## PACIFIC RAILWAY OFFERS.

PACIFIC RAILWAY OFFERS. How They are suppressed by the Govern-ment. The Ottawa correspondent of the To-ronto World says: "The Government, by refusing to bring down other offers, virtually admit that they did receive better offers, which were afterwards withdrawn. From a little light that has come out, I believe this to be the true story of the Syndicate negotations. Be-fore the Ministers went to England Sir Charles Tupper saw George Stephen in Montreal, explained his scheme, and said; 'Make us an offer.' Mr. Stephen remarked, 'I have never thought of it, and don't want to have anything to do with it.' 'Well, make us an offer any-way,' urged Sir Charles Tupper. Mr. Stephen and his friends thereupon got together and made an offer, which was the one referred to by Sir John in his speech at Bath on the 29th of June last. It was not, however, satisfactory to the Minit was the one when the there wild do speech at Bath on the 23th of June last. It was not, however, satisfactory to the Ministry, who thought they could do better in England and crossed the At-lantic. Their hopes being disappointed Sir John cabled to Mr. Stephen in re-ference to his original offer, but Mr. Stephen, seeing that the Government were at his mercy words his terms more were at his mercy, made his terms more exacting, and the present contract is the result. This explains why the Govern-ment do not want to give Parliament the other papers.

## Origin of Christmas.

The precise date of the institution of the Christmas festival is involved in obscurity. The origin of Christmas as a religious feast, is ascribed to the decretal letters addressed to Pope Telespho-rus, who died A. D. 138. It was at first the movable of Christain festival, and was confounded with the Epiphany and celebrated by the Eastern churches in the months of April and May. Under the Pontificate of Pope Julius I., 337-352, St. Cyril of Jerusalem urged the importance of making Christmas an im-movable festival, and obtained an order from the Pope to make a proper investi-gation for the purpose of determining the exact date. A conference held between the churches of the East and West re-sulted in the adoption of the twenty-fifth of December. Gibbons says the festival of the function of the twenty-fifth of Christmas was placed at the winter solstice, with the view of transforming the Pagae Saturnalia into a Christmas festival. It is curious to note that at the present day many of the customs which are observed at Christmas are of Pagan origin, as describe by Martial and other Roman authors. The Christmas tree is another example of the power and influence of Christianity to transform Pagan writes and ceremonies. The Christmas tree, which is of German origan, is simply the symbol of the tree Isdragil, or tree of life, which figured so

conspicuously in Scandinavian mytholo-gy. No festival of the Christian church surpasses Christmas in the exemplificat-ion of the power and influence of religion. Wherever the Christian may be when this day arrives his heart is moved with that common impulse of joy, peace and good will which the season invokes. The old recall the days of youth, the young are absorbed in the present, the distant wanderer revives kind thoughts of home, and tender recollections serve to render absent friends more dear, and that one touch of nature which makes the whole world kin exhibts its best influence. - [Progressive American

YOU WILL NOT BE SORRY.

For being courteous to all. For doing good to all men. For speaking evil of no one. For hearing before judging. For holding an angry tongue. For thinking before speaking. The Auburn Star Lodge of O. Y. B's stend having a source on New Year's

Manchester

Miss A. L. Brown has been engaged or School Section No. 2, West Wawan-Mr. John Wilson has been engaged for S. S. No. 9, Hullett. This is to be the 7th year for Mr. Wilson in that sec-

Miss McGowan, of East Wawanosh.

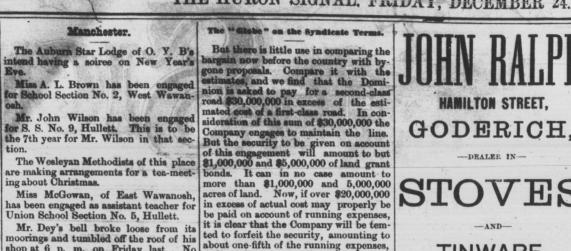
Sound district, where he has been all summer working on a farm he has taken up there. He says it is a good farming country, but the settlers think the Gov-ernment should let the owners of the land have the privilege of selling the in timber

Origin of Breeds of Cattle

Prof. Sheldon, of England, in a lecture says: "We are not in a position to state how it came to pass in one country, that two such diverse races of cattle as the Long-horns and the Short-horns, should have been evolved. But what-ever may have been the process of cross-ing the breeds, whether designed or not ture says: "We are not in a position to the Long-horns and the Short-horns, should have been evolved. But whatever may have been the process of cross-ing the breeds, whether designed or not, ing the breeds, whether designed or not, this one thing is clear—viz, that while the Long-horns sere produced in the district of Craven, a fertile corner in the West Riding of Yorkshire, bordering on Lancashire, the Short-horns sereng up West Riding of Yorkshire, bordering on Lancashire, the Short-horns sprang up in the Teeswater district, on the other side of the same County. We may ven-ture to assume that the marked dis-tinctions between these two famous burged of cattle are owing in the first breeds of cattle are owing, in the first place, to the proportions in which the ancient blood became intermixed; and, in the next, to the soil and climate of

our breeds of cattle, which are at once so interesting and so marked.

Says the Kingston News:—The time oc-cupied in selecting jurers for the year 1880 was 21 days. Those who perform this du-cupied in selecting jurers for the year 1880 the safety of property entrusted to their care, requiring the utmost possible cauty, according to the present law, are the Judge Warden, Mayor, Sheriff, County Treasurer, and Clerk of the Peace, each of "Believe me it is the right thing to do," them receiving at the rate of \$4 per day Six persons at the rate of \$4 per day for antee that the results will be in every 21 pays, would make the amount paid this year for the selection of jurors \$504, sically, and I do trust that we shall have which is something enormous. The County Council recognizing this fact, have decided to memorialize the Ontario Leg-islature with a view to a reduction of selectors. This \$504 does not include

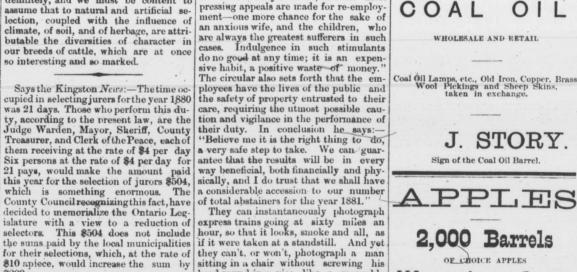


Union School Section No. 5, Hullett. Mr. Dey's bell broke loose from its moorings and tumbled off the roof of his shop at 6 p. m. on Friday last. No serious damage was done. Mr. John Sturdy, of this place, has returned from Hardy township, Parry Sound district, where he has been all summer working on a farm he has taken be paid on account of running expenses, it is clear that the Company will be tem-ted to forfeit the security, amounting to about one fifth of the running expenses. On completing the road the Company will have received \$70,008,000 for work that the Government Engineer šays can be done by the Government for \$48,500,000. The Company may forfeit their security.

work, and will yet have gained no securi-ty whatever for its maintenance. The Company will then have to consider how

their interest may be best served. By keeping faith they may in the next ten

GOOD ADVICE TO RAILWAY MEN. --- W J. Spicer, Supintendent of the G. T. R., has issued a circular to the employees the districts severally. In the one it is reasonable to suppose the blood of the Bos urus predominated; in the other that of the Bos longifrons. The rest is owing to the influence of locality and to the control of man. Of the other great breeds—the Herefords, the Devons, the Sussex, the Jerseys, the Ayrshires, the Polled breeds of Scotland and England, and then sooner or later loss of position the Welsh breeds, the West Highlanders and employment is and must be the inand the Kerrys-we can speak no more definitely, and we must be content to assume that to natural and artificial se-lection, coupled with the influence of climate, of soil, and of herbage, are attri-butable the diversities of character in cases. Indulgence in such stimulants do no good at any time; it is an expen-sive habit, a positive waste of money." The circular also sets forth that the em-



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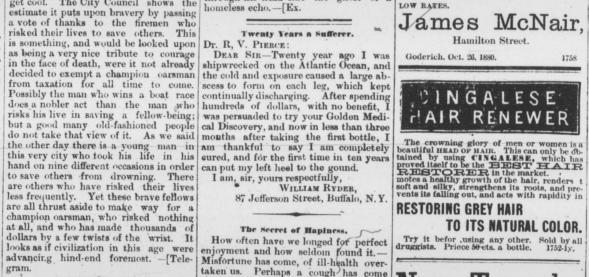


For being kind to the distressed. For asking pardon for all wrongs For being patient toward everybody. For stopping the ears to a tale-bearer. For disbelieving most of the ill-seposts.

A LEAP YEAR PARTY .- On Thursday evening last, a number of the young la-dies of Exeter carried into execution a brilliant idea which they with remark-able unanimity had conceived on the first day of last January, This was nothing less than a dozen or so of them taking a corresponding number of the sterner sex out for a drive to Mr. Werry's, in Us-borne, where they were right royally borne, where they were right royally criterianed, and passed a pleasant even-ing singing, ec. The girls paid for everything, but failed to make the affair a complete leap year success by taking Dave Bisset instead of an engaging (ain't leap year parties for that?) young lady as Jehu (nothing personal) for the even-ing The many container entropy in to save others from drowning. There are others who have risked their lives less frequently. Yet these brave fellows are all thrust aside to make way for a ing. The young gentlemen enjoyed im-mensely the novelty of being-ahem !-ing. The young gentlement enjoyed the mensely the novelty of being—ahem!— courted. It didn't cost them an ickel. We learn that several of them had their hearts badly used up. It is to be hoped that they will not forget to return the compliment when they are again permit-ing their superabundance of shekels on the girls. the dubars of the warsen is the several of the meaning out of the fairest face. A sen-sual disposition deforms the handsome the the parts of the warsen is the provided the meaning out of the fairest face. A sen-sual disposition deforms the handsome for Consumption is placed within our champion oarsman, who risked nothing at all, and who has made thousands of

qualities which go to make a reliable as well as a great man; that he has also those minor qualities which will enable him to retain his personal hold on the masses of the people is what those who masses of the people is what those who know him best most firmly believe; all lineaments into an image of ugliness. will watch his leadership with profound interest. We believe that he has only to be seen, heard and known in the Ma-ritime Provinces to excite a good deal of the enthusiasm which he arcuses in his own Province and also in Quebec. We

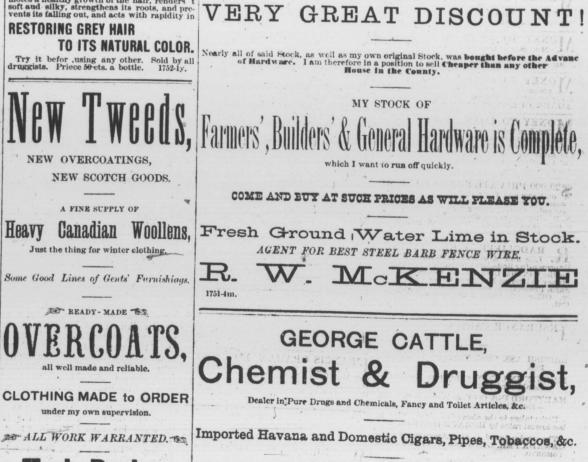
8200. The Hanlan fever is beginning to abate a little. It always does abate when the enthusiasm evoked by a victory has had time to pass off and people's heads get cool. The City Council shows the estimate it puts upon bravery by passing estimate it puts upon bravery by passing a vote of thanks to the firemen who



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the enthusiasm which he arouses in his own Province and also in Quebec. We judge that his political opponents are pretty well impressed with the same idea. They read his coming victory in signs of the times; they feet it in the air, and cannot escape the conviction that the next Premier will bear the pure and distinguished name of Edward Blake .-[St. John, N. B., Telegraph. Hay pressing is being extensively curried on in Kincardine just now, Dehn Gentles, Arch. Stewart and Robt. Hunter are engaged in the business. The extreme type of perishable pro-perty has yet to be discovered. Mr james R. Keene has found out that money can melt away more quickly than in margins on grain. He paid \$20,000 mengland for Blue Gown, a famous horse, and the weather being very animal fretted itself to deatb.





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