LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1882.

NORTH PERTH CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION.

A Convention of the Conservatives of North Perth, called in Listowel on Friday the 8th December, at one o'clock, for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the representation of the Riding in the Ontario Legislature. As there is a probability of an early dissolution of the House, it is well that steps should be taken to place a candidate in the field, and to thoroughly organize. If this is done, our friends cannot be taken by surprise, whether the elections should be brought on in a few weeks, or not until next June. It would of course be out of place to mention any names in connection with the candidature of the Riding. These are a dozen men within the ranks of the party in North Perth any one of whom is well qualified to represent the Riding in Parliament—but whoever the Convention may choose as its standard-bearer, we trust that the whole Conservatives party will unite as one man and stand by him throughout the contest as determined men fighting for honest principles and good government alone can do. If our Conservative friends stand shoulder to shoulder in the approaching contest, North Perth will no longer be misrepresented in the Local Legislature. It is within the power of the Conservatives of North Perth to elect their man, and it is their duty to do it. In addition to the delegates who will be chosen to represent the various municipalities at the Convention, Conservatives generally throughout the Riding are invited to be present. We trust that our Conservative friends will manifest their interest on this very important occasion by turning out in large numbers. Meetings for selecting delegates will be held in each municipality in the Riding on Monday the 4th December, official notice of which will be found in another column.

NOTWITHSTANDING that the *Globe* a few days ago stated that there was no foundation for the rumor of an early session of the Ontario Legislature, official announcement has been made that the Provincial Parliament will meet on the 15th December—two weeks earlier than usual. It is rumored that the session will be a short one, and that immediately thereafter the House will be dissolved and writs issued for a general election. It behooves the Conservatives of Ontario to perfect their organization and be in readiness for the coming contest.

AS WE predicted, Mr. D. D. Hay was nominated by the Grit Convention on Tuesday as the party candidate for North Perth in the coming contest. From a Stratford contemporary we learn that the Convention was largely composed of officials of the Mowat Government, many of whom owe their appointments to Mr. Hay. Add to this the publicity given by leading members of the "pairty" prior to the nomination, that Mr. Hay would be the candidate, and the farce of calling a convention to *select* a candidate is very apparent. However, that's none of our funeral." Mr. Hay is in the field for a third term, and it rests with the Conservatives of this Conservative Riding to say whether he shall be returned to support the weak and blundering, hypocritical, untruthful and rebellion threatening quintette who have all too long mismanaged the government of this the Queen Province of the Dominion. We haven't the least doubt that Mr. Hay would like very well to take another turn at the loaves and fishes, and wouldn't object to exercise his corkscrew on a few more cases of champagne, old port and appollonaris water. But the probabilities are that the days of champagne and appollonaris bouts at the public expense will soon be numbered, and that the Mowat Government will soon discover that it has no need of so doughty a warrior to lead its army of office holders in its rebellious onslaught on the North West boundary. The battle of the boundary is very likely to be eclipsed by the battle at the polls, and to relegate the Mowat Government into the cold shades of Opposition, and to retire its bellicose henchman and army of officials from the cares of active service.

The "huge demonstration" by which the opening of the Reform club rooms in this town was celebrated on Monday night would be more correctly designated a "huge fizzle." The presence of the Provincial Secretary and some half-dozen other Grit M.P.'s and M.P.'s did not succeed in rallying the friends of the "pairty" "worth a cent," and were not it for the ladies, the Tories and the youths, who were present in considerable numbers, Mr. Sturgis Hardy would have been greeted with a decidedly slim audience. The ball was opened by Mr. Trow, who after rechristening "Little Thunder" with the appellation of "Big Thunder," said a few words for Mr. Hay, forestalling the Grit Convention held on the day following, by nominating him as the candidate for the Local, and then sat down. He was followed by Mr. McMullen, sitting member for North Wellington. Mr. McMullen's speech was very short, and very abusive, his own and only topic being the boundary award. He brought his say to a close by telling the audience that he had personally assured Mr. Mowat that he needn't be afraid, for the country was at his back—a bit of information for which Mr. Mowat must feel everlasting gratitude to the sitting member for North Wellington. Mr. Gibson, of Huron, came next, and with a faith in Grittism bred in the bone and nurtured for lang syne in bigotted atmosphere, he rooted up the "Paceefec scaundal," and then "discoorsed" on the boundary award and disallowance until the chairman hinted that time was up. Mr. McKim was the last of the small artillery; it does not necessarily follow that his speech was the best of the lot. However, to do Mr. McKim justice, we think it was. It had the merit of extreme brevity. Mr. McKim complimented the ladies for their presence—and had he gone a little further and complimented them on their patient endurance he would not have been out of order—told the audience that he was not a speaker, which was quite superfluous, and took his seat. The great gun of the evening, Mr. Sturgis Hardy, then came forward with a display of pomposity calculated to impress his hearers with his importance. It Mr. Hardy's audience expected to get some information about the way the affairs of the province were being conducted by the Mowat Government they were disappointed. In the place of facts and figures, they were treated to a diatribe of abuse of Sir John Macdonald and Mr. Meredith. The address of the leader of the Opposition, delivered recently at St. Thomas, furnished Mr. Hardy with a text, and the whole tenor of his remarks can be summed up in a sentence—keep Mr. Meredith out of power. Mr. Hardy's explanations on the 'Marmion" question were too utterly ridiculous for even his political friends to swallow; however, they were about on a par with his remarks on the boundary award, the licensing system, centralization, and so forth. The audience manifested very little enthusiasm while Mr. Hardy was speaking, disappointment on the part of his political friends being quite evident, while the Conservatives present were simply disgusted. Mr. Hardy has not assisted his friend Mr. Hay or the cause of Grittism in Listowel by his presence at the inauguration of the Reform club rooms.

RAILWAY DISALLOWANCE IN THE NORTHWEST.

(CONTRIBUTED.)

Truly the Grits and their organs are fearfully and wonderfully constituted, in that they will swallow one year all the professions, policy and opinions that they have so openly made and expressed the previous one. This is eminently the case now in regard to the disallowance of the Dominion Government of the North-West Railway charters. Why, this very action of Sir John's Government is the same as that pursued by Mr. McKenzie when in power. He not only plainly stated his platform in this matter, but actually refused to grant charters of an exactly similar nature to those now in dispute. And now they are talking on all sides of a rebellion. Rebellion forsooth! What for? Because the Dominion Government is honestly carrying out a contract honorably made and *twice* endorsed by a large majority of five millions of the people? Much as they like a rebellion they will not get it as long as we have an honest and capable government in power at Ottawa. The people are not going to rebel against the hand that feeds them. It is the vigorous building of the railway that has, as if by magic, so rapidly built up the North-West country and its thriving towns, and it is only just and right that the Syndicate should reap the benefit of its labor and outlay in the way that it was deliberately intended that it should do. Yes, they would no doubt like a rebellion now, just as they would have done some years ago when British Columbia was about entering the Confederation, and when they augmented the Red River and Riel troubles by their spiteful and obstructive policy. They would of course like rebellion; the death of Sir John; or anything else disastrous to the welfare of the country at large, if they think that thereby they can weaken or disentegrate the party opposed to them. And now Mr. Norquay is going to appeal to the people to support him in endeavoring to set aside the disallowance of the charters—the very opposite policy to that which he pursued last session, when he endorsed and approved of the action of the Dominion Government in the matter. If there is an appeal to England, it is doubtful if the Privy Council will interfere, or if it does, it will certainly be to instruct the Government at Ottawa to follow its own course, and govern the country in the way that has so long proved itself thoroughly able to do. It must also be remembered that the whole country has a stake in the railway now being built. Manitoba is not by any means building it alone, but the people throughout the whole of the Provinces, and *they*, on the 20th of June last, said at the polls that they entirely approved of the Pacific Railway contract and all its conditions. It is natural that the comparatively few speculators and settlers in the North-West should desire railway competition, but fortunately they have not the whole say in this case. It is the people of Canada from one end to the other, who have paid their own money, who shall say how far they intend that their property shall be protected or injured, and when the time comes to do so, they will unmistakably say it. And here the *Globe* is again consistent in its inconsistency, and is supporting the action of Mr. Norquay's government, Conservative though it be. "'Twas ever thus." Even at the last moment before the late election, Mr. Blake was willing to give up his entire policy of free trade when he found that the people would not have it, and swallow the whole of the National Policy: in fact, all of Sir John's tariff policy. It won't do, my Liberal obstructionists. The people are not going to let you in through the medium of rebellions, or any kind of disaffection which you may endeavor to hatch.

SOME "EFFORTS."

One of the most notorious instances of falsehood of which the *Globe* has lately been guilty has been in connection with a recent deputation to Ottawa, which that journal represented as going there to get Sir John Macdonald to abolish the Saturday night closing clause of the License Act, and that Sir John promised to do so, so that they might keep open till midnight. The *Globe's* story was at once contradicted; but that journal then published a pretended interview with one of the deputation, in which he was said to have admitted the truth of its assertions. This was promptly met by a statement signed by every member of the deputation, denying in express terms the *Globe's* story—stating that the extension of hours on Saturday night was not amongst the objects of the deputation in visiting Ottawa, and that Sir John made no promise of any kind to interfere with that provision of the law. So clearly was the *Globe* convicted of falsehood that even a paper with such Gritty tendencies as *Grip* was constrained to call it "the champion liar of the season." Finding the falsehood thus clearly met, the *Globe* has had to drop it; but it would appear that it has only been dropped in that shape to be circulated in another, for in common with other newspapers throughout the Province we have received from a person signing himself as Secretary of the Toronto Branch, Dominion Alliance, a postal card with the following resolution, said to be passed at its first meeting, and which we are asked to copy:—

"That the Toronto Branch of the Dominion Alliance regard the action of the licensed victuallers, in seeking the influence of Sir John A. Macdonald, for the extension of the hours of Saturday night liquor selling with great concern and indignation; and hereby assures the Dominion Government, that any attempt to relax the present license laws in the direction of further opportunities for sale of liquor, will meet with the strongest expression of disapproval on the part of the Christian and temperance people of the country; and this meeting, representing all Temperance Societies in the City of Toronto, hereby pledges itself to give the most practical and earnest support to the Provincial Government in their efforts to restrict liquor traffic. In order that immediate action may be taken in this direction, the question is now referred to our committee on legislation. Resolved that a copy of the resolution be sent to Sir John A. Macdonald and to the press."

The trick of a few party politicians getting together to formulate a resolution under the title of the Toronto Branch of the Dominion Alliance will deceive nobody, for the resolution remains a Grit manifesto all the same, and an untruthful one at that. "Christian people" regard truthfulness as a virtue as great as temperance; and Grit politicians dragging the name of a temperance association in to assist them in circulating a statement which every intelligent man in Toronto knew had been proven false, will do injury to the temperance cause thereby. The Saturday night closing clause, it we recollect aright, was passed in the first instance by a government of which Sir John Macdonald was a member, and has remained the law for a great many years under successive Conservative Governments; and so far from there being danger of its being disturbed now, the Conservative Convention expressly declared that it did not seek to remove any of the restrictions on the traffic. When there is any danger of this clause being removed, it will not be left to a few Grits to object, but a large body of Conservatives will be found consistently urging the view they have always held.

And then, as if it was not enough to insinuate an untruth about the Dominion Government, this precious Grit manifesto in the disguise of a temperance resolution goes on to praise the Mowat Government for its "efforts to restrict the liquor traffic." In order that there may be no doubt of what these "efforts" have been, we submit a few of them. Here is one, being the little bill of supplies a couple of members of the Government laid in at the public expense when they took a trip up the lakes on one of the steamers in 1878:—

2 Cases, Louis Roderer Champagne, at $25	$50 00
1 Case, Sparkling Saumur	12 00
1 " Beaune	10 00
1 " Extra Old Rye	6 00
2 Bottles P. Cognac, at $1.20	2 40
½ Dozen Sherry, at $14	7 00
1 Bottle Port	1 20
2 Flasks Hollands, at 75c.	1 50
3 Dozen Apollinaris, at $2.25	6 75
100 Cigars, "H. Clay Reg. Americana"	10 00
100 " "Resolucion Londres"	5 50
½ Parson's Stilton, 6½ lbs., at 35c.	2 28
1 tin 40 R. Water Biscuits, 7½ lbs. at 15c	1 55
1 " Soda Biscuits, 7 lbs., at 10c.	1 10
1 Tin Cut Tobacco	1 50
2 Packages "	0 40
	$119 18
Aug. 1st, 1 Case "St. Estephe" Claret	11 00
	$130 18

Next year they made another "effort" and a bigger one, when the celebrated "Corkscrew Brigade" made the grand tour, provided with cases of champagne, claret, port, brandy, whiskey, ale, appollonaris, and a full supply of corkscrews, cigars and etceteras—when the Provincial Treasurer marched up to the bar in Chicago, called for the drinks, and had it charged to the Province. The temperance people are called upon to give their "earnest support" to the Mowat Government in paying over $5,000 for this grand "effort."

Another of the great "efforts to restrict the traffic" has been in increasing the number of licenses year by year—from 3,676 in 1877, up to 4,119 in 1881. Of course the temperance people will give their earnest support to this!

Another of these "efforts" which should meet with the admiration of temperance men, was made in 1876, when the Mowat Government refused the petitions on the subject, and every member of it rose in his place in the House to vote against the motion to abolish saloon licenses!

Then another "effort to restrict the traffic" was made when the Government appointed men in the liquor business as Commissioners and Inspectors, to issue licenses to themselves!

But perhaps the special "effort" this Toronto manifesto refers to was made when the Government connived at their Commissioners granting license for liquor to be sold at the Toronto Exhibition, in violation, if not of the exact letter, certainly of the plain intention of the statute.

In these and other like "efforts" of course the temperance people must give their "earnest support" to the Mowat Government!—*Owen Sound Times.*

ELMA.

The St. Andrew's Society have decided to celebrate Burns' anniversary on the 25th January next, as usual.

Mr. J. Harvey, son of Moses Harvey, Esq., treasurer of Elma, has been re-engaged for next year as teacher of Union School No. 1, Elma and Wallace, at an increased salary.

MILLBANK.

Rev. J. E. Croly has returned faom his holiday trip, and thinks there is no country like the Northwest.

Prior to their departure from Millbank Mr. J. W. Laird and Miss Ida Reid will have a Christmas tree in the village school where they have been teaching for the past year.

NEWTON.

Mr. C. Scott is still buying grain of all kinds here.

The young men of this little village and vicinity have made a very good move in the shape of organizing a debating society called the "Mutual Improvement Society of S. S. No. 4, Mornington." The first meeting was held last Monday week and the different officers appointed as required, after which the following subject was decided on, namely, "Whether country life is more conducive to happiness than town life," and on Friday evening the same subject was discussed by twenty of the members, and resulted in favor of the negative side. These debates will be continued during the winter season, and no doubt will turn out some good speakers by spring who might, perhaps, become members of parliament, or perhaps Governor-General of Canada.

PALMERSTON.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Henry Patmore, choirmaster at the Canada Methodist Church, Palmerston, was presented with an address and a purse of one hundred dollars by members of the congregation.

Dr. Standish was entertained with an oyster supper on the eve of his departure from Palmerston. The Dr. has gone to Hamilton.

Municipal elections are looming up in the future, and who are to be the coming men is the absorbing question on the streets.

It is rumored round town that a joint-stock company is to be formed for the purpose of building a flouring mill. The capital is to be six thousand dollars.

DONEGAL.

Messrs. Whaley and Pasmore are making preparations for a big winter's lumbering.

Mr. Wm. Abraham is erecting a new frame stable.

Mrs. McCourt had a sheep killed the other night by dogs.

Mr. Wm. McClory is head-sawyer in Mr. Greeves' saw-mill at Gotham.

Mr. Jas. Hannah has just finished the last of the buildings for which he had the contract in this locality this season.

A gentleman from Henfryn occupied the pulpit in the Methodist Church Sunday evening.

The annual missionary meeting will be held in Trinity Church, on Sunday, 10th Dec.

A public meeting will be held in the school house on Saturday afternoon, 25th inst., to make arrangements for the erection of a cheese-factory here next spring.

The candidates for municipal honors will soon be getting their election smiles on. We met one of them—the candidate, not the smile—on the road the other day, and he "smole" as a smile that made our toes tingle in our boots. We mentally came to the conclusion to "keep our eye on him."—COM.

HOWICK.

Mr. John Craig has sold his farm, lot 25, con. 9, 110 acres, to Samuel Johnston, for $4,500.

Messrs Wiles & Sanderson are erecting a new sawmill in Gorrie. These gentlemen have recently entered a business partnership, and will carry on the work of the sawmill and the sash and door factory.

COUNCIL.—Council met at Gorrie, Nov. 15th, pursuant to adjournment. Members all present, the Reeve in the chair. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that Mr. Renwick be paid $1.60 for balance of pay on s.l. 15-16 con 18.—carried, Mr. Jacques dissenting. Moved by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Cook, that the Reeve and Messrs. Weir and Jacques be a deputation to see Mr. Wiley regarding outlet of water on s.l. 5-6 con 16; also to rearrange the drain with Mr. Mawhinney.—carried. Accounts passed:—Geo. Padfield, $4, for selecting jurors and attending Court of Revision; Geo. Vogan $54.50, grading lot 4, con 17; Jno. Giffin $9.90, ditching, lot 4, con 14; Wm. Weir $2, rep. culvert, s. l. 15, con. A.; P. Keating, $2.40, repairing culvert, lot 5, con. 12; Geo. Gregg $32, cutting hill s. l. 15-16, con 6, and $48, cutting hill lot 19 con 10; Jno. Spotton ditching s.l. 15-16, con. 10; Wm. McFarlane $110, filling pond hole lot 22 con. 12; R. Greenaway $2.50, making road lot 25-26 con. 15; D. S. Milne $1.50, rep. bridge, lot 20-21, con 11; Jas. Brown $3.50, rep. bridge and hill lot 28, con 12; D. Caudle $6.35, widening s.l. 20-21, con. 12; W. G. Cross $5, culvert, lot 22, con. 6; W. Walker $14.25, opening boundary line Howick and Minto; S. Moyer $3.50 ditching, lot 19, con 16; C. Rogers $15, ditching lot 16, con. 6; W. Brown $69, filling south of bridge in Gorrie; John Kaine $2, ditto; J. Johnston $2.50, culvert Howick and Carrick boundary; T. K. Boddy $5, outlet of water, con. 12; Jas. Vittie $10, township share for ditching s.l. 5-2 con. 10. Council adjourned to meet at Hainstock's, Fordwich, on the third Wednesday in December. WM. DANE, Clerk.

STRATFORD.

The Stratford High School Board have re-engaged Messrs. Wilson and Mayberry at the same salaries, $900 per annum, and Mr. McLaughlin, teacher of the English branches, at $750. The Board have decided to solicit applications for the head mastership at a salary of $1,200 per annum.

A SAD CASE.—The *Herald* says: Three months ago a young lad named John Morrison, thirteen years of age, ran away from his mother's house on Brunswick street and joined Forepaugh's circus in Toronto. His mother supposed he had gone to British Columbia, where his father is living, but would not let any inquiries be made as to his whereabouts saying that he had run away from a good home, and, as soon as he encountered a few hardships, would come back again. Nothing was heard from or about him until last Tuesday, when his mother received a letter from the authorities of the Nashville, Tenn., hospital, stating that he was dead. It appears that the unfortunate boy was sleeping on a flat car underneath one of the band chariots and as the employees of the circus were taking the wagon off the car, a wheel passed over his body, injuring him so badly that he died in a few weeks. The mother of the boy has almost lost her reason through grief. The father had not been informed of the boy's flight from home, and the first intimation he will receive will be the letter announcing his son's death.

THE STRATFORD PRESBYTERY.—This court met on the 14th inst. A call to the Rev. G. W. Panton, Brandford, was sustained as a regular gospel call, and the usual steps ordered. Conditional arrangements were made for his inductian at half-past two o'clock p.m., on the 2nd day of January next. Mr. Fotheringham to preside, Mr. Henderson to preach, Mr. Kay to address the minister, and Mr. Tully the people. The call was unanimous and the stipend promised is $900, payable quarterly in advance. The committee on arrears to Mr. Mann reported that they had not succeeded in securing more than the $72.82 formerly reported. It was decided by a majority to let the matter drop, and the committee was discontinued, Mr. Fotheringham dissenting for reasons given in. The committee on the re-union of Trowbridge and Molesworth reported that all parties agreed to the supply of the former by the minister of the latter until next meeting of Synod, Trowbridge paying at the rate of $150 a year. Mr. Fotheringham reported as to moneys received for Mr. Smith's Mission Schools, India, and Presbytery received its recommendation to its people to contribute to that object. The Presbytery's statistical report for last year was discussed at length. The Presbytery of Stratford will meet at 10 a. m., January 2nd, in Knox church, Stratford.

MARYBOROUGH.

COUNCIL.—Council met in the Queen's hotel, Moorefield, November 6th, pursuant to adjournment. Members all present. Minutes of last regular meeting and special meeting were read and confirmed. The Clerk read communication from James Coleman, asking compensation for buggy broken by falling over embankment near the village of Hollen. Moved by John Robinson, seconded by John Corbett, that the Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and Mr. Paterson be a committee to examine the embankment referred to in the letter from Mr. Joseph Coleman, and report to this Council at its next meeting—Carried. Moved by John Paterson seconded by Wm. Long, that the Clerk instruct the county measurer to withdrew the list of lands furnished him by the Reeve—Carried. Moved by John Paterson, seconded by Wm. Long, that the Clerk write Messrs. Drew & Jacob in reference to charge of $10 for attending fire inquest, Moorefield mill; also $10 and $5, charged for preparing School By-laws for S. S. No. 1 and 12, which could not be put in force—carried. Moved by John Robinson, seconded by Wm. Long, that the Reeve and Mr. Paterson be a committee to let contracts for gravelling on the approaches to the Hollin and Flax mill bridges.—Carried. Moved by John Robinson, seconded by John Corbett, that the Reeve and Clerk be empowered to lease the gravel pit on lot No. 9, con. 10, from Mr. John Walker, for a term of five years, for the sum of $28, with the right of way to said pit—Carried. On motions read and passed, the following accounts were ordered to be paid, and orders drawn on the treasurer in favor of the parties respectively named: John Delahunt path master, for Statute labor charged against E. ½ lot 1, con. 9, $3; do. do. for laying down gravel on 9th con. $1; Prostor Bros., printing, $1.25; Thos. Woodhisse for culvert on sideroad 8th con., $2.50, and $1.50 for repairing Graham's bridge and making roadway through the river; A. C. Scarr for gravel, and spike nails used repairing culvert, $3.25; William Potter, for 40 yds. of gravel, $2; Thos. Boothe, account for gravelling, (laid over since the year 1878), $4; James Hamilton, ditching on town line between Maryborough and Wallace, con. 4, $15; James McAllister, culvert on town-line, Maryborough and Wallace, con. 1, $10; Frederick Ellis, culvert on Wallace town-line, con. 1, $9.85; Martin Linseman, repairing culvert on centre side road, con. 1, $4; Jabez Riddle, repairing culvert on centre side road con. 2, $5.50; Noah Blough, for new culvert in Lebanon, $6; James Moffat, for culvert between lots 6 & 7, con 4, $11; Christopher Bennington, ditching on side road between lots 3 & 4, con. 2, $11; John Sinclair, repairing culvert on 3rd con. $1. Moved by John Robinson, seconded by John Corbett, that this council do now adjourn to meet in the Commercial Hotel, Moorefield, on the second Monday in December, when all parties having claims or unsettled accounts against the corporation are requested to be present, in order that there be no accounts outstanding at the close of the year's business—carried. EDWARD DYNES, Clerk.

WALLACE.

COUNCIL.—The municipal Council of the township of Wallace met at the town hall, Gowanstown, 11th November, pursuant to adjournment; all the members present; the Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Certificates of return of selectors of jurors received from the Clerk of the Peace. Statement of work performed on Shipley hill—Joseph Rogers. Statement of work performed on sideroad 18, con. 9 and 10—Peter Marion. Statement of gravel on road beats in road division No. 5. Mr. Rodgers showed gratis labor to the value of $27.50, and claimed payment for labor to the amount of $23.50. Mr. Marion showed gratis labor to the amount of $200.50, and claimed payment for labor to the amount of $127.62. Thomas Lee's bill, lumber, etc., for McAvoy's bridge, and bridge on gravel road, $32.35. Moved by W. King, seconded by W. Ferguson, that Joseph Rogers be paid $28.50 to supplement gratis work done on Shipley hill, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. Moved by J. Robinson, seconded by A. Kennedy, that the selectors of jurors be paid their usual fee, and the Reeve issue orders for the same—carried. Moved by J. Robinson, seconded by W. King, that Thos. Lee be paid $18.35 for plank furnished for bridge on gravel road—carried. Moved by J. Robinson, seconded by W. King, that John Smith be paid $13.33 for planking bridges on fourth line, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. Moved by J. Robinson, seconded by A. Kennedy, that Thomas Lee be paid $21 for plank for McAvoy's bridge, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. Mr. John Taylor, of lot 6, con. 1, waited on the Council, complaining of a water course on sideroad 6. Moved by J. Robinson, seconded by W. King, that the Reeve and mover examine the ditch complained of by Mr. Taylor, and report at next session of this Council—carried. Moved by J. Robinson, seconded by W. Ferguson, that Francis Hammel be credited with six days' statute labor charged against him on the roll of 1879, he having performed the same—carried. Moved by J. Robinson, seconded by A. Kennedy, that Samuel G. Dixon be paid $60 for bridge and approaches, Maitland river, on con. 6, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. Moved by J. Robinson, seconded by A. Kennedy, that the Collector be instructed to receive the sum of $38.04 from Francis Hammel for balance of taxes against lot No. 1, con. 8, he having produced proof that the statute labor on the roll has been performed—carried. Moved by A. Kennedy, seconded by J. Robinson, that the deputation from the town of Listowel be heard—carried. The Mayor of Listowel, and Councillors Scott and W. G. Hay then addressed the Council on the subject of Land Improvement Fund. On a careful examination of the records it was found that the township of Wallace had received from the proceeds of School Lands alone $17,384. Of this sum Listowel is entitled to $665, less $165 expended for its benefit before its incorporation, which leaves a balance of $440 in favor of the town. Moved by W. Ferguson, seconded by A. Kennedy, that the sum of four hundred and forty dollars be paid to the corporation of the town of Listowel, being the amount of Land Improvement Fund claimed by the said municipality, under 16 Vic., Chap. 159, and the Reeve issue his order, payable when the full amount of arrears are received from the Provincial Treasurer—carried. Moved by A. Kennedy, seconded by W. Ferguson, that John McIlroy be paid $13 for gravelling on gravel road, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. Jacob Seburger's bill for painting hall, etc., $14.25; Louis Knott & Son, paint and oil, $12.30; J. A. Hacking, do., $14.75. Moved by J. Robinson, seconded by W. King, that Jacob Seburger be paid $12 for painting town hall, and $2.25 for material, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. Moved by W. Ferguson, seconded by J. Robinson, that Lewis Knott & Son be paid $12.30 for paint and oil for town hall, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. Moved by J. Robinson, seconded by W. Ferguson, that J. A. Hacking be paid $11.75 for paint and oil for the town hall, and the Reeve issue his order—carried. Moved by W. Ferguson, seconded by W. King, that the Reeve and Councillor Robinson be appointed to confer with a deputation from Harriston, Minto, and Listowel on Thursday next, to arrange with said deputations regarding railway matters—carried. Moved by J. Robinson, seconded by W. King, that this Council adjourn to meet on the 2nd day of December, to transact general business—carried.

R. G. ROBERTS, Clerk.

Mr. John Rupple is preparing to build a large bank barn next spring.

Daniel Detwiler is having his barn so improved as to render it unrecognizable. He is having new siding, new shingles and quite an addition to it; also the whole is to be put on stone work. When completed it will be one of the best barns in this locality.

Mr. Wm. Follis has purchased the bricks for a commodious dwelling house, which he intends to build next summer. All these improvements are going on, notwithstanding the direful effects of the N. P., spoken of by a Wallace Cor.—COM.

AN OXFORD TRAGEDY.

A Drunken Quarrel Terminates in the Death of a Hawtrey Blacksmith.

Norwich, Oxford Co., Nov. 20.—The residents of Hawtrey, south-east of this point, are greatly excited over a fatal affray which occurred there on Friday evening last, the victim being one Daniel Budd, blacksmith, aged about forty-eight, who came on business to Hawtrey. George Shirton, a young man of questionable reputation, hailing from Dunville, came to Hawtrey, lately, to work at Schooley & Mills. He continued his operations, however, to drinking, more or less heavily, and on the evening in question Budd and Shirton appear to have been drinking somewhat heavily. Another bottle of whiskey was procured, and soon afterwards the neighbors heard them fighting together in the blacksmith shop. Later on the door opened suddenly and Shirton issued therefrom, Budd clinging to his feet. Shirton was seen to kick or push with his feet while Budd was on all fours. Shirton left him and on the arrival of Mr. Armstrong and some boarders from the hotel Budd had breathed his last. An inquest held by Dr. Carroll closed this afternoon, and Shirton was committed for trial on the charge of murder.

TRAGEDY IN WELLAND.

A Young Man Called Out of His House and Shot--The Assassin then Shoots Himself.

Niagara Falls, Nov. 20.—A young Englishman named Claud Lister, aged 20, has been in this country about nine months, working amongst farmers through the township until last September, when he left for the United States. Previous to his departure for that place, however, he had been arrested for larceny, and found guilty, and served a short term in prison. When arrested he had on his person a loaded revolver, which was confiscated. It seems he returned from the states last Saturday evening, and purchased a seven-shooter revolver of 22 calibre. On Sunday evening he proceeded to Stamford, three miles from here, and was seen watching around the village church for some one he wanted to see, and not being able to find them he went to the house of Thomas Smith, a carpenter, and asked for Mr. Smith's son, Clarence, aged 16, who, being at home, accompanied Lister across the road, after being requested by the latter to do so. When about 150 yards from the house, he had mentioned to young Smith that he had been buying another new revolver, which he took from his pocket, an, pointing the weapon at Smith, fired, the ball taking effect in front of the right ear, and glancing towards the nose, and, it is the supposition of physicians, passed out of his nostrill, as it cannot be located. Young Smith immediately after the shot ran towards his father's house, Lister pursuing. Lister says he thought he saw him fall. He then held the revolver behind his own right ear and fired, the ball passing through the skull and lodging in the region of the brain. He fell about thirty yards from where he shot young Smith. The father of Smith, returning from church, saw the flash of both shots, hurried to the scene and found his son stilling blood the from his wound with his handkerchief, and asked him what was the matter. He told him that Lister had shot him. His father, after assisting him into the house, immediately procured medical assistance. Lister was also carried into Smith's house. Smith, believing him dead, sent for the coroner. Doctors probed for the bullet in Lister's head, but were unable to locate it. It is supposed to be lodged in or near the region of the brain. After about two hours Lister became conscious, and spoke freely of the affair, stating to the police that he intended to shoot young Smith last September with the revolver found on him when arrested for larceny. He also stated that it was his love for young Smith, and the desire he had to be always in his company, made him do what he did now, and he intended to shoot Mr. Smith this time as well; but this is looked upon by all concerned as a cunning game of Lister's to gain the sympathy of the public by trying to fill the bill of a crank and make himself notorious. The doctor says there is hope for Smith's recovery, but not much chance for Lister. The latter has been taken charge of, and remove the county jail at Welland, for treatment.

Mr. Thos. Vance, of East Zorra, sold the other day a two year old entire colt, sired by "Duke of Edinborough," dam "Lady Grant," for the sum of $1,200, to Mr. John Webster, of Crosshill.

At the Agricultural Exhibition at Chicago the Dominion led with first prizes in sheep and Shorthorns, and took the crown for yearling steers.

THE DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

Summary of the Result of the Recent Elections.

The following briefly summarizes the result of the late elections throughout the United States. Of the fifteen states which on Wednesday, the 8th inst., elected governors, thirteen chose Democratic executives by unparalled majorities for the most part, while two only went Republican, and these by a very close shave in each case. The following is a complete list:—

	Majorities.
California, George Stoneman (D)	30,000
Colorado, James B. Grant (D)	2,500
Connecticut, Thos. M. Waller (D)	5,000
Delaware, C. C. Stockley (D)	1,000
Kansas, George W. Glick (D)	10,000
Massachusetts, Benj. F. Butler (D)	15,000
Michigan, Josiah W. Begole (D)	4,330
Nebraska, James W. Dawes (R)	1,500
Nevada, J. W. Adams (D)	1,000
New Hampshire, S. W. Hale (R)	300
New York, Grover Cleveland (D)	200,000
Pennsylvania, R. E. Pattison (D)	40,000
South Carolina, H. S. Thompson (D)	40,000
Tennessee, W. D. Bate (D)	5,000
Texas, John Ireland (D)	80,000

In addition to these magnificent achievements the Democrats gained about 90 members of the House of Representatives as compared with the election two years ago, thus giving not only a majority in the 48th Congress of over 75, but a majority by States as well, the Democrats having a majority in 23 States, and the Republicans in 19.

A PLUCKY ARREST.

Burglars Captured by a Pair of Bank Clerks.

ST. THOMAS, Nov. 21.—About twelve o'clock last night as Messrs. Simpson and Johnson, of the Molsons Bank, were going to their room to retire they chanced to look out of their window, which overlooks the back premises of several stores where they saw two men on their hands and knees in the yard behind Murch's bookstore. They went to call the police, but not being able to find one handy decided to make the capture themselves. They jumped the fence and called to the men, who were taking a pane of glass out of Murch's window, to surrender. The burglars at once ran, but Johnson grabbed one of them on top of a fence and jerked him to the ground, put a pistol to his head, which made him give in. Simpson in the meantime was chasing his man, who ran up St. George street, but when opposite the residence of John McLean, perceiving that his pursuer was getting too close to him, he stopped, wheeled around, and drawing a revolver, cried out, "If you come any nearer you are a dead man!" Simpson, however, was not to be bluffed, and gamely grabbed him and threw him to the ground. Just then a couple of men came up, and the burglar was secured and taken to the police station and locked up. They gave their names as Charles Holliday, of New Brunswick, aged 25, and Alfred Dubey, from Buffalo, aged 20.

An Agonizing Scene Sixty Feet Above the Ground.

KINGSTON, Nov. 21.—Yesterday evening Arthur De Eks was doing some work on the roof of the City building when W. Woodrow went up to see what was being done. He climbed to the very top and sat astride a ridge. Suddenly De Eks heard a noise, and looking around, beheld Woodrow drop forward and begin to pound the roof with his hands. He hurriedly started towards him, but to his horror the young man rolled down the roof, and kept going down till he reached the trough, where he stopped just at the mouth of the water-spout. De Eks was almost paralyzed, but when he saw Woodrow stop at the trough he cautiously followed him and seized him with one hand while with the other he held on to some stonework. He then saw that Woodrow was in a violent fit. He held on to him for fully twenty-five minutes, at the end of which time his charge revived and clambered behind the stone work referred to. Had he not been held firmly he would most assuredly have worked himself out of the trough and have been mangled on the stone steps sixty feet below.

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Saturday the Queen reviewed the troops who participated in the Egyptian campaign. The troops afterwards marched through several of the streets, which were gaily decorated. There were immense crowds of spectaters, and extraordinary enthusiasm was manifested. Illuminations took place at night. The Duke of Connaught marched at the head of the guards. The Prince and Princess of Wales, the crown Princess of Germany, and the Duke of Cambridge also witnessed the march. The Queen on leaving was tremendously cheered. She presented war medals to two representatives of each regiment. The general presentation of medals took place at Windsor on Tuesday. General Wolseley headed the troops during the march through the streets. The scene along the line was one of unbounded enthusiasm.

MARRIED.—At Norwich, Miss Maria Baker was married to Mr. Butcher. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Brewer; and the clergyman who married them was Rev. Mr. Painter. Among the townspeople who sent good wishes after the bridal couple were Miss White, Mr. Brown, Donald Blue, Flora Green, Jas. Black, Agnes Rose, Alex. Thorn and Jno. Berry. We hope the Baker, being well bred, will always agree with the Butcher, that it is not meet that either should be the Brewer of domestic storms, but that the Painter of their home life may always find theirs a felicitous union.

Mail: Sir John is vindicated again. On the National Policy question, Mr. Mayor McMurrich, by forming a new Grit party, with protection as one of its platforms, has established the correctness of his trade policy. On the disallowance, the Montreal *Herald*, the ablest paper on the Liberal side of politics, comes to the front and says that disallowance is justified and demanded by the law of the land.

The Princess Luise has evidently made herself a prime favorite in British Columbia. At