he had taken too much of something worse; then a spasmodic contraction came on, he was unable to articulate again. To County-Attorney — Witness had not previous to this told the family of deceased that he was dying. To Mr. Jones—Learned that deceased had been given salt and water prior to his arrival.

James Kennedy testified to deceased having taken three glasses of lager at his hotel during the evening.

Dr. Mathieson and Dr. Watson, who with Dr. Wilson made the *post mortem* examination, found that death had been caused by some active irritant taken into the stomach.

The other testimony taken has no important bearing on the case. Nobody is able to divine the motive that led Dr. Ford to this deed, that is supposing Dr. Ford did administer the poison. Some hint that Guest was privy to a woman scandal which threatened to destroy Ford, and others believe Ford gave deceased a dose while he was drunk, not intending that it should be a fatal one. Other stories are afloat, but it would be manifestly unfair to the accused to credit any of them until they are established by more trustworthy evidence than corner gossip.

The inquest was adjourned until Monday next, pending the analysis of the contents of the stomach, which is being made in Toronto. On Monday last Dr. Ford was lodged in the Stratford jail to wait the result of the inquest. He denies the charge, and feels his position keenly.

THE BERLIN CONGRESS.

The Opening Proceedings.

All the plenipotentiaries will have arrived at Berlin on Wednesday except the Turkish, who cannot reach there before Friday or Saturday. The plenipotentiaries will be received on Wednesday in state audience by the Crown Prince. On Thursday afternoon Congress will meet for the first time, and after the transaction of the necessary formalities, the proceedings will be opened by Prince Bismarck as President, by submitting his memorandum of points, or *resume* of subjects, to be treated directly by the Plenipotentiaries, each of whom will receive a copy of this document. The business of the first sitting will be confined to a settlement on the question whether or not Congress shall invite Greece to participate in its transactions. A state banquet at the castle will be given to the Plenipotentiaries and their suites on Thursday or Friday evening. It is highly improbable that Roumania or Servia will be accorded direct access to Congress, either with full or consultative powers. The original anticipation that Congress would complete its labors in a fortnight is thought to be realised. Commissioners will then be sent to Turkey to settle details. The result of the Congress, it is anticipated will not be unfavorable to Russia. She will probably get her portion of Bessarabia and Armenia, the latter including Kars and Ardahan certainly and perhaps also Batoum, but not Bayazid. Newspaper correspondents from all parts of the world are already at Berlin.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

The Congregational Union of Canada met in London on Wednesday of last week. Rev. R. K. Black of Granby, was unanimously elected chairman. Rev. K. M. Fenwick, Secretary of the Union, presented the annual report, referring to the deaths of valued ministers, and also to the changes in pastoral circles. The Statistical Secretary read his report, of which the following is a summary:—Number of churches, 84; regular stations, 112; pastors in office, 58; total adherents and members, 20,109; additions to membership by profession, 490; by letter, 258; excision, 183; total, 520; net gain, 149; total membership, 6,634; Sabbath schools, 150; attendance, 9,307; total value of church property, $516,547; total money raised for denominational objects, $107,210. Among the general business of the session, a resolution was enthusiastically adopted expressive of satisfaction and sympathy at the stand which the Congregational Union of England and Wales has recently felt it to be its duty to take in opposition to the aims and tendencies of scepticism and unbelief, as developed by the Leicester Conference. A resolution was also adopted heartily sympathizing with the temperance reform which is manifesting itself throughout Canada at the present time. The meeting of the Union terminated on Monday evening. Next year it meets in Kingston.

The Montreal Orangemen.

The Orangemen of the city have resolved to celebrate the 12th of July by proceeding to church in a body on that day. The County and District masters have issued an address, saying they intend to comply with the provisions of the Blake Act, and go unarmed and play no party tunes in the streets, and will trust themselves to the protection which it is the duty of the civic and other authorities to afford all law-abiding persons. If, however, they are made to know they are out-lawed, any assistance they may receive from friends will not be refused. Speaking of the Orange body, they gladly join in abolishing all public processions, except one distinctly Canadian.

MITCHELL.

Libel Case—Mr. W. R. Davis, editor of the *Advocate*, and mayor of the town, brought Mr. T. H. Race, proprietor of the *Recorder*, before the Stratford Police Magistrate upon a criminal charge of libel. The complaint grew out of an article published in the *Recorder* insinuating that the Mayor had received $2,000 worth of the debentures voted as a bonus to the Gibson manufacturing Company by the town. After hearing the evidence the case was sent up for trial, Mr. Race's personal recognisances in $1,000 being accepted for his appearance at the next court of competent jurisdiction.

On Saturday last a base ball match was played between the Reformers and Conservatives of Mitchell. The match lasted three hours. The Reformers evidently required more protection as they were beaten by 5 runs, the score being 15 to 10.

The Bible Christian Conference still continues its sessions in Mitchell, and will likely close on Thursday. On Sunday a large number of pulpits were filled by members of the Conference. The list of stations has been read. Among other changes, the Rev. W. Hooper goes to London, and Rev. J. J. Rice, President of Conference, comes to Mitchell. The report of the Committee on Statistics showed that 984 have been admitted during the year; that 152 have been received from other circuits; that 631 have removed; that 86 have died; that 963 are on trial; that the membership is 6,893. Total 7,856. It shows an increase of 344 approved members and 63 on trial.

GREY.

Mr. Alex. McDonald, of the 2nd line, has the largest and best bred flock of sheep in this municipality, if not in this county. His stock at present consists of some seventy-five old sheep and sixty-five lambs. The fleeces, which were clipped last week, will average 5 to 6 lbs. per head. The wool is of the very best quality, and as *Mr. M.* expects to obtain the very maximum price per lb. the clip will bring him quite a few dollars. He has already sold some forty of his lambs at $3.10 each, which, taken into consideration with the wool, shows that keeping sheep is a profitable business. It also has the advantage of being neither so risky nor laborious as agriculture. In connection with this gentleman we may state that the McDonald family, who were among the early settlers here, have on this concession a breadth of land nearly two miles in extent; so that if they "multiply and increase," we will ere long have in the Highlands of Grey a clan McDonald as well as among "Heilands at hame."—Com.

TROWBRIDGE.

Accident.—Mr. John Everall, who lives about half a mile from Trowbridge, met with a serious accident on Tuesday of last week. He was assisting to close in a barn on the farm of Mr. Henry Scott, near Molesworth, when he fell a distance of over ten feet, striking his side on a pile of stones, breaking three or four ribs and causing other internal injuries. It was thought at first that the injuries would prove fatal, but the next day he was so far recovered that they were able to convey him to his home. We are happy to say he is now recovering as fast as could be expected under the circumstances.

An Incident.—We have no objection to our young men going to see their sweethearts in the evening, nor to their staying to the small hours of the morning if they would then go quietly home; but when they go along the road at 2 a. m. waking people out of their sleep with such songs as "Going to the mines of Cariboo," we are tempted to wish they would go there, and stay until we invite them to return.

Church Services.—Rev. H. Norris of Listowel, preached in the M. E. Church in Trowbridge on Sabbath last. He has an appointment here every two weeks. No doubt he will have a large congregation as he is a talented man and a good speaker. We wish him success.—Com.

MOLESWORTH.

Considerable improvement is being effected this season in the way of barn building; that of Marvin Howe, Esq., takes the lead, being the largest in this section of country. Substantial frame barns of considerable proportions are also in course of erection on the farms of Messrs, Scott, Everall and W. J. McKee.

The intestine warfare which has been intermitting for over a year past between two parties of different political views has at last terminated. This happy result seems to have been caused not so much from the fact that the Gritty champion was defeated in the courts of law as from the fact that he now devotes less of his leisure hours to perusing the columns of the *Globe*, and more to the pages of religious literature.

Crops in general look well. The frost has done some damage, but the late rain it is hoped will have a reviving effect.—Com.

BRUSSELS NEWS.

Rev. H. M. Paynter has gone to Wingham. While here he did much good in reviving the easy-going Presbyterians of this place.—East Huron Reformers convene in the town hall on the 14th to nominate a candidate for the legislative contest.—On the 3rd July, Brussels ratepayers will vote on a by-law to raise $2,200 for improvements on Turnberry street.—Tenders are let and work has been commenced on the Ronald steam fire engine and agricultural works.—The burnt district remains barren as yet; some of the insurance companies have paid their claims.—The driving park association are arranging for a grand turf meeting on the 1st and 2nd July.—The Orange demonstration to be held in Brussels on the 12th July promises to be one of the largest gatherings ever held in this vicinity.

NEWRY.

Grangers Picnic.—The picnic held here on Saturday last by the Grangers was a success and largely attended. Mr. Brown, of London, an official of the Order, was the orator of the occasion, and dealt the lawyers some hard knocks in ignorance of the fact that Mr. Fisher was a lawyer. Messrs. Hesson, Hay, McDermott and Fisher also spoke, as did the Reeve of Elma, Mr. Alexander. Everything passed off pleasantly, the candidates for Parliament fraternising quite sociably.—*Herald.*

MARYBOROUGH.

Obituary.—William Dixon, whose accident was reported in the last issue of the Standard, has since departed from our midst. He died on Thursday, the 6th, after a painful illness of nine days. The funeral of deceased took place on Saturday last, when the body was interred in the Listowel cemetery.—Com.

Melancholy Accident at Goderich.

Goderich, Ont., June 6.—Yesterday afternoon about five o'clock James F. Dickson, of the Huron *Signal*, and R. D. Carey, student in M. C. Cameron's office, went out on the lake for a sail. Neither understood anything about the management of a boat, and it is supposed that in attempting to tack round the boat upset and they perished. They were missed late in the evening and friends at once went in search of them, and about two o'clock this morning the boat was found on its side, about four miles down the coast, and over two miles from shore. Nothing further can be traced of the sad affair. The probability is that both sank to the bottom. This affair is the saddest that has ever taken place here, and has cast a terrible gloom over the entire community. Mr. Dickson was 24 years of age, and Mr. Carey 25.

William Cullen Bryant, the American poet, is dead.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Shah of Persia has arrived at Paris.

On Sunday 140,709 persons visited the Paris Exhibition.

The General Assembly of the Canada Presbyterian Church met at Hamilton on Wednesday.

A few chips of quassia wood soaked in a little sweetened water will kill flies.

A lodge of the Ancient Order of Workingmen was formed in Stratford recently.

The death sentence passed on Duncan McDonald, the Port Albert murderer, has been commuted.

Mr. MacGahan, special correspondent of the *Daily News*, died at Constantinople, on Sunday, of spotted typhoid.

Twenty thousand dollars of debt on Belleville Ave. Congregational church, of Newark, N. J., was raised by Rev. Mr. Kimball on Sunday.

Mr. Wm. Smithson, of Hullett, had new potatoes grown in the open air, on the Clinton market, on the 28th ult.

Crop prospects in Nova Scotia are highly favourable. The hay harvest is expected to be two weeks earlier than usual.

The case of Rev. Robert Bell, of Hamilton, was investigated by the London Methodist Conference and he was expelled from the Church.

The officials of Stanley street Presbyterian church, Montreal, have granted the use of their church to the Orangemen on the 12th of July.

The death of Rev. W. H. Jones, for some time rector of St. John's Church, Tilsonburg, is announced to have taken place recently at Dixon Illinois.

The fourth annual meeting of the Exeter Driving Park Association will be held on the 1st of July, $1,000 will be given in prizes.

Mr. A. H. Macdonald, acting under instructions from Sir John A. Macdonald, has issued a writ for $10,000 against the proprietors of the Guelph Mercury for libel.

Messrs. T. Lailey, of Toronto, and Angus McDonald, of Lucknow, caught eighteen dozen trout, weighing from half a pound to a pound and a half each, at Kinloss, one day recently.

All parties neglecting to register births, marriages and deaths, are liable to pay a fine of $20 and costs. Births must be registered within 30 days, marriages 90 days, and deaths 7 days.

In recognition of his services on the fishery commisson, Sir. A. T. Galt has been created a G. C. M. G.—Grand commander of the order of St. Michael and St. George.

The corner stone of the English church in Blyth, is to be laid with Masonic honors on St. John's Day, 24th inst. Some 20 lodges have been invited to attend, and the ceremony will be very impressive.

The Huron Prohibition Committee will meet in Clinton on the 20th to discuss the advisability of submitting the Canada Temperance Act of 1878 to the electors of Huron.

The County Council of Bruce has renewed the grant of $1,000 to the Northern Exhibition. This will enable the Agricultural Society to present a prize list of from five to six thousand dollars.

Messrs. D. Ferguson, Hugh Bain, James Clark, Chas. Howland and D. Strachan, all of Goderich, have been appointed a Board of Examiners for the counties of Huron and Perth, under the Fishery Inspection Act.

Longevity in Ireland is marked. The Irish Register-General reports that there were 93,509 deaths registered in Ireland in the year 1877, and that in 67 instances the deceased was described as 100 years or upwards.

On Saturday 2,000 people assembled at Boston to witness the departure of William and Walter Andrews for Havre in the Nautilus, the smallest vessel that ever attempted to cross the ocean. The craft is 19 feet 2 inches long and 6 feet 4 inch beam.

Two fat steers were stolen from the farm of Mr. Morley on the lBanchard and Biddulph town line on Thursday night. The beasts were found in the possession of Joseph Mitcheltree, butcher, of London township, and he has been committed to London gaol to await his trial.

Summer Visitors.—Amongst the first arrivals of the season are Mr. P. Bug and family, whose striped suits, cut on the half shell, are much admired as they promenade the sidewalks on the back streets, in close proximity to the potato gardens.

The traffic receipts of the Great Western Railway for the week ending May 31st, 1878, were: Passengers, $27,677.28; freight and live stock, $47,791.64; mails and sundries, $3,296.95. Total, $78,765.87. Corresponding week of last year, $77,539.39. Increase, $1,226.48.

La Minerve says that in the middle of the night succeeding the death of Judge Dorion, his political friends offered the vacant position to a Conservative member of the Local Legislature on condition that he would vote for Mr. Joly.

Statistics of the whole Province of Manitoba show that three times as many acres as were recorded during the same period last year have been taken up between the 1st of January and the end of May. The first town site has been laid out on the Little Saskatchewan; it is called Rapid City.

Lord Dufferin intends setting apart a suite of rooms at his country seat, to be known as the Canadian apartments, and which will be occupied by Lord Clandeboye. The rooms will be decorated with addresses and other tributes of respect paid his Excellency during his stay in Canada.

Heavy Shipments.—Mr. Wm. Lupton has shipped from Stratford since January 1st, 1878, 344 head of fat cattle, which cost an average of $45 per head, or a total of about $15,300. These have all been bought by himself in the vicinity of Stratford, and shipped to the Toronto and Montreal markets.

Next to its excellent mechanics institute, Elora has great reason to be proud of its museum. But the school trustees will not encourage its continuance. It is now in debt $10 and the board has granted it $15, leaving only $5 to carry it on for another year. Mr. Boyle, who has efficiently acted as honorary custodian, has resigned.

The County Council of Wellington turned out all the school inspectors and examiners except one. Mr. G. A. Somerville, of the Guelph high school, has been appointed inspector of the south divison; Mr. David Clapp, of Stratford, inspector of the north division, and Messrs. Alexander Petrie, and C. Macpherson, examiners.

American and Canadian agricultural implements at the Paris Exposition are pronounced by the French journals unrivalled in Europe. Oregon and California wheat attracts great attention, also the mineral exhibit from the Pacific coast. The number of articles sent for exhibition from this continent is double that sent to Paris in 1867, or to Vienna in 1873.

On Thursday evening, about 10.30, a young man named John Mutton was run over by a train on the Grand Trunk railway, about two miles west of Stratford. He crawled some distance, and his shouts were heard by the trainmen, who picked him up and brought him to Petricks hotel. One of his arms is broken, likewise his leg, and a large piece is torn out of his thigh.

On Saturday evening about five o'clock, during the military inspection by Lieut.-Cols. Fletcher and Bacon, at Montreal, a disagreement occurred between two men, said to have been under the influence of liquor, and a fight began between them. As usual, they were immediately surrounded by an eager crowd, who began to show practical sympathy in the matter, and a general row was the result. The crowd surged wildly to and fro, and for a while stones flew freely on Craig street. Several men of the cavalry, which had not fallen in for drill, rode down into the crowd and were successful in dispersing the party.

At the General Sessions at London on Saturday James Ward was sentenced to three years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary for biting the nose off Geo. W. Dale in a boarding shanty at the water works reservoir. Samuel Connell and Daniel Kelly, who were convicted of assisting Ward in the assault, were sentenced to six months in the Central Prison.

A practical and somewhat important use of the telephone is being made at Amherstburg station of the Canada Southern Railway. The R. R. Co. have a telephone wire under the Detroit River, from the upper slip on the Canada side to the Stony Island slip, for greater convenience in communicating orders for the movement of the ferry barges, which are now used, towed by tugs, to transport laden cars, pending the repairs of their large steamer "Transfer."

General Sessions County Court.—This Court opened in Stratford on Tuesday before His Honor Judge Lizars. The following Grand Jurors answered to their names: Michael Ballantyne, foreman; John Binning, Richard Babb, Macfarlane Bates, James Cuthbertson, John Dow, A. S. Deavitt, Samuel Dasty, Duncan Forbes, Thomas Gibson, Duncan Miller, Neil McKellar, Alex. McCulloch, Arthur Robb, John Sutherland, James Thomas, John Watson, David Walkes.

A Successful Oxford Student.—We notice with pleasure that Mr. J. D. Cameron, son of John Cameron, Esq., Governor of Woodstock gaol, has been highly successful at the recent University of Toronto examinations, carrying off the scholarships in classics and in mental and moral science. He is also winner of the Dufferin Gold Medal, for general proficiency. Mr. Cameron has just completed his third year, and has yet another year to put in at the University, and we trust that the marked success that has attended him in his college career thus far will continue. Every year Mr. Cameron has carried off the highest honors, and he is to be heartily congratulated on his success.—*Review.*

Canada Methodist Church.

At the fifth London annual Conference of the Methodist church of Canada, held at St. Thomas, 5th inst., the following draft list of stations was made:

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

Drayton, James E. Dyer, David A. Moir; Ezra A. Healy, supernumerary. Peel, Jno. Hough (Glenallen,) Samuel O. Irvine (Hollin;) Henry Reed, superannuated. Howick, Edwin Fessant (Gorrie,) Charles Deacon; E. Curry, supernumerary. Fordwich, Robert J. Husband. Mount Forest, Chas. Lavell, M. A. Kenilworth, R. C. Henders. Listowel, John G. Scott. Harriston Jos. R. Gundy. Palmerston, Charles E. Stafford. Clifford, James Whiting. Arthur, William Mills, George Turk; John B. Williams, left without a station at his own request. Holstein, Joseph Deacon, Richard Redmond. Trowbridge, Joseph H. Stinson. Moorefield John R. Isaac. Wallace, Henry Berry (Listowel;) John Armstrong, superannuated. Luther, John Sanderson.

STRATFORD DISTRICT.

Stratford, John A. Williams, D. D., H. Christopherson; Mitchell, George Buggin; A. Hurlburt, superannuated. Harmony, Samuel Tucker. Fullarton, John S. Fisher, R. R. Maitland. Moncton, Samuel Sellery, B. D. Brussels, Wm. Hayhurst, David Rogers. Walton, John G. Fallis. Seaforth, Jas. Graham. St. Mary's S. D. Rice, D. D; Joseph Messmore, Joseph Shepley, superannuated. Kirkton, J. L. Kerr, G. W. Henderson. Granton, Chas. Barltrop. Lucan, John Ridley, B. Sherlock. Kintore, R. H. Hall. New Hamburg, Wm. L. Hackett. Millbank, Robt. Phillips. Wellesley, Walton Preston.

PERTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

COURT HOUSE, Stratford, June 5.

A communication was read from Mr. J. M. Moran, P. S. Inspector, South Perth, to the effect that the Hon. Minister of Education had signified his willingness to constitute the St. Mary's public school a model school, and grant the usual sum towards its maintenance, provided the county council express a desire for such action, and grant a like sum ($100) in support of such model school. The matter was referred to the committee on education. Mr. John Corrie, inspector of roads and bridges, reported that owing to the mild winter, the county roads were in a worse state than usual and would require a liberal coat of gravel, and the water tables would have to be thoroughly cleaned out. A competent staff of men was at work preparing the roads to receive the gravel. The several municipalities along the northern gravel road had given $200 each, which in addition to the county grant—$1,900 in all—would place the road in a good state of repair. Contracts had been let for gravel for the various roads, at a trifling advance over last year. The report was referred to the committee on roads and bridges. A shoal of resolutions for grants to roads and bridges in various parts of the county were referred to the committee.

THE ESTIMATES.

The following is a statement of the estimated expenditure for 1878, exclusive of special grants:

EXPENDITURES.	
Administration of justice,	$ 5,000 00
Miscellaneous,	5,000 00
Salaries,	3,000 00
Townline grants,	4,000 00
Board of public instruction,	400 00
Debentures, church society, & interest	6,420 00
Municipal loan fund debentures,	15,017 40
High schools,	2,000 00
Interest on railway debentures,	7,200 00
Interest and sinking fund on debentures under by-law No. 218,	2,534 00
Bills payable	23,500 00
Due municipalities on non-resident tax,	5,686 33
Total expenditure,	$79,757 73
RECEIPTS.	
Cash on hand,	$3,887 90
Due from North Easthope,	$ 424 20
" Ellice	1,538 80
" Logan	399 00
" Mornington	200 00
" Wallace	1,711 24
" Stratford	2,182 00
" Mitchell	537 00
	$6092 24
Gravel road repairs—Logan, $228.86; Ellice, $369.55; North Easthope, $336.15; total	$1,155 56
Administration of justice, St. Mary's	310 00
Licenses	350 00
Total receipts,	$12,695 70
Leaving a balance to be raised of	$67,062.03.

Thursday, June 6.

The road and bridge committee submitted a report, recommending a number of grants to roads and bridges, but the report was thrown out, and a resolution passed, appropriating $5,000 to be divided among the various municipalities, according to their equalized assessment. A grant of $300 was also made towards graveling the road to the new bridge across the Little Lakes. A by-law was passed incorporating Dublin as a police village, and also one extending the time for the assessor of Stratford to complete his roll till the 15th inst The usual grant for school prizes was voted.

Friday, June 7.

The committee on Equalization reported, recommending that the assessment be as follows:

North Easthope	$2,428,792
South Easthope	1,334,276
Downie	2,890,502
Blanshard	2,505,058
Fullarton	2,283,630
Hibbert	2,111,213
Ellice	1,799,887
Mornington	1,948,392
Logan	1,696,612
Wallace	1,610,707
Elma	1,714,727
Stratford	1,316,908
Mitchell	324,302
Listowel	324,302

The committee on Education reported that the application of St Marys for a Model School be referred back to the Council.

Saturday, June 8.

Mr. Trow, Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the Committee's report upon the motions and papers referred to them. The report recommended the payment of sundry accounts; the granting of certain sums towards the payment of teachers salaries in several school sections; also a grant of $50