The assessment returns, so far as taken, indicate that the population of Kingston will be nearly 14,000.

Mr. Kenneth Stanley, a widower, aged 45 years, committed suicide at Hamilton Thursday, by hanging himself with a clothes line in his cellar.

Five men escaped from a state room on board a steamer, in Kingston, on Thursday last, were nearly suffocated by gas from a coal stove. They all recovered.

The body of a child supposed to be that of Mr. Wm. Wesley Hall, was found in the harbor, Hamilton, Saturday morning. It was in a cigar box.

A young son of Mr. Sutton, a farmer [illegible] from a horse, took a horse to water, on Saturday. His prolonged absence caused search to be made, and on search being made he was found lashed in his blood, having been kicked and trampled on by the horse. His life is despaired of.

As Mr. Pegram, of Rockwood, was driving under the railway bridge at Guelph on Friday night about nine o'clock, a passing train caused the horses to suddenly, throwing him out of the buggy on his head. He was insensible when picked up, and was at first thought dangerously hurt, but he is now in a fair way of recovery.

An aged woman, of the extreme old age of 120 years, named Mrs. Flora McRae, who lived in a house by herself, at Richfield, was on Thursday evening found dead sitting by the fireside with her clothes burnt almost completely off her body. She was not very severely burnt, but when found, life was extinct.

An attempt was made a day or two ago to burn the new Canada yacht, Commodore of Toronto, now building at Cobourg. The Council of that place, having under consideration the advisability of granting a bonus in its favor, it was suggested that a visit of inspection should be paid to the craft. On arriving at her dock she was found to be on fire. The flames were speedily subdued before any damage had been done.

In Toronto, so far, 172 taverns and 10 saloons have been licensed. Last year the number was 185. The shops have not yet been settled. Tremendous excitement prevailed round the offices of the License Commissioners while the final sitting was being held. Some men actually wept, and one woman fainted, on hearing that their licenses could not possibly be renewed. The greatest excitement prevails amongst those who have forfeited their licenses, and many have been resolved to test the justice of the law.

A lamentable case of suicide occurred in Galt on Wednesday evening last, whereby a man named David Grant, of Glenmorris, put an end to his existence. He was seen in the water of Hume's dam by a passer-by, and attempts were made to prevent him from committing the act in every way possible; but he determinedly struck at those who tried to reach him, and getting into deep water, sank. There was no boat on the dam, and some time elapsed before his body was recovered. It is supposed to have been the result of drinking.

Matilda Raymon was on Thursday brought before the Montreal P. M. charged with keeping a house of ill-fame on Murray street. A young girl named Parker was called as a witness and told a sad story. She said she lived with her mother in a house adjoining the one kept by Mrs. Raymon, and on Monday her mother scolded her for disobedience. She went out of the house crying, and met Mrs. Raymon, who coaxed her to leave her mother and go into a house of ill-fame. She finally yielded, and remained there three days, until she was taken out by the police, her mother having found out where she was. The Magistrate sent Mrs. Raymon to jail for six months, at hard labor.

A brutal murder was committed at St. Henedine, in the neighborhood of Quebec, on Thursday last. It appears that a girl of the name of Lahouillier, a seamstress in the employ of Daniel Murphy, of Ste. Henedine, asked Mrs. Murphy to hand her some article from the cellar. Mrs. Murphy raised the cellar door to comply with her request and had barely descended more than a single step of the stairs, when the girl drew a revolver from the folds of her dress and fired four shots successively into her body with the muzzle of the weapon placed almost against it. The unfortunate woman fell into the cellar mortally wounded. The murderess immediately after the deed, gathered up all the valuables she could lay her hands upon and fled. Mrs. Murphy survived two hours, during which she communicated the above particulars. The murderess was arrested on Friday morning on the Levis and Kennebec train while endeavoring to make her escape to Quebec.

COLBORNE.

SOCIAL AT LEBURN.—The social by the young men of this church, on Tuesday evening of last week was quite a success. Rev. Jas. Sieveright occupied the chair to the satisfaction of the audience, and a pleasing programme was rendered, Mr. Walker, teacher S. S., No. 5, taking a leading part. An old man's social will take place shortly.

SEAFORTH.

ODDFELLOW'S ANNIVERSARY.—On the 26th of April, the Lodge of Oddfellows in this place held their anniversary, which was quite a successful affair. The meeting was opened at 8 o'clock, a fine choir and organist supplying music on the occasion. The hall was crowded to excess, a good many having to go away, unable to gain admittance. A large number of ladies honored the Society with their presence, and graced the hall with their smiling faces. The first on the programme came Dr. Irving, who gave an excellent reading from Longfellow, "The wreck of the Hesperus". Then came the resident clergyman of the Bible Christian body, in an excellent speech upon "Man," music being interspersed between. The next speaker was Dr. Campbell, of Seaforth, a member of the Order, who spoke for nearly an hour explaining the principles of the Order and ending with an eloquent peroration in reference to the future of the order. The Wesleyan Minister was then introduced and confined himself to criticisms on Dr. Campbell's address, after which the Doctor made a short reply, and the meeting was concluded by the benediction.

BRUSSELS.

SUPPER.—Messrs. Watson & Brooks, on a recent evening entertained their employees at supper, in the residence of the senior partner.

PROPERTY SOLD.—Mr. John Taylor has sold his house and lot near the show ground to Mrs. Breckenridge for the sum of $800.

OBITUARY.—John Wilton Kerr, died at his residence, on Tuesday evening of last week, at the age of 77 years. The deceased had been living in Brussels for the past 16 years, and has been a member of the school board for 13 years. He was much esteemed by all, and was an old member of the Masonic Order.

LIQUOR LICENSES.—The License Commissioners of East Huron met on April 22nd, when the following licenses were granted: Township of Grey—T. Clark, M. Mills, J. Tuck, C. Burins, J. Dunlop. Turnberry—J. Patterson, J. Thomson. Hullett—J. Leyden and G. Brownlee. Wroxeter village—J. Crawford, J. Gofton, W. Johnston. McKillop—Mrs. J. Leslie, C. Davis. Morris—John McCulloch, W. Shane, R. J. Pollock, J. Emigh and C. Sage. Hewick—J. Colherton, S. Gilmore, Smith & Bell, M. R. J. Parks, W. Leckie, R. Mogarth, S. Hadly. Brussels—W. Armstrong, J. Parker, J. Stretton. The following shop licenses were granted: Howick—Young & Akins; Brussels—J. Grewar.

SORE EYES.—The late Dr. Brainerd, of Chicago, gave it as his opinion, that [illegible] fourth of the entire population [illegible] afflicted with sore eyes that [illegible] seemed to defy ordinary remedies, and said that if the Blood was kept pure, this disease would be very rarely met with. Use WINGATE'S BLOOD PURIFIER. 1523b

EXETER.

The assessment of this village is between thirty and forty thousand dollars more than last year.

Four car loads of cattle were shipped from the station last week. Two two-year old steers were bought for $100.

On Tuesday afternoon of last week, while Mr. Jones was, for a few minutes absent from his shop, some one entered it, and carried off three revolvers and 12 boxes cartridges.

The commissioners for South Huron have granted licenses to the following persons: Usborne—Nicholas White, J. Pratt, J. W. Cuthbert. Stephen—J. W. [illegible] W. Cunningham, J. A. Cameron, P. Buckley, J. Moffat, H. Spare, and W. Holt. Hay—L. Bailey, F. Dietsbert, J. Prang, M. Busby, H. Orth, T. Dusbarne, Tuckersmith—R. Elliott, James Wilson, Mrs. Bell, for Grewar, and G. & H. Jackson, for Brussels. Mckinnville—A. Kennedy. Stanley—P. McGregor, H. Shaefler, J. Turner, and W. R. Hodgins, Bayfield—H. McClean, J. Johnston, J. Morgan, J. Pollock, for taverns, and T. J. Marks, Robert Merriton, for shops. Seaforth—Taverns—R. Carmichael, Stephens & McKinney, J. Weir, A. Davidson, D. D. Ross, T. Foster. Shops, Wilson & Young, T. D. Ryan, Thomas Kidd. Exeter—Taverns, E. Christie, J. Otto, P. Drew, W. Hawkshaw. Shops, I. Carling, G. A. Mace.

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, Buffalo and Detroit.
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, MAY 3, 1876.

The License Law.

The License Commissioners have completed the principal part of their work, in the granting of licenses, and the result is gratifying as a general rule to the friends of temperance. In numbers hotels and liquor stores have been greatly reduced and the standard of character in the licensed establishments is greatly improved—a result of careful scrutiny and investigation into, by the inspector, the character of the applicants and the appointments of their houses, coupled with the judicious action of the commissioners. The accommodation rendered necessary for hotels in town, has had the tendency of preventing them from having the name of hotel merely, instead of the real semblance. Throughout the country districts all the one-horse, way-side traps have been abolished, and those which are for the present deemed necessary are retained. In the fulfilment of their office the commissioners have by no means a pleasant task, and one for which all the glory that may attach to such a dignified office is the sole and inadequate remuneration. They are placed in a position to earn a good deal of abuse and criticism, which in some cases has already been expended upon them by newspapers and individuals, principally by those who jump at the conclusion most unreasonably that political considerations interfere to their discomfiture. If the public wish to assist the commissioners in the consistent discharge of their duties, they should be thoughtful enough to judge of the actions of these gentlemen with leniency. In making their appointments, the Government has endeavored to choose good men, and judging from the appointments made in this County, the duties of the office will be performed faithfully and consistently, as we have reason to believe they have been done so far. Therefore, if a cry is raised that the commissioners have not proved strict enough on the one hand, or on the other they are accused of being too severe, the reasoning public should not too readily espouse the one or the other cause until they have distinguished the happy medium between the views of the temperance fanatic and the views of the extreme anti-prohibitionist; or assured themselves than the objection is well taken. The new act has been assailed by a cotemporary, as "tyrannical and unjust—and amounting to wholesale confiscation. A Government which would introduce and pass such an Act, and a Parliament which sustains them, deserve the execration of all sensible men, whether teetotallers or tipplers. The law will accomplish no good, on the contrary, it will entail loss upon thousands, and turn into ridicule the boasted British liberty and British justice." Such language is extreme in its character, and while it contains a few grains of truth they are almost hidden by the severe tone of the language. Some people are to suffer and be driven from what is pronounced a legitimate business, but the majority has resolved that for the sake of morality and public happiness the traffic must be curtailed. The cost of the effort to reduce the extent of the traffic has been estimated; it was known that some must feel heavily the new enactment, but the difficulty will be temporary and new channels will naturally open up to these "thousands." Chief Justice Harrison is of an opinion favorable to the new License Act, and in his charge to the Grand Jury at the recent sittings of the Wentworth Assize Court he said:

"Crime, of course, springs from various sources, but the Judges on the Bench know that the general cause of crime is the use of intoxicating liquors. Reason distinguishes man from the brute, and drink deprives him of that reason. Good laws are of no use unless they are properly carried out, and I trust that this new measure of appointing License Commissioners will lead to a more faithful observance of the law."

A great deal rests with the commissioners, and if they carry out their duty faithfully the law will prove very successful.

The Salary Grab.

Mr. Ross, in reply to the demands of the *Star* for the names of the members of the Provincial Parliament who circulated the "round robin" which proposed the increase in the indemnity of the members, speaks as follows:

"If you will refer to my letter to the *Signal* in reference to the increased allowance to members, you will see that I was particularly careful not to refer to the individual action or utterances of any of the other members during the discussion of this question in the session held with closed doors, or to the names attached to the round robin. As it was a secret session, I consider myself debarred from mentioning any names or referring to the individual action of any member thereat. I felt at liberty, however, when my own action was impugned, to state in that letter that I opposed the increase and spoke against it, and the reference to Mr. Cameron's remarks was based upon the utterance of that gentleman at a subsequent open session. Your demand, therefore, for the names of the originators of the round robin, that you may hold them up to condemnation cannot be complied with. In my letter I laid the responsibility of this measure equally upon both sides of the House. I cannot however conceive that the originators are one whit more guilty of guilt than those than those who, when it was suggested, advocated it and supported it, and as you seem urgently desirous to rest your wrath upon some of the delinquent Conservatives, I am happy to be able, without any breach of confidence, to refer you to a few who strongly supported it. When the business was before the House for consideration, Messrs. Cameron, McDougall, Landerkin, Scott and Merrick, the opposition leaders, spoke in favor of it. Mr. Cameron, as reported in the *Mail*, said "with reference to the indemnity of members there was in his judgment not more than there should be, and attendance there for two hours and attendance out in many cases it was too little." Therefore he wished to express any responsibility that attached to the Government with reference to the matter." Mr. Merrick, as reported in the above observation. Mr. Scott said "he did not see why any hon. gentleman in this house should not receive the same indemnity as hon. members in the House of Commons of Canada." Mr. McDougall said "for his part if his constituents did not consider that his services were worth $800 they might get somebody else. He favored the increase." Mr. Landerkin concurred in the observations of his colleagues.

Yours truly,

A. M. ROSS."

Our feelings upon the subject were plainly enough expressed some time ago, but we feel called upon to reply to some of the remarks made by our cotemporary about Mr. Ross. It styles Mr. Ross' statements in the letter some time ago addressed to this paper in reply to our remarks upon the subject as ungentlemanly and unparliamentary, inasmuch as they made public the business transacted during a secret session. Now all who have read that letter will confess that Mr. Ross spoke in a manly tone, and his only allusion to the business of that session was in his own defence, when he stated that he objected to the proposal. He was entitled to say this much in his defence without violating any rule of parliamentary etiquette; but were he to comply with the unreasonable request of our cotemporary and give the names of the Conservatives who originated the grab, he would prove himself ungentlemanly, unmanly. He has refused to do so, and with the best of reasons too. The demand was inconsistent, for Mr. Ross was at the same time accused of telling one secret in violation of parliamentary rules and asked to divulge a still more sacred one.

It says little for the honesty of our cotemporary when it pays so little attention to the evidence given in the letter above quoted, and which evidence has been quite long enough before the public to acquaint them with it. There is evidence calling for the censure which our cotemporary professedly burns to direct against Conservatives who would accept their additional $200 without a murmur; but by keeping its nose close to a side issue, it has failed to follow the honest example of some of its more independent fellows who censured one and all, without distinction of parties. The Reform journals did not hesitate to speak plainly and promptly their disapproval of the act, but, they treated the subject as it should have been dealt with—censuring the House as a body and not making a party question of it. The Government does not lead its party by the nose, and therefore when the question was brought up, affecting as it did the individuals composing the House, it was regarded in a manner very different from ordinary questions. Our cotemporary need search no farther for the Conservative originators of the "grab," but let it honestly deal out the censure upon the transaction without being biased by a bigoted party spirit.

THE ORGANS of the Opposition have not ceased to prate about the commutation of the death sentence on Smith, known as the Sombra murderer, and to accuse Minister of Justice Blake of being actuated by party motives in altering the sentence. No honest person will think that Mr. Blake permitted himself to forget his high trust for party's sake, and the fact that the members of the Cabinet gave the case a full consideration, and the Minister of Justice took every care to acquaint himself with all the evidence, makes the charges pronounced by the Conservatives press sound unpatriotic as ignoble. Hon. J. H Cameron, a leader of the Opposition, at the last session brought forward a measure to save persons charged with crimes from being convicted on the evidence of an accomplice, and in this case Smith is criminated almost solely upon the evidence of his accomplice Mrs. Findlay, whom the public will judge the most heartless of the two, even if her own story be believed. Smith has made his confession charging Mrs Findlay with the commission of the crime, and *vice versa*. No evidence but that of Mrs. Findlay would satisfy a jury that Smith was worthy of being hanged, and she having confessed to complicity in the crime, it seems more than probable that she would strain her conscience in order to defend herself. For these reasons Mr. Blake's action is justifiable. There would be something bloodthirsty in the cry which has been raised, were it not that a partizan spirit is plainly dictating the charge. Smith has been placed in safe keeping, and his punishment of imprisonment for life, under the circumstances, is surely sufficient to satisfy the sincerest lovers of justice, if not the vengeful.

Town Council.

The Council met on Friday evening last, the Mayor in the chair and all members present except councillor Detlor.

Communication from H. Horton, M. P., enclosing a letter from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries in regard to the docks.

Communication from Fanny Wilkinson asking Council to guarantee rent of her house as she is at present unable to pay same. Mr. Smaill stated that the Bailiff who at one time seized a sewing machine of hers for rent had charged $3.50 for fees which was exhorbitant. Mr. Sloan thought the fees should not be more than $3 at all events. Received and filed.

Petition from Julia McGrath asking Council to strike off the assessment on her house as the land is assessed enough to cover the value, and besides she is unable to pay taxes. Left to Court of Revision.

Communication from A. Dart asking Council to pay board and other expenses of keeping a poor woman who has been at his place for some time, sent to Finance. Mr. A. Watson objected to pay such accounts on the ground that no one should incur such expense and expect the town to pay it; if they incur such expense they ought to bear it.

Communication from A. McD. Allan, asking Council to level and define the width of the sidewalks on Cameron, Raglan and Gibbons streets for the purpose of planting trees. Referred to Public Works Committee with power to act.

Petition from a number of merchants on the Square and others asking that the town pay one half the cost of watering the streets this season. Mr. A. Watson thought it was rediculous to ask outsiders to pay a part of this, the merchants and those residing on the streets watered ought to pay for it themselves. The Mayor stated that last year the cost of watering the streets was about $740. Mr. Garrow said that all received a benefit and should pay for it. Mr. Thompson said it was unjust to tax people who lived in the outlying portions of the town for the purpose of benefiting merchants and others on the Square. Mr. Mitchell said the petition should include Hamilton street. Mr. Clucas said there would be little use in watering the Square unless the streets leading from it were watered some distance also. Mr. Campbell supported the petition but he thought individuals should not be asked to pay so much as one half the cost, the town should pay the largest part of it. Mr. Garrow pointed out that a special rate could be made if two thirds of the ratepayers on any particular street would petition for it; he moved, seconded by Mr. Bissell, that the whole matter be left to a committee composed of Messrs. Smaill, D. Watson, Clues, Smith and Hutchison, to see what the cost would be to water the Square and streets leading out from it.—Carried.

Petition from Catharine Sullivan asking Council to build a shanty for her son who is laid up with a broken leg in her house, referred to Public Works Committee with power to act.

Petition from J. Craig and others calling the attention of the Council to the state of Gibbons street—Sent to Public Works.

Petition from D. Reed and others asking Council to repair Nelson street—Sent to Public Works.

Petition from W. Steven and others asking that William street be gravelled—Sent to Public Works.

Communication from Buchanan, Lawson & Robinson stating that they are about building a new planing mill, and asking leave to lay a switch from the G. T. R. across Maitland road for their accommodation, they to keep same clear—Sent to Public Works with power to act.

Report of Public Works Committee asking for an extension of time to report on the business before them—Granted.

Report of the Harbor Committee asking the Government to appoint a Master was read and adopted.

By-laws containing the wants of the town regarding the conduct of the commercial docks had been sent to the Department at Ottawa, but they were imperfect and it will now be necessary to communicate further with the Government.

Report of Finance Committee recommending payment of several accounts—Adopted.

Report of special committee appointed along with the Finance Committee regarding the petition from the Sons of Temperance, recommending that they be requested to make an offer to the Council ensuring them the use of their hall for public meetings when they may require it, and on those conditions the committee recommend that the monies now on hand be paid over for the execution of the present building on lot 853. They also recommend the Treasurer be instructed to enter in his book the lease of lot 856 and keep a debit and credit account of rents accruing therefrom, &c. After a good deal of discussion on the report, the whole matter was referred back to committee for further information.

The following accounts were sent to Finance: W. Reed, relief, $8.25; Star office, printing, &c., $41.68; James Mitchell, relief, $4.75; *Signal* office, printing, &c., $63.22. J. Bumstock presented an account for $28 for board of F. Armstrong, a vagrant, which the Council decided not to pay as it would be laying down a bad precedent.

Mr. Smaill stated that Mr. Harrington who had been receiving relief for some time is in Toronto and is getting better and wished to have his family family sent there as he will soon get a situation now. The matter was, on motion, left in Mr. Smaill's hands with power to act.

Mr. Campbell moved, seconded by Mr. Smaill, that the name of Mr. J. R. Miller be placed on all committees instead of Mr. H. W. Ball—Carried.

Mr. Campbell asked his Worship if he had received any notice of motion against the by-law regulating licenses, and his Worship replied he had not.

Mr. Sloan presented petition from a man named McDonald who wanted the Council to advance money to build a house and furnish necessaries to support his father, who lives on the flats, and he (the son) would give his note endorsed by his father for the amount.—It seems that the old gentleman expects some money soon which he claims has been left to him by a deceased relative. The Council thought the son, who is a well-to-do farmer in Ashfield, should support his father and refused the petition.

Mr. Miller asked that authority be given the proper parties to renew all street trees that are dead or broken, and also to plant out the point at the Harbor Hill—Referred to Public Works Committee to do what they may deem necessary at Harbor Hill, and the Street Inspector was instructed to plant trees at once where spaces occurred.

The Clerk reported that the Assessors had completed the Roll and handed it in with the usual affidavits. Mr. Garrow moved, seconded by Mr. Hutchison, that the assessment roll be referred to Finance—Carried.

Mr. Sloan stated that Mr. Straubel wanted a plank sidewalk laid opposite his store and he would pay one half the cost—Referred to Public Works with power to act.

Petition from Isaac Cassady and others asking Council to repair Hincks street—Referred to Public Works.

Mr. Clucas enquired what was done in regard to the petition asking for repairs in St. David street. Mr. A. Watson said it would be attended to on Thursday next.

Council adjourned for two weeks.

Weather Report.

Goderich, May 1, 1876.

Rain fell on 12 days during the month of April; amount of rainfall 21 cubic inches. Greatest rainfall during 24 hours, on the 22nd, 5 cubic inches. Snow fell on 4 days during the month. Hail shower on the 4th, at 10 a. m.

On the night of the 6th, a large ring round the moon. On the night of the 18th Aurora Borealis. Thunder and Lightning on the 11th, 20th, 21st, and 23rd.

Greatest velocity of wind on the 6th, during 24 hours 637.5 miles or 26.5 miles per hour, Least velocity of wind on the 25th, 32.5 miles during 24 hours.

Prevailing wind during the month, North.

G. N. MACDONALD. Observer.

DUNGANNON.

SAD ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday afternoon last, Mr. Wm. Campbell, of the 6th Con. West Wawanosh, met with a sudden and violent death. He was on his way home, and when near Glen's hill he bent over the side of the wagon to look at something on the road when he lost his balance and fell out striking his head upon the ground with such force as to cause dislocation of the neck. Death was instantaneous. Deceased was about 60 years old, an old and respected resident of Wawanosh, and a prominent member of the Loyal Orange Lodge. The funeral on Friday was largely attended, particularly by his brother Orangemen.

HOTEL LICENSE.—Mr. John Wonnacott, having furnished the proper bonds, has received his hotel license from the License Commissioners.

TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.—The regular meeting of this body will take place at the Dungannon school house, on Saturday, 13th inst. Programme: Reading by Mr. Thos. D. Walker; Methods of teaching History, Grammar and Composition, by Messrs. R. E. Brown, Wm. Lane and T. Hamilton, respectively; Essay, by W. Hogarth.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY will be celebrated here with a grand display. Particulars will soon be made known.

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

ENTERTAINMENT.—On the night of 28th ult., a very instructive and interesting entertainment was held in the Union Presbyterian church, Goderich township. The programme was made up of very choice selections. Amongst the admirable rendering of the several beautiful pieces there stood out prominently "Hold the Fort," by the Misses Porter and Clendenning, who were joined in the chorus by the whole class. The singing of Miss Maggie Porter, accompanied by Mr. Cox, was much admired, while the solo given by Mr. Connelly was sung with good effect. The audience dispersed much pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

ENCOURAGING.—Our spicy cotemporary the London *Advertiser* now publishes two editions daily.

CHANGE OF TIME.—Some important changes have been made in the arrival and departure of trains, which are noted in the time table in another column.

FOR THE CENTRAL.—On Thursday morning Wm. Hunter, who a short time ago received sentence on a charge of false pretences, was taken to the Central Prison.

DIPTHERIA.—This disease is prevalent in town. One physician reports thirteen cases to attend to in four families, but none of the cases have proved fatal.

REAL ESTATE SALE.—Mr. Wm. McLean has purchased the handsome residence of J. S. Sinclair, Esq., Q. C., for the sum of $10,000. This is considered a fair figure.

NEW BRIDGE.—Mr. H. Y. Attrill is about to erect a bridge across the Maitland near Platt's mills, for the accommodation of carriages and foot passengers.

BEGINNING.—Our town cotemporary accuses us of saying that the "main sewer" was in a bad state of repair. If the editor of that paper will look more closely he will see that we spoke of the "main open sewer;" and if he doubts the remarks we make with reference to it, let him view it for himself.

SHIPMENTS.—The principal shipments from the Grand Trunk station for last week were as follows: 18 car loads of lumber by Secord, Cousens & Co.; 1 car load by Williams & Murray; 1 car load of live stock by Mr. Wm. McLean; 4 car loads salt by International Co.; 4 car loads do. by Mr. P. McEwen, and 4 car loads do. by Mr. Wm. Campbell.

A CURIOSITY.—Mr. Thomas Startin, of Cameron Street, while at work in the quarry near Hillard's dam, a few days since, blasted from the solid rock three petrified rams' horns, one of which is perfect in all parts even to the year or age marks around the horn. They are very large, and fourved something after the shape of a merino ram's horn. Hugh Miller, with his hammer would work out a history from this text.

ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday last Mr. James Mitchell's horse ran away, whilst going down the hill towards Maitlandville, throwing out of the grocery wagon to which he was attached, the driver and Mrs. Aimes. Both were considerably bruised, but escaped any serious injury. The loosening of the tugs caused the horse to run, and by the careful efforts of the driver the wagon was kept on the road until turning the corner to pass on to the bridge, when the upset took place.

MESSRS. FAIRBANKS & Co. shipped last week from their works at St. Johnsbury 1,064 scales, and they had unfilled orders upon their books for 4,615. In these dull times manufacturers consider themselves particularly fortunate if their business is up to the average; but when it is in excess of previous years, as is the case with the Messrs. Fairbanks, it would seem as if the public had decided that their scales were the only ones worth having.—*New York Tribune, April 21.* 1524 *a*

LICENSES.—At the last meeting of the Commissioners for West Huron, wholesale liquor license was granted to Messrs. and Shephard & Strachan; and retail licenses to Messrs. Bunberry, Geo. Grant and H. Cook. A largely signed petition from ratepayers in Clinton was presented, praying that a tavern license be granted to Mr. John Rose. In accordance therewith Mr. J. T. Bradley's license was cancelled, and one given to Mr. Ross. Hotel licences were granted in other parts of the Riding as follows: Lower Wingham, John James. Albion; Blyth, R. Cook; Belgrave, D. McCartney; Manchester, Russell's Hotel; Belfast, McCrusty; Ashfield, G. F. Gray; Goderich Township, Jas. Johnson.

JIMUEL BRIGGS.—Mr. T. P. Thompson, "Jimuel Briggs," delivered his lecture entitled "Random Shots at Flying Follies;" before a fair audience in Oddfellows' Hall, on Wednesday evening. J. H. Finlay, Esq., Mayor, introduced the speaker in a few remarks appropriate to the anniversary—the 57th of the establishment of the Order of Oddfellowship in Canada—which was being thus celebrated. The lecture occupied over an hour in delivery, and possessed many good features in composition; but a certain awkwardness of manner and defective delivery marred its effects. Mr. Thompson is a better writer than lecturer; and his hearers on this occasion became aware of the fact that men who make themselves distinguished by their writings are not so successful on the platform. His hits were telling, but in some cases rather severe for the success of the lecture. The Oddfellows deserve great praise for their enterprise in bringing the gentleman to Gederich.

COMPLIMENTARY SUPPER.—A very pleasant affair took place at Vivian's dining parlours on Saturday evening, upon which occasion the friends of Mr. Stephen O. Perry, who, as we have already stated has been promoted to the charge of the American Express Co.'s office in St. Thomas, entertained him at supper. About 100 persons sat down to the elegant feast prepared in Mr. Vivian's best style, and among those present were Judge Sinclair, Horace Horton, M. P.; Dr. Thompson, U. S. Consul; Mayor Finlay, Messrs. Dixie Watson, M. Hutchison, H. H. Smith and others. After the company had done full justice to the feast, the usual loyal toasts were proposed by the chairman, Mr. Finlay, and appropriately responded to, when the toast of the evening was announced by the vice-chairman Mr. Dixie Watson, coupled with a few remarks of compliment to Mr. Perry as a citizen and in his official capacity, which was drunk in a most enthusiastic manner. Mr. Frank Lawrence then came forward and presented Mr. Perry with two handsome gold rings, one a heavy seal ring and the other a broad, handsomely chased hoop, a gift to Mrs. Perry. The rings were purchased from Mr. Walsh, and bear appropriate inscriptions. The presentation was accompanied by the following address:

To S. O. PERRY, Esq.

The Express and Railway employees on the B. & L. H. Division of the G. T. Railway desire to take advantage of this, the occasion of your departure from amongst them, to express their high appreciation of your social and business qualifications, and the very great pleasure they have always derived from your presence amongst them. While they keenly feel the loss, which their circle will sustain by your absence, they share most heartily in the pleasure which will accompany your well merited promotion to a higher position in your department, where they doubt not your sterling qualities will add to the confidence already secured in the minds of your employers. As a slight token of our regard, and to secure a more vivid recollection in your memory when absent from amongst us, we beg to present you with these rings.

F. F. LAWRENCE,
on behalf of the Express and
Railway Employees.

Mr. Perry was deeply affected, but replied in a neat speech, thanking his friends for the kindness and honor shown him. He had always endeavored to give satisfaction to those with whom he had dealings during the nine years of his connection with his late office, and he was more than pleased to find that his efforts had been successful. He would always love the beautiful old town, and the present event would be the most pleasant of his memories of the past. A number of toasts were proposed and responded to, each speaker adding his portion to the good wishes presented to Mr. Perry. During the evening songs were sung by Messrs. Jas. Doyle and John Robinson, and Mr. E. R. Watson played a fine concertina solo. The company broke up at a reasonable hour, after having spent a most agreeable evening.

SOCIAL AND BUSINESS OR SONG.—A social and singing of song will be held in the North St. Methodist Church, on the evening of May 24th, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Association.

FASHIONABLE GOODS.—Mr. W. R. Robertson has a full stock of the most fashionable summer goods, in which the famous "Bern tint" forms a special feature. The store presents a handsome appearance, and a visit to it will repay our readers.—See adv.

PERSONAL.—We are pleased to announce that the title of Doctor of Divinity has been conferred upon Rev. Robert Ure, of Knox Church, Goderich, by Queen's College, Kingston.—Mr. Ure is indeed deserving of the honor, and his friends will hear the announcement with pleasure.

—The Canada Gazette of Saturday announces the appointment of Capt. R. M. Dancy to the position of harbor master for this port. Mr. Dancy is thoroughly experienced, and no doubt will prove an efficient officer. Such an officer has long been needed at this port, and henceforth the interests of ship owners and others having business at the docks will be better attended to.

WAITING.—The schooners *Nemesis* and *Ontario* are ready to 'put to sea' as soon as the lake becomes clear enough to permit them to leave port. The former is loaded with 4500 bushels of wheat for Walkerville, and the latter has 7800 bushels of peas and 3000 bushels of wheat on board for Kingston. Messrs. Wm. Seymour & Co., are the shippers in both cases.

BUCKTHORNE.—When fencing material is becoming so expensive the farmer and gardener should give more particular attention to hedge growing, as something more permanent and effectual and which at the same time forms a fine ornament. Buckthorn is probably the best plant that the farmer could employ in this capacity and it is easily grown. Messrs. Geo. Leslie & Son of the Toronto Nurseries have a large quantity of buckthorn for sale, and their price is very low for a first class article. See advertisement. The Messrs Leslie have also an unusually large stock of general nursery trees, shrubs, &c., all of their own growth and true to name. See adv.

OFFICERS APPOINTED.—At Goderich Lodge, No. 223, I. O. G. T., on Monday evening last, the following officers were duly installed for the ensuing quarter:—

W. C. T.— Wm. McCreath.
W. V. T.— Sister Todd.
W. Sec'y.— Chas. Somerville.
W. A. S.— Jas. Wilkinson, jr.
W. F. S.— Frank Hick.
W. Treas.—Robt. Campbell.
W. Marshall—El. Belcher.
W. D. M.— Mary A. Cantelon.
W. Chap.— John Viles.
W. I. G.— Elijah Reeve.
W. O. G.—John Dickson.
W. R. H. S.— Sister McCreath.
P. W. C. T.— John Halcrow.
ORGANIST— Sister E. Mellish.

DEATH OF AN OLD SETTLER.—Among the death announcements will be found that of Mr. Henry Hoare, Senr. The deceased was a native of the County of Kent, England, and came with his family of three sons and one daughter, all born in England, to Canada, in 1832. After a residence of one year in Montreal, removed in December, 1833, to Goderich, and was one of its earliest pioneers. The deceased has always been an active, healthy man, exceedingly independent in character, never yielding to any difficulty that was possible to surmount, and did his best in assisting to develop and improve the town in which he has lived so long. For some time past he had been complaining slightly, but was always able to keep moving about. He died very suddenly on Monday morning at 5 o'clock, falling from his chair while in the act of bathing his temples with Pain Killer in the presence only of his oldest son, Mr. Hillary Horton. He died without a word or groan, having outlived his wife, who died last year, about 6 months. He leaves behind him of his family only his three sons, Mr. Hillary Horton, T'p of Colborne; Mr. Horace Horton, M. P., and Mr. Henry Horton, grocer, of this town. His death removes another of the very few remaining landmarks of the early settlement of the Town of Goderich.

BANQUET TO JUDGE SINCLAIR.—On Thursday evening last a large number of our prominent citizens assembled at the Fountain Hotel with the purpose of entertaining Judge Sinclair at a banquet and to give expression to the esteem in which he is held by them and the regrets experienced at his departure from the town where he has been during the past seventeen years, a progressive and worthy citizen. The banquet hall presented a gay scene, and when the guests had been seated about the well filled tables there was no element lacking to constitute a completely successful affair. Mayor Finlay, with the guest of the evening seated at his right hand, occupied the chair, and Judge Toms and H. McDermott, Esq., filled the position of vice-chairmen respectively. Among those present were Venerable Archdeacon Elwood, Dr. Thompson, Messrs. H. Horton, M. P., J. T. Garrow, W. R. Squier, J. Davison, C. Seager, M. Hutchison, S. Malcolmson of Clinton, Jas. Woods of Stratford, E. Holmsted of Seaforth, Sheriff Gibbons, Ira Lewis, Crown Attorney, and others. The bill of fare was elaborate, and the spread was all that the most fastidious taste could desire. After full justice had been done to it, the cloth was removed and the formal part of the programme was commenced by reading letters from the following parties who had been invited to be present but were unable to come: Hon. T. B. Pardee, Barnia; Dalton McCarthey, Q. C., Barrie; Judge Kingsmill, Walkerton; Judge Deacon, Perth; A. S. Hardy, Q. C., Beantford; M. C. Cameron, Q. C., Goderich; who was confined to the house through sickness; Jas. Fisher, Stratford; B. B. Osler, Crown Attorney, Hamilton; T. M. Benson, Q. C., Port Hope; and D. Guthrie, Q. C, Guelph. All these communications contained sentiments expressive of the regret of the several persons at their inability to be present and congratulating Mr. Sinclair upon his honorable promotion. Judge Kingsmill's message was written in the following laconic style: "Health will not permit me to be present. Prosperity to His Honor; sympathy with Goderich; congratulations to Wentworth." The loyal toasts were duly honored, and H. McDermott, Esq., then proposed the toast of the evening in an able speech, referring in complimentary terms to the ability which Mr. Sinclair manifested in pursuit of his profession, and his social qualities. While many would grieve to notice the blank in the ranks of the Goderich Bar, they would be pleased to think that Mr. Sinclair had been promoted from thence to his present position. The toast was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm. After the applause had subsided, Mr. Sinclair, in feeling terms thanked those present for the honor thus done him. When he first arrived in Goderich a mere stripling, he had no anticipation and little prospect of attaining to the position he now had the honor to fill. But with the assistance of many kind friends, and not alone through his own efforts, he had been enabled to succeed. After referring to the progress in his profession and the pleasant experiences through which he had passed, Mr. Sinclair said that he had doubts of his worthiness for the office, but he could make every effort to merit the confidence which had been reposed in him. He would always retain a warm affection for Goderich and his friends here, and think of his sojourn here with sincere pleasure. It was like a home to him and he should always cherish it in his memory as such. Mr. Sinclair's remarks were loudly applauded. Toast and sentiment followed each other in quick succession, until the "wee sma' hours," and many were the good wishes and congratulations presented to the guest of the evening. The company broke up well pleased with the successful nature of the affair, whilst regretting the event which had brought it about. All our readers, who have known Mr. Sinclair, will concur in the sentiments which were expressed at the gathering, and wish him every success in his new and responsible office.

HURON DIRECTORY.—This publication is now in the hands of the printer, and will be issued in the course of a few weeks. The publisher, Mr. J. C. Currie will this week visit the business men in town, for the purpose of completing this department of the work, when we hope he will meet with the success which his enterprise merits.

TEACHER'S MEETING.—The annual meeting of the Huron Teacher's Association will take place at Clinton, on the 19th and 20th of May, when Hon. A. Crooks, Minister of Education, will be present. Further particulars next week.

DISASTROUS FIRE.—The