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 1.00 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	9.25	and 5.15
" Norwich	9.37	and 5.25
" Otterville	10.00	and 5.50
" C. S. Crossing	10.23	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 2.50
" Simcoe	7.00	and 3.00
" C. S. Crossing	7.29	and 3.33
" Otterville	7.42	and 3.53
" Norwich	7.54	and 4.10
" Burgessville	8.06	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, MAY 31, 1878.

REFORM INCONSISTENCIES.

The political aspect of the day seems to be flickering constantly *a la mode* true Grit ethics; and the "purity" braves at the helm of affairs still continue to illustrate their peculiar mode of "putting down bribery and corruption," and flaunting to the world their "cardinal principles" in the direction of responsible government, no doubt to their own satisfaction, but as the sequel will prove, to the disgust of the country. Truly, the ordinary Grit politician is a prodigy but miserably appreciated by his fellow-man! Who so obdurate as to deny the existence of large quantities of whole-souledness and liberality in the martyr. "Majaw" Walker of London as *teste* the $20,000 he distributed among the "free and independent" of London at last election! Talk about the Gedeoich Harbor jobs, the Neebing palace, and the various Anglinisms; they can readily be overlooked in the liberal effulgence of a Grit heart. Charity—that's the word—when a member of the "great Reform party" is implicated in any nefarious trickery, or culpable in the sense of a trimmer, excuses and absolves; but charity covereth not a single sin in the eyes of this "great" party when a Conservative official deviates. The noble and patriotic Oliver, of Crown Lands conspicuousness, is permitted to "ask for more" with equally as much indulgence, and shielded as strenuously from exposure by the Government—the protectors of his many settlements—with the same maternal care that the docile member for North Perth—Mr. Hay—is fondled. The most thoroughly partizan appointments, irrespective of any qualifications, are ever and anon being made by this so-styled model Government, and public officials permitted to conduct themselves as field-political stumpers whenever occasions present. Acts which evaporate when brought to public light, and pass off as knavish fog, are hustled into the seething Government pot of "economical administration" along with the whole political record of the present Cabinet, which, like a witches' cauldron, savors of everything calculated to debase the political horizon of our country. Upon loud protestations of honesty and purity the present Government were ushered into power, and with equally as strong a tide of public sentiment will the country dismiss their services.

As for North Perth, certainly the prospects are most cheering for the Conservative party, and as the canvass proceeds we venture the prediction that Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hay will involuntarily become convinced of the fact. Mr. S.R. Hesson, our standard bearer, is being received very warmly by the electors in every direction, and it only remains for the Conservative party to stand firmly, when a most unmistakeable victory can easily be achieved.

HER MAJESTY'S birthday was celebrated in Brantford in a manner somewhat different from the usual procedure. The workingmen of Brant selected the occasion to give a grand demonstration in honor of Sir John and Lady Macdonald. A great concourse of people assembled in the young city, and the distinguished guests were accorded a magnificent reception. Addresses of welcome were read from the Conservative Associations of the Riding, from the faculty and pupils of the Young Ladies' College, and from the Workingmen of the County of Brant, the latter presenting Lady Macdonald with a handsome escritoire as a grateful recognition of the interest taken by her ladyship and of the great efforts made by her distinguished husband on behalf of the workingmen of Canada. A banquet was given in the Kirby house in honor of Sir John A. Macdonald, Dr. Tupper, J. J. Hawkins, Esq., Conservative candidate for Bothwell, and Alfred Watts, Esq., Conservative candidate for South Brant. Great speeches were made by our worthy Chieftain and others, and the proceedings of the day are said to have passed off with infinite pleasure to all who took part in them, the genial and sociable dispositions of Sir John and his lady imparting a special charm to the occasion.

THE GALT DISASTER.—The terrible catastrophe which occurred on the Grand river at Galt on Wednesday evening resulted from the rudder of the little steamer getting out of order, causing the vessel to diverge from its course and to drift broadside on over a fall. Of the seventeen persons on board, two of whom were ladies, nine were saved, including the ladies. The following are the names of those lost: James Montgomery, Edward Uren, Andrew Jackson, John Fraser, Frederick Cane, H. J. Jaffray, Thos. Elliot and Daniel Scott. The public funeral of six of the victims of the disaster took place on Saturday. All the bodies have been recovered.

KISSOGRAPH.—The Kissograph, a new invention, will enable lovers to sit ten feet apart and steadily indulge in osculatory exercises in the presence of the old folks. This is a great desideratum, certainly, but unless each end of the instrument is sweetened with some substance forty degrees sweeter than the best refined sugar in the market, the kisses will not taste as good as if the old folks were in bed or dozing in the kitchen. Fathers and mothers should cut this out and paste in their hats.

Lord John Russell died Tuesday night at Richmond, Surrey, after several months' illness. He was in his eighty-sixth year, having been born in Hertford street, Mayfair, on Aug. 18th, 1792.

COUNTY OF PERTH SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

On Tuesday last the first session of the eleventh annual convention of the County of Perth Sabbath School Association was held in the Canada Methodist Church, Listowel. At the opening the Church was well filled with delegates from different parts of the county and townspeople who had accepted the general invitation to attend. Rev. W. Hooper, president of the Association, presided over the meeting; Rev. Manly Benson conducted the music, and Mrs. J. G. Scott presided at the organ. The opening exercises commenced by singing the Hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds;" after which the President read the 84th Psalm, and Rev. P. McFarlane McLeod engaged in prayer. The Hymn, "Precious Promise," was then sung, and prayer was again engaged in, led by Rev. Mr. Fear. J. J. Hamilton, of Listowel, and James Huston of Stratford, were appointed minute secretaries. A business committee was also appointed. After singing the hymn, "There is a fountain," the President and County Secretary gave some explanations in reference to the work of the business committee. Representatives from the various Sabbath Schools were requested to hand in the names of superintendents of their respective schools, together with other information necessary for a brief report. "What a friend we have in Jesus," was then sung, after which a Bible reading was engaged in, led by Rev. J.W. Mitchell, who took for his subject the S. S. lesson for June 16, found in Daniel vii., 9–14. The singing of the hymn, "All hail the power of Jesu's name," was followed by short addresses from Mr. E. Wreford, and Revds. Walker, Cooley, Waits, Mitchell and McGregor, on the importance of teacher's meetings and how to make them profitable and attractive. The tenor of their addresses was to the effect that teachers' meetings for the study of the lesson are very important and should be attended and helped on by all S. S. workers. W. E. Jones, Secretary of the Convention, being called upon to introduce the subject, "Our responsibilities as Sabbath School workers," gave a very interesting address, in which he endeavored to impress on all a greater sense of responsibility in this work. Further discussion on the topic was withheld for lack of time. Another hymn, "Sowing the seed," was sung, when Rev. J. S. Fisher of Fullarton, introduced the subject of temperance work in connection with the Sabbath school, strongly urging the principle of total abstinence for Sabbath schools, and suggested introducing the pledge into all of them. Mr. Fisher's address was followed by singing the hymn, "Rescue the perishing." Five-minute speeches were then indulged in, Rev. C. Deacon, Mr. Bellomy, Rev. Mr. McLeod, Rev. Mr. Mitchell, Jas. Huston, Rev. Manly Benson, Rev. C. Walker, Rev. J. W. Cooley and the President, all strongly favored the idea of implanting both by earnest effort and right example temperance principles in the minds of the young. In the discussion the habit of using tobacco as well as that of using intoxicating liquors was strongly condemned. This topic was brought to a close by singing, "Yield not to temptation."

SECOND SESSION.

The second session was opened at 7.30 p.m. The attendance was very large, every available space in the church being occupied. The hymn "Salvation, Oh, the joyful sound," was sung, followed by the reading of a portion of scripture, and prayer by Rev. Mr. Waits. Upon the minutes of the previous session being read, "Rock of Ages" was sung. Rev. J. G. Scott was called upon to deliver the Address of Welcome to all delegates and visitors to the Convention, to which he responded in a most hearty and earnest manner; after which the hymn, "Have you on the Lord believed," was beautifully rendered by Rev. Manly Benson and the audience. Rev. W. Hooper, President of the Convention, then replied to the address of welcome, on behalf of himself and all the members, in the course of which he congratulated the people of Listowel on the success attending the holding of the Convention here. There was abundant promise of its being the most successful ever held in the County. After singing the hymn, "Once for All," Rev. P. McFarlane McLeod, of Stratford, late of Liverpool, gave a very interesting and profitable address on the subject, "A Bible example of successful teaching." This address was full of excellent advice to both parents and Sabbath school workers. The example he would have them ever keep in mind was that of Timothy, who from a child had known the scriptures. The seeds of truth were early implanted in Timothy's heart by his own mother and grandmother; they were nurtured with that love and devotion which should be the aim of the true teacher while endeavoring to win the children unto the Lord; and he was made wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Mr. McLeod's address was of a sterling, practical nature, and his hearers seemed to be deeply impressed with the good counsel which it contained. At its conclusion, Rev. Manly Benson and Mrs. Benson sang a piece of music entitled "Victory will come at last." A collection was then taken up to defray expenses; announcements for the morrow were given out; the hymn, "I am praying for you," was sung, and the session was closed with the benediction.

THIRD SESSION.

On Wednesday morning at 8.30 a large number of delegates and visitors assembled to engage in a prayer meeting, conducted by Rev. Mr. McLeod. At 9.30 the President took the chair, and after routine, called upon Mr. J. Hord for a report of the District Convention held in Mitchell during the past year. The report showed that the members of the Mitchell district had done a good work for the cause of Sabbath Schools in that neighborhood. In the absence of Mr. H. Dickinson) Rev. E. W. Waits introduced the subject, How to impress careless scholars. He said it was impossible to impress careless scholars without the regular and punctual attendance of the teacher. Earnest admonition, a right example, having the lesson thoroughly prepared, and faithful and constant prayer, would be found the best influences. The hymn, "Brightly beams our Father's Mercy," was sung, when Rev J. W. Bell came forward and introduced the subject, Importance of the Teacher's Social study of his class. The leading thoughts thrown out were: that a class should not number more than ten; teachers should make themselves personally acquainted with each of their scholars, and should also be willing to fit themselves for their work. Upon a general invitation, Rev. Mr. McLeod gave a short address in reference to the subject of impressing careless scholars, which was followed by the hymn, "I am so glad that Jesus loves me." Mr. J. J Eaton was called upon to read the address of his brother who was not able to be present owing to severe illness. The subject was, "What can the Sabbath school learn from business life," and the address showed that Sabbath schools might learn a system in conducting their affairs; teachers should endeavor to teach their scholars something every time they meet them in the class; they should be courteous, kind and loving; schools should have live superintendents and live teachers. Rev. Manly Benson and Mrs. Benson sang the beautiful hymn entitled, "Father, take my hand." The Art of Questioning was then introduced by Rev. J W Cooley. He urged the importance of this subject, and said that teachers should thoroughly prepare themselves so that they might teach by asking questions. A short speech was given by Rev. Mr. Walker, and the remainder of the session was devoted to business.

FOURTH SESSION.

The session was opened at 2 p.m. with devotional exercises. It having been intimated that visitors from other Counties were present, the President invited Rev Mr Holmes, Mr W L Smellie and Mr Bean to take seats on the platform, when the Convention received them by rising to their feet. Rev Mr Holmes and Mr Smellie addressed the Convention in brief speeches. After business routine, and singing the hymn, "Take the name of Jesus with you," Mr. James Huston was called upon to introduce the subject, How to conduct a Sabbath school lesson, which was followed in brief speeches by Mr Wreford, Rev Mr Cooley, W E Jones, Rev Manly Benson, Rev Mr McGregor, Mr Smellie, and the Rev C Walker. The hymn, "Only an armor bearer," was sung, and the President called on Mr N Brisbin to give a blackboard exercise from the Bible lesson for June 2nd, found in Daniel v. 22–31, also to give an example of the use of blackboards in teaching, which he did to the apparent satisfaction of all present. During an interval in the exercises, part of the hymn, "Jesus, keep me near the Cross," was sung. When Mr Brisbin had concluded, a collection was taken up; after which the President called upon Rev H Cooper to introduce the subject, The Master's method of Teaching. His address was interesting and impressive, and was continued until the time had arrived for the

MASS MEETING OF CHILDREN,

which took place shortly after 4 o'clock. The Church had been well filled during the afternoon, consequently many had to leave before room could be found for all the little ones. The children's meeting was opened with the hymn, "Jesus, keep me near the Cross." Rev C Walker was then called upon and addressed the children for a short time. At its conclusion, Mr and Mrs Benson sang a piece entitled, "Nearer the Beautiful Gates." Rev Mr Hughes, of Stratford, next addressed the children. He strongly impressed on their minds the great value of the Bible, and the truths it contains. The hymn, "No, no; they rules," was sung, followed by an address from Mr D Davis, who spoke to the children in an earnest, able and comprehensive manner. During the addresses, questions were put to the children, and ready and intelligent answers were elicited. The meeting was closed with the doxology and benediction.

FIFTH SESSION.

The fifth and last session of the Convention was opened at 7.30 p.m. with devotional exercises. The auditors' report, also the Secretary Treasurer's report, were received; the latter was accompanied with a few earnest remarks anent the desirability of the various schools sending in reports of their position. A vote of thanks was accorded Mr W E Jones for his faithful and valuable services as Secretary and Treasurer, the motion being ably supported and carried by the audience rising to their feet. After singing a hymn and confirming the minutes, the President called upon Rev R Hamilton to introduce the subject, The Oriental Shepherd the Teacher's model, who in his address suggested the thought that teachers should treat their scholars with great tenderness, and should be willing to undergo sacrifice and trouble in order to win the children to Christ. Mr and Mrs Benson again favored the audience with a selection, entitled "When the mists have cleared away." At its conclusion Rev Mr Benson gave a brief summary of the history of Sabbath School work up to the present time. A Question Drawer followed, when a large number of interesting questions were answered by Revds Benson and Hughes. An invitation being extended to hold the next Convention at Stratford, it was unanimously agreed to. The hymn, "It is better farther on," was then sung by Mr and Mrs Benson. Farewell addresses were given by Rev A F McGregor of Listowel, Rev W H Gane of Blanshard, and the President, followed by a selection of music. Rev H Hughes then rose and moved that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered Rev Manly Benson and Mrs Benson for their most agreeable services in conducting the Service of Song. This motion was unanimously concurred in. Votes of thanks were also moved, seconded and carried—to the people of Listowel for the kind manner in which they had entertained the members of the Convention; to the pastor and trustees of the Church; to Mrs J G Scott for the manner in which she had presided at the organ; to all those who had given addresses at the Convention; to the managers of the various railways for their kindness in conveying the members of the Convention at reduced fares; to Rev J G Scott and William Hutton for their services in connection with the local Committee. The following resolution was also heartily concurred in: "Resolved, that in our President, Rev W Hooper, we have found a capable, courteous and painstaking official; and feeling as we do the responsibility attaching to this office, and realizing that he has discharged his duties so well, we hereby tender him our hearty thanks." The doxology was then sung, the benediction was pronounced by the President, and this most successful Sabbath School Convention was brought to a close.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

Present Prospect of Peaceful Solution.

The reports that invitations to the Congress had been issued appear to have been somewhat premature. Only preliminary notification has been given, mentioning June 11th as the propable date of meeting. To Prince Bismarck is attributed the present peaceful aspect of affairs, he, it is said, suggested the proposed form of invitation. But for him, a Vienna correspondent states, Congress might have been convened at one time without England. According to the understanding with Count Schouvaloff, Bulgaria has been reduced to less than half the size at first proposed, and large limitations have been admitted in Asia. Arrangements are also in view for getting rid of the indemnity altogether. The *Times* argues in favor of a British protectorate over Asiatic Turkey.

A WISCONSIN TORNADO.

Terrible destruction of Life and Property.

MADISON, Wis., May 24.—By the tornado last night the sacrifice of property and life is appalling. Twenty-five to thirty barns and farm houses were blown down. Some were utterly destroyed, and the debris carried twelve and fifteen miles. Twelve or eighteen persons are known to be killed. Large numbers are seriously injured. Teams and wagons are reported carried in the air and dashed to the ground. Near Oregon two valuable horses were taken a hundred feet in the air, carried fifty rods, and dashed to the earth, killing them instantly. Further reports from the tornado district indicate that the loss of life and property is far greater than at first reported. Reports indicate that 30 lives have been lost, and from 50 to 100 injured in this county alone. The track of the storm everywhere is marked by desolation and ruins; its width was from a quarter to a half mile.

THE STEVENSVILLE MURDER.

Bertie, May 27.—John Francis Smith alias John Whitby, was to-day arraigned on a charge of the murder of a man named Allen, a few weeks ago, in a bush near Stevensville. The evidence adduced at the inquest pointed almost conclusively to Smith as the guilty party. After diligent search he turned up in the Buffalo Workhouse, were he was serving a term of three days, on the expiration of which he was easily persuaded to cross over to the Canadian side, where he was taken into custody and brought before the Magistrates for examination. Smith made a full confession of the murder, and also acknowledged having committed a similar deed last fall, near St Catharines. He was committed to Welland Jail for trial.

DONEGAL.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable seeding weather of the past month, the crops generally in this vicinity promise well. The farmers, however, have the good sense not to depend wholly on grain raising but devote much of their land to meadows and pasturage. They find the raising of stock and cheese making less laborious and uncertain. Many of them are now turning their attention to the utility and absolute necessity of drainage. Both observation and experience show that one year's crop will almost compensate for the cost of proper drainage, especially on low grounds. The more the land is cropped, and the primitive soil exhausted, the necessity for under-draining becomes more evident, as the clay lands become more compact and liable to retain on their surface the spring rain to the detriment of spring seeding and the destruction of winter grain. Mr. McCleland, of the 12th con., has already sunk some 200 rods of drain, and so far has not met with a stone to obstruct his progress. Mr. Gray has also done much in the way of drainage. A walk over the farms of these pioneers tells why they are more progressive than their neighbors.

Mr. Stuthers, of the 12th con., is a practical taxidermist, and has now in his possession quite a collection of stuffed animals and birds, some of which are comparatively rare. The science of Ornithology is very much neglected in this country, but if studied as it ought to be, will be found to be not only interesting and pleasing but also valuable, not only to the student of nature, but also to the gardener and the agriculturist.

New barns are being erected in all directions, showing that this section at least, notwithstanding the cry of hard times, is in a progressive and prosperous condition.—COM.

Beautiful Grenadines at 20c. and 25c. per yard, at Bean & Gee's.

At Climie, Hay & Co., you will find their stock of gents' furnishings complete.

If you want a good cup of tea buy your Tea from D. D. Campbell, Wallace street.

BRUSSELS NEWS.

Disastrous Fire—Six Stores and Three Dwellings Burned—Loss over $12,000.

A disastrous fire occurred here on Monday night at about eleven o'clock, through which six business stands and three dwelling houses were totally consumed. The following are the sufferers:—The Brussels House, owned by Jno. Parker and occupied by James Mannel; harness shop of George Davidson; Tailor shop of Strachan & Smith's stores were much damaged by removal; also in G. Jement's grocery; Thos. Leadbeater's general store, and McKenney's hotel. The following is an approximation to the losses with the insurance on the same:—Jno. Parker, Brussels House, $4,500; insured in the Phoenix for $2,300. James Mannel, lessee of same, $2,000 on furniture and liquors; insured for $400 in the Gore District and Lancashire. Geo. Davidson—Loss on stock, $500; insured for $400 in the Gore District. Thomas Fletcher—Loss on building and stock, $2,200; insured for $1,250 in the Canada Fire and Marine, Phœnix and Gore District. Little Bros.—Loss on stock $2,000; insured for $500 in the Canada Fire and Marine. Tait Bros., on liquor and groceries, $800; insured for $400 in the Standard, of Hamilton. J. W. Carson, on household furniture, $400; no insurance. Dr. Holmes, loss on building, $1,000; no insurance. The Mechanics' Institute library, $1,000; no insurance. Little is known so far as to the origin of the fire. The Ronald steam fire engine was promptly on hand, and worked admirably, completely staying the progress of the fire, which otherwise must have swept both sides of the street for two whole blocks. Great enthusiasm is manifested at the manner in which the fire was stayed. Without any effective system $100,000 worth of property would have been consumed.

$20,000 BONUS CARRIED.—The by-law granting a bonus of $20,000 to J. D. Ronalds for steam engine and agricultural works was carried almost unanimously, only ten votes being against it. The plans and specifications for the new building are already prepared and about to be contracted for.

WALLACE.

A CENTENARIAN.—Mr. Andrew Moore of the 6th line, has just completed the 100th year of his age. He is still hale and hearty, quite communicative, and pleased when friends call to see him. He cuts his wood and hoes his potatoes and walks to the post office, a distance of four miles, every week, for his papers, in the contents of which he is always interested. He reads without the aid of glasses; his sense of hearing is also good, although some fourteen years ago he partially lost both hearing and sight. He triumphantly boasts that he never was intoxicated in his life; never was sued for debt, or brought any man to court, and to use a common phrase, he has always "taken the world easy." He was born in the county of Derry, Ireland; is of Scottish descent, and states that some of his ancestors were among the defenders of the "Maiden City." In politics he is a staunch Conservative, and will run a race with any person of the same age who holds different political views. Mrs. Moore, who is some ten years his junior, is also alive, and enjoys very good health, though it is scarcely probable that her lease of life will be as extended as that of her husband.—COM.

NORTH MORNINGTON.

OBITUARY.—The wife of Mr. William Merrick, of the 9th con. of this township, was called to exchange Time for Eternity on the 22nd inst., after an illness of about two weeks.

CONTRACT.—Mr Lyons, from the neighborhood of Walkerton, was united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Annie Campbell, of Carthage, on the 22nd inst., by Rev. J E Croly, M A. Who says Carthage girls "don't take worth a cent?"

GENERAL NEWS.

The village of Mount Forest is shortly to be incorporated as a town.

The quarterly Convention of the Perth Temperance Association meets in Millbank on the 4th of June.

Harriston drum and flute band are making rapid progress. They are preparing for the 12th of July.

The *Athenæum* announces that Lord Dufferin has accepted the presidency of the Royal Geographical Society.

Mr. D. McMillan has been re-nominated as the Conservative candidate for East Middlesex in the Commons.

Fifteen hundred striking miners and their families in the vicinity of Belleville, Ill., are on the verge of starvation.

The value of the fish taken and brought into Goderich during the year ending 31st December, 1877, was $26,940.

Peffers' Corners, on the line of the Stratford & Huron Railway has been made a flag station for the convenience of travellers.

Over seven hundred and fifty thousand people paid for admission into the Paris Exhibition during the first three weeks it was open.

Stewart's women's hotel at New York is pronounced by Judge Hilton a failure, and it is to be opened as a general hotel on 5th prox.

Thirty thousand dollars has been received by the Treasurer of the Presbyterian Home for the Aged at New York from an unknown benefactor.

Mr. James Cuthbertson, of Mornington, took shelter in a wood during the storm of Monday last week, and was nearly killed by a branch of a falling tree.

The G. W. R. R. Co., has appealed against the assessment on the Henfryn station. This is the only appeal againt the Grey township assessment this year.

Col. Higinbotham was nominated on Monday in North Wellington in the Ministerial interest. Mr Mackenzie Bowell was nominated on behalf of the Opposition in North Hastings.

The sentence of death passed recently at the Ontario Assizes on the men Burke and McPherson, for outraging and causing the death of a woman in the Township of Pickering, has been commuted to imprisonment for life.

County Huron is discussing the desirability of erecting a poor-house. Last year $4,305 were expended on relief in the county, and there are at the present moment 78 paupers elegible for admission to such an institution.

His Excellency the Governor-General will leave Ottawa next week on a fishing expedition to the Lower St. Lawrence, but it is understood will return to Ottawa before taking his final departure, which will likely be in September.

Here is another sad death from boys carelessly playing base ball on the street. Mrs. Jelly, of Lucknow, a delicate woman, was accidentally struck on the face by a base ball a few days ago by some boys who were playing in the street, from the effects of which she died on Wednesday.

The Conference of the Bible Christian Church will meet in Mitchell on Wednesday, June 5th. It is likely to be a very interesting session, as this is one of their strongest stations, and the people will give the ministers and delegates a cordial reception. There will be an attendance of 70 ministers and as many lay delegates.

GALA DAY.—Preparations are in progress to have a grand celebration on Dominion Day in Stratford. The cricket, lacrosse and base ball clubs will take part in the amusements of the day and promoters will offer prizes to be competed for worthy the attention of neighboring clubs. The demonstration will be held at the Driving Park.

TO KILL CATERPILLARS.—A correspondent says, a sure way to exterminate these pests is to take a piece of cloth or sponge saturated with ammonia, and hold it under the worms, causing them instantly to curl up and drop dead to the ground.

A committee of the friends of Queen's College, Kingston, has been appointed to devise a scheme, to be laid before a public meeting, for raising a hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of extending and endowing the University.

A CURIOSITY.—One day last week Mr. R. Fitzsimmons, of Clinton, killed a ground hog that was quite a curiosity. It was minus of tail, and apperantly never had one, and in place of hind legs had two toes, each about two inches long, by means of which it managed to hop along, though slowly.

The Montreal *Star* explains to a correspondent the difference between Reformers and Liberals, thus: "The only difference that we know of is this: While in opposition they are rampant Reformers, and now they are in power, they are Liberal in providing offices for needy politicians and spending the people's money.

STRATFORD.—The Young Men's Conservative Association will open their rooms to the public on Tuesday evening next. Addresses will be delivered by Messrs. Hesson, McDermott, and a number of other gentlemen. The rooms are comfortably furnished, and are very convenient.—*Times.*

During the gale which recently passed over this section of the Province, Wm. Orange's new hotel which is being erected at Brunner station on the Stratford & Huron railway was blown down and one of the workmen named August Grapp was so severely hurt that it is feared his injuries will prove fatal.

THE HIGHLAND REGIMENTS.—It has been arranged at the War office that, in the event of the Highland Regiments going into active service, the feather bonnet is to be replaced by a new helmet. The bravery of the North British is well known; and feathers are felt to be little out of place in the costume of regiments which never yet took to flight.

DEATH TO THE CURCULIO.—We are informed by one who has tried it, that if a small quantity of salt is sprinkled under the plum trees just as the fruit is forming, it will kill the curculio and prevent the young plums from being stung. The same person says wood-ashes spread underneath the plum trees will also drive the curculio away. We applies both of these remedies and always has nice smooth plums and a beautiful crop. Perhaps both are effectual; the ashes will, at least, promote a vigorous growth, and the salt can do no harm if used sparingly.

THE WHEAT CROP.—The Galt *Reporter* is sorry to hear many farmers complaining that their wheat has changed greatly in appearance since the severe frosts of last week. Many fields have assumed a bluish black appearance which is anything but satisfactory; and those who have examined the plant carefully say that the stem appears to be filled with water. These unpleasant appearances may of course pass away, and it is to be hoped they will; but at present it would appear as if the injury inflicted on this crop by the frost was far more severe than at first anticipated.

THE PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.—A special meeting of the Toronto City Council was held last Saturday, to consider the present situation of the Exhibition scheme. After much discussion it was resolved to submit another by-law this time for $75,000, and if the by-law was defeated, still to keep engagements with the Agricultural & Arts Association, including the sum required in the estimates for the year. The Mayor was instructed to give necessary guarantees to the Agricultural Association that all accommodation will be provided, and it was further resolved to commence the erection of buildings at once. The Agricultural and Arts Association have accepted the City's bond, the Exhibition will therefore be retained in Toronto.

A PROSPECTIVE MILLIONAIRE.—Robert Edwards, of New York, who died intestate some time since, left real estate behind him valued at $900,000,000. The property consists of 30 acres of land lying north of the battery in New York city, on either side of Broadway, and was leased to George III. in 1772, for 99 years for military purposes. Quite a number of the representatives of the family reside in Canada, and some time ago they met in Hamilton, and arranged for a subsequent meeting at Indianapolis, to perfect an organization for recovering and dividing the money. The meeting was held at Indianapolis during the past week, and among those who were summoned to attend was Mr. John Edwards, of Ellice, formerly of Stratford, who is fully confident of his ability to prove his kinship to the deceased millionaire.

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COMMERCIAL NOTES.

Business men in Brussels are paying from 6c. to 15c. for new milk in choice butter. Rank is not of much account in this instance.

A step in the right direction has been taken by the merchants of Blyth, who have determined on classifying such butter as they may purchase hereafter, and will regulate the price of the same according to the quality.

LONDON CHEESE MARKET.

May 25.—Few sales were made, the English market still continuing to decline. About 500 boxes of the first eighteen days of May were sold at 8c.

UTICA CHEESE MARKET.

May 27.—The market is flooded. Over 10,000 cheese offered; 5,500 sent on commission, and the remainder sold at 7½c to 8½c, which are extreme prices. Average 8⅛; leading factories 8½c.

LITTLE FALLS CHEESE MARKET.

May 27.—Five thousand five hundred boxes factory cheese, the largest number this season, offered to-day. One hundred factories represented. The market was very dull, owing to the continued downward tendency in prices, all grades declining ½c from last week's rate. About two-thirds of the offerings sold for 8c to 8½c, the lowest price ever paid for full cream factory cheese in this market; so was the prevailing price; farm dairy brought 8c to 8½c, one lot getting 8c.

STRATFORD CHEESE MARKET.

May 22.—Over 2,000 boxes of cheese, first half of May, were represented, but it being the first market of the season, little desire was manifested to do business. Cable 57s. 6d. The market day has been changed to every alternate Friday, next market to be held on Friday 31st inst. The following gentlemen have been elected officers of the Stratford Dairymen's Board of Trade for the ensuing year: President, J H Haynes, St. Mary's; Secretary, C W Young; Auditors, Messrs. Marshall and Wrightson. The membership fee is fixed at $5, which includes the Official Bulletin. Members can at any time obtain the Cable, Little Falls, Utica or New York quotations, by writing or telegraphing to the Secretary at Stratford. Reduced fare certificates are furnished whereby the holders will be entitled to a return ticket to Stratford on market day at reduced rates.

CHICAGO WHEAT MOVEMENT.

Chicago Ill., May 27.—The unprecedented movement of grain in this market is attracting considerable attention, and indicates a great revival of business. Last week comprising flour as wheat, there was an aggregate movement of 7,285,651 bushels of grain—figures never before reached in this or in any other city on the continent. To-days movement was larger than any hitherto recorded, being 1,420,488 bushels.

LISTOWEL MARKETS.

May 30, 1878.	
Wheat, fall, per bush.,	$1 00 to 1 03
Wheat, spring, "	0 85 1 95
Barley, "	0 30 0 35
Peas, "	0 50 0 00
Oats, "	0 28 0 29
Flour, per cwt.,	3 00 0 00
Oatmeal, "	2 75 3 00
Cornmeal, "	2 00 2 25
Butter, per lb.,	0 12½ 0 14
Eggs, per dozen,	0 09 0 00
Potatoes, per bush,	0 30 0 40
Beef, per cwt.,	4 00 5 00
Pork, per cwt.,	4 50 5 25
Wood, per cord, long,	1 50 2 00
Wood, " short,	1 00 0 00
Apples, per bag,	0 00 0 00
Hay, per ton,	7 00 8 00
Hides, per cwt.,	5 00 0 00
Sheepskins, each,	0 75 1 00
Wool, per lb,	0 22 0 23

STRATFORD MARKETS.

PER DOMINION LINE.

May 30, 1878.	
Wheat, fall, per bush.,	$1 08 to $1 10
Wheat, spring, "	0 90 0 95
Barley, "	0 40 0 42
Peas, "	0 58 0 60
Oats, "	0 32 0 35
Flour, per 100	2 50 2.75
Potatoes, per bag,	0 70 0.75
Butter, per lb.,	0 09 0 10
Eggs, per dozen,	0 08 0 09
Hides, per cwt.,	0 06 0 07
Hogs, "	4 50 5 00
Hay, per ton,	8 00 9 00

TORONTO MARKETS.

PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGONS.

May 30, 1878.	
Wheat, fall, per bush.,	$1 06 to 1 10
Wheat, spring, "	0 95 1 03
Barley, "	0 45 0 55
Oats, "	0 33 0 35
Peas, "	0 63 0 64
Rye, "	0 60 0 60
Dressed Hogs, per 100 lbs.,	5 50 6 00
Beef, hind qrs., "	0 00 0 00
Mutton, by carcase "	8 00 9 00
Butter, lb. rolls,	0 12 0 15
Butter, large rolls,	0 10 0 12
Butter, tub, dairy,	0 00 0 00
Eggs, fresh, per dozen,	0 09 0 10
Eggs, packed, "	0 00 0 00
Apples, per brl.,	4 00 4 50
Potatoes, per bag,	0 55 0 60
Hay, per ton,	11 00 17 00
Wool, per lb,	0 23 0 24

PALMERSTON MARKETS.

May 30, 1878.	
Wheat, fall, per bush.,	$1 05 to 1 10
Wheat, spring, "	0 85 0 90
Barley, "	0 40 0 50
Peas, "	0 55 0 65
Oats, "	0 34 0 36
Flour, per cwt.,	2 50 2 75
Butter, per lb.,	0 10 0 11
Eggs, per dozen,	0 08 0 10
Potatoes, per bag,	0 40 0 45
Pork, per cwt.,	4 00 5 00

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