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Grand Trunk Railway.

GODERICH STATION

Trains leave as follows,—	
Mail	7.00 a. m.
Express	10.00 " "
Mixed	12.30 p. m.
"	3.30 " "
Trains are due as follows,—	
Mixed	9.30 " "
Express	2.00 p. m.
Mixed	5.10 " "
Mail	9.35 " "

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We shall be glad at all times to receive 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.

Our Agents.

North Huron—D. McLaren.
South Huron—S. T. Church.

Both these gentlemen are authorized to receive subscriptions and orders for job printing and advertising and to grant receipts.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, July 2, 1873.

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

Manufacturing Industries.

"Few towns in Canada are so admirably situated for the establishment of manufactures as Stratford, yet how little are its natural and artificial advantages turned to account. We notice in a recent Galt paper that several parties have visited that town with the intention, if liberally dealt with, of establishing extensive manufactories there. Guelph, Brantford, and other towns that we could name, not one of which has anything like our railway facilities, are known throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion for the extent and variety of the goods manufactured by them, while Stratford, if known at all, is spoken of as a place which has grown to its present size actually in spite of itself, but which has nothing substantial to sustain it. By a judicious system of small bonuses, or exemption from taxation for a certain period, and a respectable degree of enterprise and public spirit on the part of our leading men and capitalists, there is no doubt but that many persons desirous of investing in manufacturing industries could be attracted towards Stratford."

We take the above from the last issue of the Stratford *Beacon*, and the same remarks will apply with reference to Goderich. At one time this town enjoyed a large country trade, a large portion of which was cut off by the building of the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway. Of what remains a considerable share will be taken away when the Wellington, Grey and Bruce road is completed to Wingham, Lucknow and Kincardine. The future prosperity of the town depends therefore on internal industries. We have our salt works, but in the past they have not been so profitable as might be wished, and as we depend for our market on the Americans, we will always be subject to the caprice of Congress in the matter of duty. The powerful influences of Onondaga, Saginaw, &c., may at any time be the means of imposing such a duty that we cannot export our salt. We trust that this will never be, still it is well to look at the matter in all possible lights, and therefore we should endeavour to be independent if any such contingency should arise.

There is nothing which tends to build up a town like manufactures. This has been exemplified in the case of Galt, St. Catherines, Brantford, Guelph and other towns we might name. Goderich is more advantageously situated than any of the places above named, for in addition to our railway facilities we have the advantage of a good harbour, and, water communication which enables us to import raw material, such as coal and iron, at a much cheaper rate than where they have to be brought by rail. The North West being an agricultural country, where comparatively little manufacturing will ever be carried on, will afford a market for manufactured goods of all kinds, and this being the terminus of the Grand Trunk and a convenient shipping point, is admirably adapted for a manufacturing centre to supply that region. We cannot urge too strongly upon the Town Council the necessity for encouraging in every possible way the establishment of manufactures in our midst. Other towns are offering bonuses and exemption from taxation and we must do the same. Any such encouragement is amply repaid by the money put in circulation for wages, &c., and as the prosperity of your town depends so much on the establishment of manufactures any means by which their establishment may be encouraged is worthy of every consideration.

Another Atlantic Telegraph.

Another telegraph cable across the Atlantic has been successfully laid by the steamship *Great Eastern*, which appears to be specially well adapted for that kind of work. She arrived in Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, on Friday last, and the shore end of the cable was transferred to the steamer *Hibernia*.

The Lieutenant Governorship.

Sir John A. Macdonald, finding it difficult to reconcile the claims of the various aspirants to the Lieutenant Governorship of Canada, has asked and obtained the consent of Mr. Howland to continue to occupy the position till the 1st of November.

Disallowance of the Oaths Act.

It is now pretty well understood that the Imperial Government, acting no doubt on the recommendation of the Ottawa Government, have disallowed the bill passed last session, providing for the examination of witnesses under oath by committees of the House. This bill was designed to facilitate the proceedings of the Pacific Railway Inquiry Committee, it being desirable that such a serious charge as that brought against the Government by Mr Huntington should be thoroughly investigated. Every obstacle has been thrown in the way by the accused parties, leading those who at first hesitated to believe there could be any truth in the charges to the conclusion that there must be something in them. This last act of the government caps the climax. The Committee meets in Montreal to-day, but as they cannot oblige the witnesses to tell "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," the facts which will come to light will be only such as they choose to tell, and it is not likely those who know most will choose to tell very much. Under these circumstances should Mr. Huntington fail to establish his charges clearly and fully it will be no wonder. The conduct of the government throughout has however been such as to convict them in the eyes of the country, whatever the finding of the committee may be.

A False Statement.

The London *Herald* is in the habit of taking local items from our columns, which it frequently re-writes to convey a false meaning. In our last issue we referred to a Temperance convention which met here recently, and stated that a resolution had been passed to organize an association pledged to support only those candidates for parliament who would vote for a prohibitory liquor law. The paragraph appears in the *Herald* in the following form,

"The Independent Order of Good Templars of the county held a convention in Goderich last week. The object was to organize a political association for the purpose of getting rid of their present local members at the next election."

As the object of the convention was not as the *Herald* puts it, its statement is false in point of fact. Mr. Gibbons and Mr. Gibson both supported the Prohibitory law when before the house last session, so that the temperance people of the county are much more likely, if they carry out their intentions, to support them than to try to "get rid" of them.

Opening of the Railway to Brussels.

The Southern Extension of the Wellington, Grey and Bruce Railway was opened for traffic to Brussels yesterday, 1st July. A large number of persons were in the village to celebrate the occasion. The President and Directors, together with a large number of prominent Railway men and others were entertained at a public dinner. The Wellington Battalion Band was present to enliven the proceedings. We have to thank the committee for an invitation and regret that we were unable to be present.

Prince Edward Island.

The official *Gazette* of Saturday last contained a proclamation admitting Prince Edward Island as one of the Provinces of the Dominion on and after yesterday, 1st July. Wm. Robinson, Esq., late Lieutenant Governor, has been re-appointed to that position.

South Ontario.

Hon. Mr. Gibbs was on Monday re-elected for South Ontario by a majority of about 200.

☞ Subscribers in writing to us requesting a change in their address will please state where they have been receiving their papers. Unless they do this we cannot follow their instructions.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A Constantinople despatch states that a treaty has been concluded between the Khedive and Sultan for mutual protection, by which the former, in case of an invasion of Turkey, agrees to provide 150,000 troops.

The Republican troops in Spain have sustained a severe defeat at the hands of the Carlists.

A most successful Reform pic-nic was held near Dunnville, County of Monck, on Friday last.

The northern part of Italy was visited by an earthquake on Sunday morning. Forty lives are reported lost, and much property destroyed.

Jesse Grant, father of Ulysses S. Grant, President of the United States, died at his residence in Kentucky, at 7 o'clock on Sunday evening, of general debility.

The Spanish Ministry have given notice of their intention to submit a Bill to immediately abolish slavery in Cuba. The colony is to enjoy the same political privileges as the people of Spain.

LOCAL NEWS

FLAG POLE.—The town has erected a handsome flag pole, 100 feet high, on the brow of the hill opposite Sheriff Macdonald's.

CHANGE OF NAME.—The name of the Post Office at Lisadel in the Township of Howick, has been changed to Fordwich from the 1st inst.

HIGH SCHOOL APPOINTMENT. — The High School Board met on Monday and appointed R. T. Beck of Peterboro, assistant master.

PETERS' MUSICAL MONTHLY. — The July number of this publication is to hand. It contains some excellent music. Published by J. L. Peters, 599 Broadway, New York.

THE ACADIA, formerly of the Lake Superior line from this port, arrived here on Wednesday night, and on Thursday took on board nearly 5000 barrels of salt for Chicago.

ARRIVED SAFELY.—Among the latest arrivals in Manitoba we observe the following from this section.—Jas. Adamson, Stanley; John Bechtel and H. C. Gross, Hay; Thos. West, T. West, jr., and Fred. West, Seaforth.

DOMINION DAY was duly celebrated in Goderich. Being a holiday we were obliged to have all our matter up for this issue on Monday night, and must therefore hold over any account of the proceedings till next week.

CONFIRMATION.—Previous to his leaving for England, His Lordship the Anglican Bishop of London paid a flying visit to this section and held confirmations at St. Stephen's Church, Huron Road, and at Clinton.

HOWE'S MUSICAL MONTHLY.—We have to acknowledge receipt of No. 29 of this excellent publication. It is hard occasion to speak of it before in terms of commendation and can only again recommend it to our musical readers.

BEATTY'S LAKE SUPERIOR LINE.—In addition to the new boat, the Ontario, which will soon be ready, the Messrs Beatty intend to have built a third boat to be called the Quebec. With the *Manitoba, Ontario*, and *Quebec*, the line will be in a position to accommodate the large and increasing traffic of the route.

CLINTON APPEAL.—The appeal of the village of Clinton against its equalized assessment by the County Council came before Judge Toms on Monday. After hearing the evidence he announced that he would give his decision on Friday.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.—Paul Ross, Esq., of this town has been awarded the contract for section 11 on the Welland Canal enlargement. John Brown, Esq., contractor for the dredging of Goderich harbour, has secured the contract for three sections.

ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday last, Mr. W. Symington, son of Jas. Symington, Counsellor, in the township of Colborne, received a severe kick in the side from a horse and sustained such internal injuries that his recovery is very doubtful.

PRESENTATION.—Rev. W. H. Poole, formerly of this town and more recently of Hamilton, was presented on the occasion of his leaving the latter place for Toronto, with the sum of $100, and also a beautiful portrait of himself and Mrs. Poole.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Mr. F. Jordan has men at work pulling down the wooden building on the Square, formerly occupied by Yates & Son and adjoining his own store. It will be replaced by a handsome brick shop to be occupied by Crofts & Johnston.

RUNAWAY.—On Thursday last a team of horses belonging to Mr. M. Camp bell of Lucknow, ran away from the Railway station down East street, through the Square and down South street. In turning the corner the waggon upset, breaking the pole and seriously injuring one of the horses.

STANLEY—VOTE ON THE BY-LAW.—The vote on the by-law to give a bonus of $10,000 to the London, Huron and Bruce Railway was taken in Stanley on Tuesday, when it was carried by a majority of forty-six. The vote stood,

	Yeas.	Nays.
Varna polling place	181	19
Bayfield " "	6	122
	187	141

NEW TRIAL.—In the case of Buchanan vs. Young which was tried at the Spring Assizes here, a new trial has been granted without costs, on the ground that the judge's charge to the jury was contrary to law. Our readers will recollect that this was an action brought to recover damages for some other material damage done by negligence of defendants in putting out fire on their farm in Colborne during the dry season last summer.

FREAKS OF LIGHTNING.—A thunder storm visited this locality on Friday afternoon last, which did considerable damage to the Telegraph offices. The lightning struck and shattered three poles of the Montreal company on Dunlop's hill on the other side of the river. It then followed the wires into town and completely destroyed the instruments at the Railway Station, melting the wires and causing such a commotion that the occupants of the office left it in rather a hurried manner. An instrument in the town office in Butler's store was also destroyed.

MAITLAND LODGE, A. F. & A. M.—On St. John's day the following were installed officers of this lodge for the ensuing year,

Bro. E. Campaigne, W. M.
" Geo. Booth, S. W.
" J. T. Garrow, J. W.
" P. H Carter, Chaplain.
" E Hoaker, Treasurer.
" G. Campaigne, Secretary.
" W. Cumming, S. D.
" A. C. Simpson, J. D.
" M Nicholson, D. of C.
" H. Clucas, L-G.
" M. McPhail, Tyler.
" Murney and Buck, Stewards.
" Thompson, } Finance Com.
" Parker and
" Strachan,

WOOD'S HOUSEHOLD MAGAZINE for July is ahead of any previous number, and when we consider its usual standard of excellence, this is rare praise indeed. It is *household*, not only in *name* but in *character*, and its table of contents shows a wonderful adaptation of articles to the individual members of a large family circle. "Sim's Little Girl," a temperance story by Mary Hartwell, "Weather-tough Block," by Karl Kase, "How The Vow was Kept," by T. V. Osborne and "Fanatics at large," by Rev. F. W. Holland, are among the more noticeable articles. The Children's Department is crowded full, and contains a poem, in baby-talk, which without doubt, will be very acceptable to the little ones. The price of the magazine is one dollar a year. Address, Wood's Household Magazine, Newburgh, N. Y.

SCALDED.—We understand a severe accident occurred at Badedore Bay a short time ago, which resulted in the severe scalding of two men, an engineer and a fireman, on the steam barge *Herald*, of Goderich. It appears that they were engaged in turning a stop-cock near the boiler, when suddenly it blew out, and the water tore out of the boiler with a pressure of 75 pounds to the square inch. The fireman, Sam'l Wake, worked his way through a pile of cordwood, through a hole where he had knocked out a few sticks, and tore the skin off his scalded arm from the elbow to the finger ends. The engineer, Geo. Perry, who was under the stop-cock when it blew out, had to crawl under the boiler, over a pile of cordwood, down into the hold, and out through the main hatch, the water flying over him all the while. When his clothes were blown off, the skin came off his arms, part of his sides, and the whole back. Dr. McKay, of Underwood, was sent for, and under his treatment, the patients are fast recovering.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—The Teachers' Institute at Clinton on Friday and Saturday last was a great success. H. I. Strang, B. A. Vice-President of the Huron Teachers Association occupied the chair. Dr. Sangster, late head master of the Provincial Normal School, took up the subjects, object lessons, composition, arithmetic, reading and school organization, in his usual practical manner, and was most attentively listened to throughout by fully 160 teachers in actual work. There were also present very many of those coming forward for examination at the next meeting of the Board of Examiners. In the evening the Dr. lectured to a very large audience in the Town Hall, on Education, in which he delineated the trials and rewards of the earnest, faithful teacher. At the close, the teachers entertained Dr. Sangster to a complimentary tea. Inspector Miller occupied the chair, and there were present Inspector Alexander, of Perth, and Inspector Dewar, and James Turnbull, B. A., Clinton High School and Rev. Mr. McCuaig, of Clinton. After having spent a pleasant hour, they separated before midnight, well pleased. The success of the Institute has been very great, and cannot fail in doing much good, and all feel deeply indebted to the lecturer. Dr. Sangster was elected an honorary member.

"THE ALDINE" for July is a capital number, both as regards its art and its literature. It opens with a full-page illustration, printed in tints, and entitled "Catch Him!" It represents two children, the elder of whom, a girl, is holding her little brother up to a rose bush, on which a butterfly is about to alight. This is one of Mr. John S. Davis' studies of child life, and a very excellent one, too. "Moonlight on the Shenandoah" is the title of the first of a series of five illustrations drawn by Mr. J. D. Woodward, whose theme are the scenery of the Old Dominion, which is chiefly selected in this instance from the region around Harper's Ferry and the Shenandoah. Mrs. Eliza Greene transports us back to Old New York, in her spirited sketch of "Hell Gate Ferry," which is one of the most characteristic local drawings ever contributed to THE ALDINE. "A Dainty Bit," after Otto Meyer, is delicious enough to provoke an epicure and a lover of Chinese figure-pieces are the "Morning Bath," by H. Warren, and "You naughty Children!" by A. Gabl. There is a noble portrait of "The Countess Potocki," in the architectural view of "The Frauenkirche, Nuremberg," a woodland scene entitled "The Oaks," by C. Knauer, and a weird picture of a lonely cottage surrounded by snow in a desolate marsh upon which the moon is just rising. The literary matter is of the usual excellent character, and generally is more varied, than the literature of any other American magazine. The publishers intend to keep up their good section. The more solid articles are a readable editorial on "The Old Dominion," apropos to Mr. Woodward's illustrations; another on "The Frauenkirche, Nuremberg;" and "A Life's Romance," a brief memoir of the Countess Potocki. Music, art and literature are intelligently and independently discussed. Altogether the number is remarkably good. Subscription price, $5, including chromos "Village Bell" and "Crossing the Moor." James Sutton & Co., publishers, 58 Maiden Lane, N. Y.

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—The half yearly examination of the Goderich High School took place on Friday last before a number of the Trustees and others. It is to be regretted that the attendance at the School is so small, but those who were present acquitted themselves very satisfactorily. At the close, Mr. Kay, Chairman of the Board, and Rev. Messrs. Ure and Elwood expressed themselves pleased at the answering of the pupils, and regretted that the school was about to be deprived of the services of Miss Lundy, who has proved herself a good and painstaking teacher. Mr. Strang, Head Master, express himself to the same effect. We trust when the school reopens in August to see a much larger attendance and that parents will see that their children attend *punctually* and *regularly*.

The following is the result of the written examinations which have been going on for the past week, on the half years work,—

SECOND FORM

Thomas Houston,	86	per cent.
Susie Acheson,	83	" "
Lizzie Johnston,	81	" "
Evelyn Brough,	79	" "
Eugene Carey,	75	" "
Mary Moorhouse,	75	" "
Samuel Ceaser,	70	" "
William Mucars,	69	" "
Bonella Williams,	66	" "
John Kay,	60	" "
James Orr,	56	" "
Eaphie Kay,	31	" "

FIRST FORM

John Cameron,	84	" "
Sophia Gordon,	80	" "
Sarah Odlum,	78	" "
Mary S-nail,	77	" "
Ellen Donogh,	74	" "
Christie McKay,	72	" "
Cayley Hamilton,	72	" "
William Davis,	55	" "
Annie Wynn,	55	" "
Walter Brough,	32	" "

Besides the foregoing, seventeen other pupils attended during part of the term. Of those who remained till near the close the following were absent from examination through illness or other satisfactory reasons,—

Tina Kay
Edith Wade
Emma Hardy
Kate Hardy
Minnie Robertson

The following absented themselves from the examinations without notice,—

Peter Carter
William Horton
Maud Wynn

Town Council.

June 27th, 1873.

The regular monthly meeting of the Council was held this evening. All the members were present except Councillors Manley and Sproule.

A communication was received from Samuel Clark, Strathroy, offering his services as consulting Sanitary Inspector.—Filed.

Petition of W. D. Allan and others asking the use of the Fireman's Hall for Band practise.

Moved by Mr. Detlor, seconded by Mr. Boyle, that the prayer of said petition be granted.

Moved in amendment by Mr. Gibbons, seconded by Mr. Watson, that the use of said hall be not granted for any purpose until an outside stair be erected.

Amendment lost, motion carried.

Petition of A. McKover praying to have Wilson Street graded, $12 cash in aid accompanying said petition.

Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Detlor, that said petition be granted and the same be referred to Public Works Committee with power to act.—Carried.

A similar petition of Mr. Sproule to have Palmerston and another street graded, the parties benefitting agreeing to contribute $13, was disposed of in the same way.

A report from the Public Works Committee recommending certain improvements was presented and adopted with some amendments.

Mr. Cooke was appointed License Inspector in place of Edward Graham, removed, and a by-law passed to that effect.

A communication was received from Henry Martin offering $1200 for the old burying ground.—Filed.

A communication was received from P. Adamson, Secretary of the Horticultural Society, thanking the Council for the grant of $25 given in aid of the Society last year and asking that it be continued. On motion the sum of $25 was granted for the current year.

A communication was received from Dr. Stokes, Secretary of the Board of Public School Trustees, asking for the sum of $5000 for school purposes.

Statement of Co. Treasurer of arrears of taxes on occupied lands for 1873.

A report was received from the Finance Committee recommending payment of the following accounts,—Copp, Clark & Co., School books $25.76; Office printing Co., advertising $14.82; *Mail* do advertising $8.20; *Star* advertising $18.50; W. A. Martin, fire buckets $56.25. Report adopted.

Accounts from H. Clucas and John Runciman were referred to Finance Committee.

In the matter of the Clinton appeal the Mayor was authorized to employ a Solicitor to watch the proceedings on behalf of the Town if he saw fit.

The cases of Whisky and John Brooks, lessees of toll gates on N. G. Road were taken up when the Clerk was instructed to notify Mr. Whitely to pay $130 and Mr. Brooks $130.

Mr. Smith was instructed to assist Mrs. Scanlan in paying her rent.

The sum of $30 was granted towards celebrating Dominion Day.

The Council then adjourned.

Clinton.

FAREWELL SERMON.—Rev. Jas. Graham, Wesleyan Minister, preached his farewell sermon in this place on Sunday last, prior to his removal to Goderich.

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—The semi-annual examination of the High School took place on Friday last. The pupils acquitted themselves well and did great credit to their teachers.

Bluevale.

PRESENTATION.—The friends and acquaintances of Rev Robert Burns, Wesleyan Methodist minister, who has been stationed in Bluevale for the last year, to the number of 60 or 70, waited upon him last Friday evening at the residence of Mr. John Farrow, and presented him with a purse containing about $27. Mrs. John Farrow made a few complimentary remarks in making the presentation, to which Mr. Burns made a suitable reply. A very pleasant evening was spent by all who were present. The reverend gentleman, who leaves for Howick shortly, carries with him the best wishes of his numerous friends in this neighborhood *Reporter.*

Seaforth.

THE WINTERBOT CHEESE FACTORY.—We lately paid a visit to this factory owned by Messrs. Morrison & Hill, and after examining everything in connection with the factory, must say that everything is conducted on the most approved scientific principles. Every thing that can be done with steam is performed in that manner, and a great saving of labour is effected. The cheese, some of which we tasted, is of the very best quality, and Mr. Morrison, the working man of the company told us that they had lately sold a large lot at 10½c per lb., which speaks well for a new factory like this. Mr. Laing, the cheese maker is considered one of the best in the country, and was previously in the employment of Mr. Malcolm of the Tuckersmith Cheese Factories. Winterbrop is situated 5 miles north of Seaforth and we advise tourists to give the factory a visit. They will be sure to find Mr. John Morrison the ex-School Teacher—but now the practical and successful cheese maker—at home and in good humour.

LECTURING SWITZERLAND.—The Rev. David Kennedy lately pastor of the W. M. Church in this town, delivered an able, eloquent and instructive lecture in his old Church on the evening of Wednesday of last week. The audience was a large and respectable one.

A SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.—The concert held on the evening of Monday of last week in aid and under the auspices of St. Thomas Church, was highly successful affair. Where all did so well it would be invidious to mention names—suffice it to say that the audience were well pleased with the friends from London, Goderich and Mitchell, as well as every one who took part in the proceedings of the evening.

FRANK GOING TO LEAVE.—It is with sincere regret that we announce that Mr. Frank Fairbridge, our genial, humorous and witty townsman, as well as accomplished photographic artist, is going to leave us. We believe he intends to remove to Galt.!

Ashfield.

THE WEATHER.—The excessive fluctuations of temperature, in this region of the earth are seemingly, year after year, becoming more seriously manifest; and the consequences, as affecting animal and vegetable life, are beginning to excite more and more the consideration of philosophic minds, as well as the painful apprehensions of many who have driven their stakes of terrestial existence too deeply into the soil, to admit of its being withdrawn without ruinous results. It has been pretty generally received, and accredited heretofore, that in proportion to the progress of social developement, and the extension of cultivation, so would be the tendency towards the amelioration of climate, and that in a few generations hence, at farthest, the atmosphere would become so tropical in its character as to render this climate one of the most salubrious on earth, but the experience of recent years has placed that opinion in a position too much based on fanciful speculation for being regarded as aught else than *visionary*, having no basis in palpable facts. Indeed, it is rather doubtful if the most antiquated *oberjine*:—not to speak of that *sage, ubiquitous, and long memorised man-myth* "the oldest inhabitant," can recollect of many winters of greater severity, or longer duration than that by which we were last visited; the congealing grasp of which only a few weeks ago was relaxed from the soil which it has held in frigid durance for a term of not less than seven dreary months. As regards spring, it never put in an appearance this year, and we are thus launched abruptly into the extreme blaze of mid-summer, and the season of the Solstice, flaming with sunbeams, and overclouding with sulphury vapours, cracking up the surface of the earth with gaping fissures; shrivelling up man and beast into the consistency of mummies, and burning into crispy dryness, every daring little green blade, that shows the tenacity of vegetable existence and the precocity of appearing above the soil; and when all nature, in every form, dependent on the soil and the season, if gifted with power of vocal utterance would join in one wild solicitous howl of—*Rain! Rain! Rain!*—and still no rain would come. Nobody seems to know where the rain-clouds have gone! The very almanac makers are mute on that topic; and all the old stereotyped prognostications are turned out miserable failures—no sign can be relied on; not even the honest grumbling of Brantford can be considered as heralding the advent of a single raindrop. Perhaps the elemental reservoir has evaporated, or become extinct! and if so, our prospects in that state of affairs, would just be as cheering to the full if the predicted deluge of Dr. Cumming were really on the *tapis*, as we could in these latter days find a great many modern Noahs with their arks, and McLeans with their wherreys, to ferry us over to some *Mount Ararat* or Ben-Seculo of safety; but where on earth could a genius be found equal to the emergency of a universal dry? In short, who could manipulate matter so as to produce therefrom a single rain-cloud even of dimensions suitable for a sprinkling shower of cooling moisture rain, as would refresh the parched skin of a single bullfrog? Verily none, and our only hope of prolonging a vital state on earth would be to have ourselves metamorphosed into Salamanders.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Our County Council are taking wisdom by the forelock at present, by energetically causing a thorough repair of the "*funny*" culverts and gravel of our lake shore road. This is undertaken by the combined suggestion of the County Engineer, to whom the public in this quarter will doubtless feel grateful, and the County Council, who is in beginning to use improved spectacles.

NEW INN.—A large new Inn is at present in course of construction, at Kintail, it will considerably enhance the roadside landscape; and likewise the facilities of the Bibous hipeds who may chance to inhabit, or wayfare in that locality; but we are inclined to think that the good old establishment known as "The Half way House," and kept by our worthy old neighbour Sandy McRae was capable enough for suiting all public demands in that quarter.

CROPS.—The hay crops, and all cereal crops, with the exception of a very few patches in very moist ground, are all in a very stunted condition. The absence of rain is very badly felt; and should it even come never so soon now the progress of growth has been too long retarded to admit of even an average standard being the result of its future improvement. Bush fires are raging in some places and many in our neighbourhood are in a very *suffocating* state of suspense, as great danger to different kinds of property is anticipated in the event of the winds becoming high as all wells, ponds, and ditches scarcely contain water enough for the common wants of domestic life. I hear thunder! oh! rain! rain! rain!!!

COURT OF REVISION.—At an adjourned meeting of the Court of Revision, May 19th, 1873, the following amendments were made: R. Quaid was inserted in the Roll instead of G. McConnell; H McPhee for E½, con. 1, instead of E. McPhee; J. Cooke for lot 10, Dungannon, instead of H. Cook; J. Reid for N½ 9, con. 6, E. D.; H. Smith, as tenant for lot 6, Dungannon; A. McKay, for S E½ 2, con. 9, W. D.; J. Bradford for the S part 1, con. 13, W. D., 59 acres, instead of A. McGivery; S½ 1, con. 6, E. D., to be entered on the non-resident roll; G. Burrows to be assessed for lot 24, Arthur St., West, Port Albert.; J. Hart, as tenant, for W½ 3, con. 5 E. D. The assessment of A. McPherson N part 7, con. 13, W. D., was reduced $50 on real property. A similar reduction was made in M. Clare's assessment; W½ 2, con. 9, W. D. and S. E. part 2, con. 10, were entered on the non-resident roll; J. Mullin for lots 7 and 8, N. W. S. William St. Port Albert; G. F. Graham reduced $100 on real property; W. Kennedy assessed $100 for lot 40, W. Wellington St., instead of G. F. Graham; G. Burrows reduced $100 for real property; D. Dalton and J. Dalton, $50 each; A. Black, $100. The court adjourned until the 9th of June, at Black's Hall, Dungannon. The Council afterwards met, the Reeve presiding. The minutes of last meeting having been read and approved, the Reeve presented a copy of a resolution of the Council of Huron, proposing that each Council expend $40 in repairing and ditching on the boundary line between Ashfield and Huron, was read and ordered to be filed. Moved by F. Clare, sec. by A. C. Hawkins, that J. Howard be Path-master, instead of J. Balderson; H. Reid instead of J. Kickly and J. Murray instead of J. Pickering.—Carried. A. Dreany moved and A. C. Hawkins seconded the appointment of Wm. McBride as Path-master, instead of G. Draper. G. Burrows was appointed Path-master instead of I. Foster. Moved by A. Dreany, sec. by M. Dalton, that D. Boyd be Path-master on 12 con. to take as last year.—Carried. Moved by M. Dalton, sec. by F. Clare, that Wm. Chesnutt be Path-master on 6 and 7 con. W. D. commencing at the at the Division line and work westward, being the worst part of the division.—Carried. Moved by F. Clare, sec. by M. Dalton, that with reference to a letter of Township Clerk of Huron, asking this Council to expend the sum of $72 in the improvement of the road between Huron and Ashfield, that the same be not granted on account of the township of Huron being fifty dollars behind on account of boundary money for the year 1871, when the amount, namely $50, was expended by the Council of Huron, then Colborne, and signed by the Township Clerk's letter, will be cheerfully expended by this Council.—Carried. Moved by A. C. Hawkins, sec. by F. Clare, that this Council grant the sum of $20 to open out the boundary line between Ashfield and Colborne, from Division line in Ashfield to the Lake, provided the Township of Colborne grant an equal sum to assist in said work.—Carried. Moved by A. C. Hawkins, sec. by M. Dalton, that this Council tender a vote of thanks to Thomas Farrow, Esq., member of parliament for the North Riding of Huron, for his exertion in securing us a grant of $6000 from the Dominion Government for the improvement of Port Albert harbour, and the Clerk send the said M. P. a copy of this motion.—Carried. Moved by A. C. Hawkins, sec. by P. Clare, that J. McConnel be given the privilege of taking the timber on the Division line between the fifth and sixth concession, and A. Dreany be granted the same privilege on same line between the fourth concession road and the river, provided each of them clear his portion of said line of road one rod wider, subject to the inspection of either of the Councillors in the adjoining wards.—Carried. Moved by A. C. Hawkins, sec. by M. Dalton, that the Clerk be instructed to correct any omission or mistakes in the assessment roll for the present year.—Carried. Moved by M. Dalton, sec. by A. Dreany, that the Clerk be instructed to settle or arrange a disputed lot number 39 E. Sydenham street, and report at next meeting of Council.—Carried. Moved by M. Dalton, sec. by P. Clare, that W. Graham be paid the sum of $13, being for a mistake in his assessment for lot No. 39, E. Sydenham St. Port Albert.—Carried. Moved by A. Dreany, sec. by M. Dalton, that this Council do now adjourn to meet again at A. Black's Hotel, Dungannon, on the second Monday in June next.—Carried. J. COOKE, Township Clerk.

County of Huron Temperance Convention.

We have been furnished by the Secretary with the following report of the proceedings of the convention held in this town on the 19th ult.

Huron County Convention opened in due form, President Yates in the chair. Temples represented, Reform of Bruce by Brothers Welsh, Blair and McKenzie; Amherst of Bruce by Brothers Neil, Faulkner, Bell and Hunter; Stanfield and Faulkner; Seaforth by Brothers Williams, Brett, Badge and Sisters Williams, Sparling and Badge; Maitland by Brothers Fraser and Sister Campbell; Goderich by Brothers W. Campbell, Johnston, Moore, Thompson and Sisters Cantelon and Allen; Star by Brother Clark; Walton Star by Brother Geo. Thompson; Winthrop by Brothers Carbrook and Cusic; Manchester by Brothers Dobbie, Pierce, Jackson, Fisher, McDonald and McGee, also Mr. Miller, Provincial deputy for the B. A. O.

Minutes read and adopted. The Convention then listened to reports from the different temples and Mr Miller of the B. A. O. A communication from Springhill Temple was also read and filed. Convention then adjourned.

On resuming a telegram was received from Lifeboat temple stating that their delegates were unavoidably detained and inviting next Convention to meet at Gorrie.

Sister Barnes now treated Convention to a song given in her best style.

The question of County temples was then taken up.

It was moved and seconded by Brothers Badge and Clark that we suspend our County Convention and organize a county temple or temples. It was moved in amendment by Brothers Govenlock and Cusic that there be four county temples to be held quarterly, that there be a committee appointed to strike out the districts, that there be one convention yearly, that the convention be open to all temperance bodies and that the Sons and B. A. O. be invited. It was moved in amendment to the amendment by Brothers Bowey and Moore that this convention be declared permanent and that its future sessions, which shall be held semi-annually, embrace delegates from all temperance bodies. After considerable discussion Brother Badge withdrew his motion in favor of the following, moved by Brother Campbell and Williams that this convention think it advisable and recommend that two county temples be formed for this county and that the chairman of the I. O. of G. T., and the Secretary be a committee to confer with the Executive of the B. A. O. of G. T., and report at next meeting of Council. Moved by Brothers Welsh and Clark that the following subject was submitted by Springhill temple for discussion "That the most expeditious method of procuring a prohibitory liquor law is to have petitions sent to every temple or lodge in the Province (no difference to what order they belong) and have them as largely signed as possible by the residents of the jurisdiction of the lodge, and have said petitions presented to the representatives of their Constituency in the Local House praying him to support a prohibitory bill." After a slight discussion of the question it was adopted.

The Convention was then entertained to some instrumental and vocal music in good style by several Brothers and Sisters. Moved by Brother Moore and J. Thompson that the Secretary be instructed to inform the different organizations of the County of Huron of the action of this convention relating to county convention for political purposes and invite their co-operation requesting them to send one delegate for each twenty five members (or fraction of twenty five) to a meeting of said convention to be held at Clinton on the third Thursday of October, for the purpose of perfecting an organization. Moved by Brothers Moore of Goderich and Brother Badge of Seaforth were then elected President and Secretary. It was moved by Brothers Govenlock and G. Thompson that the divisions of the county for county temples be the same as it is now established divided for the Local Legislature. Carried. It was carried that W. Campbell be Secretary of County temple for South Riding, and A. Govenlock for the North. County temple for South to organize at Seaforth on the third Thursday in January and County temple for North to organize at Walton on the third Friday in January. Brother Williams then gave all temples represented an invitation to attend the temperance demonstration to be held in fall. Moved and carried that at the demonstration in the fall the I. O. of G. T. appear in regalia. The Convention then adjourned.

W. J. BOOSEY,
Secretary.

The Canadian Pacific Imperial Guarantee.

THE DISCUSSION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OPINIONS OF THE PRESS.

LONDON, JUNE 25.

In moving the second reading of the Bill to guarantee a loan for the Canada Pacific Railway in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Hugessen, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, without defending the principle of the measure, argued that it was an exceptional one, and that it was simply intended to enable the Dominion to save a considerable sum by lowering the rate of interest on the loan for the construction of an important work.

Sir Charles Dilke, in moving the six months' hoist, argued that the guarantee was given as much money to induce the Canadians to keep quiet about the Washington Treaty, and that it was calculated to encourage extravagance in those who would benefit by it.

Mr. Gladstone denied that the Bill was a bribe, or hush money, or payment for services rendered, but said that it was, on the contrary, payment for the just claims of Canada on account of the Pacific railway.

The Press comments unfavourably on the measure.

The *Times* says it is impleasant to call it bribery, but regrets the guarantee lowers the dignity of Canada.

The *Standard* considers it vain in Mr. Gladstone to insist that the guarantee is neither hush money nor bribe.

The *Globe* says the arrangement reflects discredit on the Government.

Acrostic.

A CHARACTER DRAWN FROM ONE DAY'S ACQUAINTANCESHIP.

BY WILLIAM BANNATYNE.

W reathe with his memory this little lay;
I 've framed it from a friendship brief but true.
L ain in our lives and but one short lived day
L ent us, to treasure up that friendship new!
I chide thee Death! in that thou'rt reft away
A nother hope just merging into bloom
M aking my breast, as 'twas affection's tomb.

M ase of the song of soul felt sorrow dear
A id me, to measure out my tuneful psalm!—
L ay one more honest tribute on his bier;—
C omel—'tis a Hero claims the compliment,
O ho! he was many-gifted, and sincere:
L oved for his kindness—honoured for his worth,
M anhood's first virtues marked his course on earth.

I only once met with Mr. Malc