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**New Advertisements.**


Egyptian Oil—W. J. C. Naftel.
Benefit Concert.—Mrs. Fletcher.
Spring, 1883, Spring—Miss Stewart.
Cherrydale Farm—James C. LeTouzel.
Farmers and Gardners—John A. Naftel.
Sale of Valuable Village Property—Crerar & Muir.
Chancery Notice to Creditors—John Winchester.
In the County Court of the County of Huron—Isaac F. Toms.
Dissolution of Partnership—Craib, MacWhirter & Co., Clinton.


## Dentistry.

M. NICHOLSON, SURGEON DENTIST. Office and residence, West Street three doors below Bank of Montreal, Goderich 1752

## The People's Column.

LOST—ON MONDAY, THE FIFTH inst., between Goderich and John Morris', Colborne, a Mink Boa. The finder will be rewarded by leaving it at this office. 1881-1t

NOTICE--PARTIES HAVING ANY claim or claims against me, will oblige by sending in their accounts on or before Saturday, March 24th inst. I will leave for Winnipeg on Tuesday, April 3rd, sure. J. C. CURRIE. 1882.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.—A good frame house and two lots on Palmerston street, the house containing 6 rooms, closets and cellar in good repair. Good stable and orchard attached. For particulars apply to E. R. Watson, painter, Goderich. 1880-tf.

COMFORTABLE HOUSE TO RENT That fine brick house on North-st., immediately north of the registry office, is open for rental. The house is very convenient in every particular. Possession given on May 17th. For particulars apply to G. N. Davis. 1882-1t.

NOTICE.

Parties indebted to the estate of the late W. D. Shannon will please take notice that the books of said estate have been placed in my hands for immediate collection and that all unpaid accounts appearing therein on the 20th inst., will on that day be sued.

E. CAMPION,
Solicitor for Administratrix.

Goderich, March 6th, 1883. 1881-3t.

FARM FOR SALE BY AUCTION.

Mr. J. C. Currie has received instructions to sell by auction on Thursday, 29th of March, 1883, on the premises, that desirable farm being north half of the north half of lot 13, con. 3 West Wawanosh, containing 50 acres, more or less. On the farm is a frame barn and stable, a good concrete house, and first class orchard A small rivulet runs across one corner of the farm, it is situated on a good gravel road within 2 miles of Dungannon and about the same from the Nile. Terms, $100 on day of sale; $400 more in ten days, balance secured by first mortgage with interest at 6 per cent per annum. Sale at 1 o'clock, p.m.

Richard Adams,
Leadeborough, 26 Feb. Thomas J. Bell,
1880-td. Executors.

KEYS FOUND.—A COUPLE OF small keys, on a string, were found during this week and left at this office. The owner can have them by paying for this adv't. Apply at this office.

HO FOR WINNIPEG.

Being about to remove to Winnipeg, I have disposed of my auction business to Mr. James Prentice, who came to me highly recommended, and who I am satisfied will fill the bill. I trust that my friends in the county will give him that liberal support which they so generously accorded me in past years. I will remain here until 1st April and in the meantime will conduct all sales entrusted to me. J. C. CURRIE, The People's Auctioneer. 1878.

ENGRAVING.

All kinds of plain and ornamental engraving, gold, silver, ivory, pearl, executed neatly cheaply and expeditiously. Door plates made and engraved on short notice. Estimates given. C. J. NEWMAN, Southst., Goderich, practical engraver to the trade. 1877-wtf.

HOUSE AND LOR FOR SALE.—A frame house nearly new, with 10 foot ceiling, containing 6 rooms besides hall, pantry and good cellar with wood shed and other outbuildings will be sold on reasonable terms. A good well is on the premises. For particulars apply to W. A. RHYNAS, Newgate Street. 1877.

HOUSE, AND LOTS NOS. 33 AND 76, corner of Victoria and East streets, in the town of Goderich, for sale cheap, or will be exchanged for farm property. For particulars apply to JAS. SMAILL, Architect, office Crabb's Block or J. C. CURRIE, auctioneer.

FOR SALE.

A first class brick house, cellar under the whole house, and 1½ acres land on the Bayfield road, Goderich, there is a good stable and driving shed, hard and soft water on the premises, grounds well laid out. For particulars apply on the premises or to H. Seegmiller, Goderich Foundry. 1873-tf.

FOR SALE.

Mrs. Nolan offers for sale the following property in the town of Goderich. Lot 177, the east half of lot 175 and the west half of lot 126. There is a story and a half frame house in good repair, 12 room and kitchen, good stone cellar, hard and soft water. Terms easy. For further particulars apply to E. CAMPION, Solicitor, Goderich. 1870-3m.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS--NOTICE IS hereby given that all parties indebted to the undersigned by note or book account are requested to settle the same at once and thereby save an enforced collection. I mean business. ABRAHAM SMITH. 1862-

FOR SALE.—THAT DESIRABLE residence, corner Brittania road and McDonald street, opposite the High School, with two lots. The house is in good repair with carriage house and stable and other out buildings. The garden is well stocked with fruit trees, grape vines, shrubery, &c.

R. H. COZZENS.

For terms apply to Davison & Johnston, Barristers. 1863-tf.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT—THAT Valuable Property known as the Sheppardton Store and Post Office, with quarter of an acre of land, is offered for sale or to rent. Stock in store all new and fresh this year. The proprietor has other business which will require his sole attention. Also the west half of lot 5, con. 3, E.D. Ashfield; all new land; two good orchards, two good wells, and comfortable frame houses. The lot contains 100 acres, of which 40 are cleared and all well fenced. Remaining 50 acres heavily timbered with hardwood. For particulars address: R. T. HAYNES, Sheppardton P.O. 1852-

## Auctioneering.

J. C. CURRIE, THE PEOPLE'S AUCTIONEER, Goderich, Ont. 1751

## Loans and Insurance.

MONEY TO LEND. —PRIVATE funds—on freehold security. Apply to Geo. Swanson, Goderich. 1876-6m.

$500,000 TO LOAN. APPLY TO CAMERON, HOLT & CAMERON, Goderich. 1759.

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Goderich, 23rd March 1881. 1779.

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R. RADCLIFFE, FIRE, MARINE, Life and Accident Insurance Agent. Representing first-class Companies. Also agent for the CANADA LIVE STOCK INSURANCE CO. Money to lend on Mortgage, either in Town or Farm Property, in any way to suit the borrower. Office—(up-stairs) Kay's block Goderich

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DR. W. G. S. MACDONALD, M. D., C. M., Physician, Surgeon, Accoucheur, etc. Office and residence, Main street, Auburn. 6m.-1865.

G. R. McDONAGH, M.D., PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, &c., Graduate of Toronto University, Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, London, England, &c., &c., M. C. P. S., Ontario. Office and residence Opposite Bailey's Hotel, Hamilton street, Goderich 1795-6m

DR. McLEAN, PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, Coroner &c. Office and residence Bruce Street, second door west of Victoria Street. 1751.

H. G. MACKID, M. D., PHYSICIAN, Surgeon and Accoucher, Graduate of Toronto University. Office opposite Cameron & Cameron's Bank, Lucknow. If not in office, enquire at the Bank. 1762-y.

DRS. SHANNON & HAMILTON, Physicians, Surgeons, Accouchers, &c. office at Dr. Shannon's residence, near the grol Goderich. G. C. SHANNON, J. C. HAMILTON 1751.

INSURANCE CARD.

BRITISH ASS. CO'Y, TORONTO—Establishe 1833
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Risks taken in the above first-class Offices at the lowest rates by HORACE HORTON.

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Money to Loan on first-class security, rom 7 to 8 per Cent.—Charges moderate.

HORACE HORTON.

Goderich Sept. 10, 1880.

## Strayed Animals.

DOG FOUND.—CAME ON THE premises of the subscriber lot 9, con. 8, township of Colborne, a small black and white dog with tan-colored head. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take it away. JOHN M. BUCHANAN, Colborne. 1875.

## Legal.

R. C. HAYES, SOLICITOR &c., Office corner of the square and West street, Goderich, over Butler's bookstore. money to lend at lowest rates of interest.

LEWIS & LEWIS, BARRISTERS, Attorneys, Solicitors in Chancery &c. Office in the Court House, Goderich.

IRA LEWIS, M.A., B.C.L. E. N. LEWIS. 1820.

GARROW & PROUDFOOT, BARRISTERS, Attorneys, Solicitors, etc Goderich. J. T. Garrow, W. Proudfoot. 175

SEAGER & MORTON, BARRISTERS, &c., &c., Goderich and Wingham. C. Seager Jr., Goderich. J. A. Morton, Wingham. 1751

CAMERON, HOLT & CAMERON, Barristers, Solicitors in Chancery, &c. Goderich and Wingham. M. C. Cameron, Q. C.; P. Holt, M. G. Cameron, Goderich. W. R. Macara, Wingham. 1751.

## Banking.

BANK OF MONTREAL.

*CAPITAL,* - - - $12,000,000.
*SURPLUS,* - - - $5,000,000.

**Goderich Branch.**

*D. GLASS* - - - *Manager.*

Allows interest on deposits. Drafts, letters of credit and circular notes issued, payable in all parts of the world. 1754.

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*Paid up Capital,* - $6,000,000.
*Rest,* - $1,400,000.

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Interest allowed on deposits. Drafts on a the principal Towns and Cities in Canada Great Britain and the United States, bough and sold.

Advances to Farmers on Notes, with one or more endorsers, without mortgage. 175

JAMES SMAILL, ARCHITECT, &c. Office, Crabb's Block, Kingston st., Goderich. Plans and specifications drawn correctly. Carpenter's, plasterer's and mason's work measured and valued.

# NEWS ABOUT HOME.

"A chiel's amang ye, takin' notes,
An' faith he'll prent it."

## TOWN TOPICS.

Ladies are dreadfully afraid of freckling in March, but Sallows, the photographer, laughs at freckles, and every lady who sits for a a picture can rely on looking as if her complexion was faultless.

The long winter is drawing to a close, and the time for coughs and colds is at hand. Ward off the baneful effects of dampness and malaria, by using only the best liquors for medical purposes. You'll get the best at W. L. Horton's.

GILT ROOM MOULDINGS.—The demand for this moulding is increasing daily. No well appointed house is complete without it. The cost is but trifling and the advantages numerous, avoiding nails and the breaking of plaster and pictures can be hung to suit light and taste. Saunders & Son carries a full line and fits it up cheapest in town. Artistic picture framing a speciality.

Mothers! if you favor the comfort of yourselves and your children, you ought to get a baby carriage. C. F. Straubel, Hamilton-st. will open out this week the finest lot of American carriages ever imported to this town, which for style and quality cannot be beat, and at prices that will defy competition. If you want anything nobby in his line, give him a call before purchasing elsewhere, and judge for yourselves.

Good Friday.

Marbles, marbles, marbles.

Mr. Troy of Wawanosh has removed to Goderich.

Master Ed. Logan left for East Saginaw last week.

Miss Lucy Whitely will spend Easter in the Forest City.

How many eggs do you cackle-ate you can dispose of on Sunday—Easter?

Mrs. Cantelon mother of Mr. D. Cantelon baker, West St. is suffering from a lung attack.

Mr. G. B. Johnston left last week for Kansas, where he will spend some time with his parents.

The Lenten devotions at St. Peter will finish with the stations of the cross tonight (Good Friday)

The choir of the North-st. Methodist church sang at a tea-meeting at Manchester on Friday evening last.

Miss Ida Straubel returned from Toronto last night to spend her Easter vacation with "the old folks at home."

SKATING RINK—The rink will be open this (Friday) evening. The band will be in attendance. General admission, 10c.

Miss Louisa Seegmiller of Walkerton, who has been visiting friends in Goderich, is now the guest of friends at Clinton.

Mr. John Robinson, our popular vocalist, left Goderich this week for Winnipeg to shine among the stars in the Prairie City.

Mr. G. C. Wright, of Berlin, formerly of Clinton, is about to return to the ambitious little town twelve miles down the track.

Miss McMahon has had quite a severe attack of inflammation of the lungs, but we are pleased to state that she is much better.

Sermons will be preached morning and evening in St. George's church to-day. Services will also be held in R. C. Church.

Messrs. Harry Clucas and R. Logan, are at Sarnia engaged at painting and decorating the new steamer "United Empire."

Miss McQuarrie, of Bay City, Mich., who formerly taught in St. David's ward school, is visiting friends in and around Goderich.

The Misses Wilkinson are opening out a dress and mantle making establishment on West st. next door to their present millinery store.

Don't fail to tumble to the racket at Currie's auction mart, opposite the Colborne hotel to-morrow (Saturday). Currie's last sale in town.

Mr. Stephen Andrews has removed his butcher shop to the well-known stand on Hamilton street. Mr. W. McLean has stepped down and out.

Owing to the holiday (Good Friday), we have gone to press rather earlier than usual, and have not been able to insert correspondence from late mails.

A number of the residents of Goderich availed themselves of the special train to Seaforth on Wednesday evening to attend the military concert in that town.

On Friday last Mr. Brohman, of the Maitland House, gave an oyster spread to a number of friends. Brohman can do the thing up in style when he likes.

We are sorry to learn that our old friend McNair, the seedsman, has been laid up by a severe cold. And the ice has been in such good trim for curling, too.

Agnas May, the adopted daughter of Mr. Robt. Henderson, has been very low from a severe attack of diphtheria, but is now recovering, we are pleased to state.

Mr Albert Booth, left for Parkdale on Saturday to attend the funeral of his sister-in-law the late Mrs. Booth, daughter of Mr. Donald, who lived in Goderich a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnston, who have for some time past been visiting friends at Clinton Springs, N. Y., and Goderich, returned to their home in Dakota last week.

F. M. Williams piano-forte tuner, will be in town all next week, parties wishing pianos tuned will leave word at Mr. Jas. Imrie's book store, or at Mr. Gordon's furniture warerooms.

The funeral of the late Mrs. James Johnston was the largest witnessed for a very long time, about one hundred vehicles following the remains of the deceased to the cemetery.

The annual Easter concert in connection with Mrs. Fletcher's school will be held in the Temperance hall, on Friday, March 30th. A good programme has been prepared. See adv't.

From the Regina *Leader* we learn that our former townsman Mr. Dixie Watson has been appointed clerk of the court for the Qu'Appelle division of the Qu'Appelle and Saskatchewan district.

Mr James McCaig, who has been absent from town for a number of years, returned from his home at Dunkirk N. Y. to attend the funeral of his mother, the late Mrs. William McCaig, who died suddenly on Friday last.

Dr. John Garrow is now on a visit to Canada after a successful examination in medicine, and the winning of his parchment. He is the guest of his brother, Mr. J. P. Garrow. The doctor hasn't forgotten Ontario politics yet.

Mr. T. Gilroy, the well-known insurance man, is in town. He is delighted with Manitoba, and expects to return early. We wonder if Mr. Gilroy has not some attraction of a more tender sort than insurance in Goderich?

Mr. J. B. McLaren, of the Muskegon Iron Works, paid us a visit on Wednesday. Mr. McLaren is an old Colborne boy, and is succeeding in his Michigan home. He is a good specimen of the energetic Canadian-American citizen.

We are informed that Charlie Davis has not gone to British Columbia, as reported last week. He is in charge of a drug store for Dr. Tulford, at a place called Stonewall, some twelve or fourteen miles from Winnipeg. George Porter is still in Winnipeg.

Mr. J. McDonald Gordon, son of the late J. B. Gordon, of Goderich, was in town during the past week, visiting the friends of his youth. Mr. Gordon is now Dominion Crown Lands agent in the North-west territory, with his headquarters at Regina.

NEW DOCK.—Messrs. J. & J. Kidd are building a new dock at their sawmill. They will contract for about 800 feet of wharfage during the season. Messrs. Kidd are enterprising men, and when their works are fully completed Wiarton will be greatly benefitted.—[Wiarton Echo.

A NEW FERTILIZER.—Mr. J. A. Naftel, hardware merchant, is introducing a new fertilizer into this section in the shape of Cotton Seed Compound, which is said to be a valuable aid to the soil of gardens, etc. The price is not high. He is also agent for Cotton Seed Meal for fattening stock. These articles are sold in bags, and are easily handled.

SUDDEN DEATH—On Friday last Mrs. Catherine McCaig, the wife of Mr. Wn. McCaig, Victoria street, died suddenly of heart disease. She was apparently in her usual health, and was engaged in attending to her regular domestic duties when a spasm seized her and she sat down on the lounge to rest. She expired shortly afterwards. Deceased was an old resident of Goderich, having come hither with her husband in 1845 from the county Down, Ireland. She leaves a husband three sons and a daughter to mourn her loss.

SAVED HIS HANDS.—On Monday evening, at the vesper hour, while Mr. Dan Carty was attending to his duties as bell-ringer at the R. C. Church, he came across a drunken Highlandman in the snow vainly endeavoring to keep his hands from freezing. Mr. Carty stooped down and rubbed the poor fellow's hands to promote circulation, and almost carried him to a neighboring house, where warmth chased away the frost from his limbs. Had Mr. Carty not acted so humanely the unfortunate inebriate might have been terribly frostbitten.

We are very sorry to chronicle the death of the late Mr. Michael Ferguson, the youngest brother of the late Mr. Charlie Ferguson, so well and popularly known as the gifted, but blind Irish musician. Mr. Ferguson, for many years belonged to the choir of St. Peter's—and, in the funeral sermon preached on Monday by the Rev. Father Gahan, that gentleman eulogised the deceased, paying a high tribute to his worth as a faithful follower of Christ; bringing to the minds of those assembled how many times Mr. Ferguson's voice joined in the "Dies Ira." *Requiescant in pace.*

LECTURE.—On Tuesday evening the third and last lecture of the course under the auspices of the North Street Methodist church was delivered in the church by Rev. E. B. Ryckman, D. D. The lecture was well worth hearing. The Doctor is not an orator; he does not attempt to soar into the empyrean, and his delivery is rather jerky; but he is sound and solid, and a pleasing lecturer withal. He speaks in an earnest, hearty manner, uses good language, and has the gift of illustration well developed. His illustrations, too, are drawn from everyday life, and while homely are none the less forcible and apt. His lecture was based on the well known aphorism of "Davy Crockett," — "Be sure you're right, then go ahead"—and was a plea for the development and exercise of whatsoever is noble, true, brave and right. The speaker threw out some valuable hints regarding the upbuilding of character. The lecture was of that practical nature which encourages while it warns, and entertains while it instructs. Dr. Ryckman can count on a larger audience should he come to Goderich again with an equally good lecture. The chair was occupied by Mr. W. R. Robertson. A nicely framed vote of thanks was moved by Mr. F. Jordan, seconded by Mr. J. C. Detlor. The choir did good service during the evening, under the leadership of Mr. S. P. Halls.

Mr. E. Campion has removed to the law chambers formerly occupied by Mr. Doyle, in Jordan's Block, and is closing up Mr. Doyle's law business.

At the last meeting of the Sarnia Presbytery, the clerk read extract minutes from the Presbytery of Maitland, intimating that Mr Leitch had accepted the call from Point Edward, and they had granted the translation. The Presbytery appointed the induction to take place on the 3rd of April next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, Mr. Thompson to preside. Mr. McCutcheon to preach, Mr. Currie to address the minister, and Mr. McAlmon to address the people; the edict to be served in due time.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.—The following has been handed us by the secretary:—A meeting of the H. S. L. S. was held last Friday evening. Among other business officers were nominated for the ensuing term. The literary exercises were commenced by a song by Miss Caldwell and Mr. Miller. Mr. Thomas McGillicuddy following, entertaining the audience with an address which was interesting and instructive to both old and young. Readings were then given by Mr. Moore, Miss Strang and Mr. Bean, after which Mr. F. McDonald, an ex-member who happened to fall in with us being called upon, addressed the meeting. The meeting was closed with a duett by Miss Caldwell and Mr. Seaborne.

ENTERPRISE.—Among our advertisements this week will be found a double column announcement of Mr. John Craib, the well-known Clinton merchant. The business now conducted by Mr. Craib was for some years past known throughout Huron under the style of "Craib, McWhirter & Co.," and had made for itself a reputation. Mr. McWhirter has now retired from the partnership, and the business will hereafter be conducted by Mr. Craib. The pushing manner in which Mr. Craib places his trade before the public at home and abroad by means of printer's ink, shows that he is bound to keep up with the procession of wideawake business men. Some of our Goderich merchants would benefit by taking a leaf out of Mr. Craib's book.

CURLING SUPPER.—A supper was held in the Colborne hotel on the evening of Tuesday last under the auspices of the Goderich curling club. In addition to the local curlers present there were quite an attendance of Seaforth curlers and their friends, among whom we noticed Messrs D. D. Wilson, J. Beattie, W. M. Gray, M. Y. McLean, J. Strong, Jno. Beattie and Van Egmond, also Messrs. Cresswell and McConnell, from Tuckersmith. The chair was occupied by Mr. T. J. Moorhouse, the president of the Goderich club, and Mr. M. Hutchison, the vice-president, held the vice-chair at the feast. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and responded to, and song and sentiment prevailed until the "wee, sma' hour ayont the twal'," when a party of jolly good fellows wended their way homeward, well pleased with the evening's enjoyment The spread on the occasion reflected great credit on the proprietors of the Colbourne.

PARLOR CONCERT.—On the evening of Thursday last a parlor concert was given at the residence of M. C. Cameron, M. P. in aid of the funds of Knox church. There was a good attendance, and everything passed off well. The programme was a good one and was well carried out. A concertina solo by Mr. F. Bond, and songs by Miss Smeeth and Mr. R. S. Williams were encored. The following programme was given on the occasion:—Instrumental solo, Mrs. Elwood; reading Mr. Duncan; vocal solo, Miss Kay; instrumental duett, Misses Cameron and Start; dialogue, "Lochiel's Warning" Misses Halse and Seemiller; concertina solo, Mr. Bond; instrumentat duett, Miss Carey and Mr. DePeudry; instrumental solo, Miss Seegmiller; reading, Mr. Turnbull; vocal solo, Miss Smeeth; recitation, "Lochinvar," Mr. W. B. Dickson; vocal solo, Mr. R. S. Williams reading, Mr Strang; quartette, Messrs. Robson, Saunders and Misses Kay and Meldrum.

FANCY SKATING.—Many of our readers take a keen interest in skating, and will be interested in the opinions of the London newspapers on the respective merits of the champion skaters Cook and Robinson, who are both known to Goderich lovers of the gliding steel, and who gave a joint exhibition at London on Tuesday. The *Free Press* says: "The skating of Mr. T. H. Robinson was at times heartily applauded. His "spins" were excellent. He is a graceful and conscientious skater, if a little slow, and his figures are all perfectly done. Mr. J. M. Cook, who followed, gave a dashing exhibition. He goes at his work with a good deal of speed, and being very active, presents a fine appearance on the ice. He did the grapevine well, and performed a waltz on the ice. His 'spins' were quick and good." The *Advertiser* gauges the abilities of the rival skaters as follows:—"Mr. Robinson then appeared, and went through a number of difficult figures in good style. He was followed by Mr. Cook, and afterwards by Miss Patterson. Then Messrs. Cook and Robinson skated together. This was perhaps the best time to judge of their relative powers. Mr. Robinson is a much larger man than Mr. Cook, and shows to better advantage on the ice when skating alone. He also goes through his figures more compactly, thereby not being able to perform them at as high a rate of speed. Mr. Cook skates in a dashing style, covering more ice. The spectators seemed very much divided in opinion as to the relative merits of each."

# CALLER HERRING.

## Fishing and Spearing Through the Ice.

**Herring and Perch in Shoals—How the Finny Ones are Captured.**

We would not attempt to describe the various modes adopted to catch fish during winter weather. Many a chapter could be written upon that class of sport. But as some of our readers are doubtless wondering where the paunchy perch and the slim, shiny herring now sold on our streets are caught, and how the fishers go about it, a few sentences regarding the work may prove of interest.

Standing upon the brow of the harbor hill on Saturday morning a number of black objects, some stationary and others moving, might have been discerned less than a mile away. These were men and boys fishing for perch through the ice with baited hooks. A few small wooden huts could also be observed just at the end of the piers. Descending the hill, and approaching closer, we find that the little wooden structures are just large enough to permit a man to enter and be seated with comfort. They are placed over a hole in the ice perhaps some twenty inches in diameter, a small door hanging from a leather hinge is raised, the sportsman squeezes himself in through the aperture, lets the door down again to darken the place, deposits himself on a rude seat, and with a "decoy" suspended by a short string in one hand, and a pole headed by keen prongs made for the occasion in his other hand, he awaits the silver scaled fish. The decoy is made of wood, about the size and shape of a minnow, with pieces of bright tin for fins and tail. A piece of lead fastened to the belly of this wooden deceiver keeps it in proper position. The sportsman keeps it gently moving, and the hungry herring soon are seen preparing to gobble it. Wooden fish are rather indigestible, and pointed steel is very penetrating; and so it happens that the pseudo minnow is never devoured by the genuine fish, but that the herring, by a sudden and skilful stroke of the spear, is impaled and in the sportsman's hands before it has a chance to tell the other fish that the bait is too tough to eat. Inside these huts it is quite dark, yet the man sitting and watching through the hole can see every movement of the herring several feet below the ice, while the fish is not so fortunate, and ogles the minnow with the tin tail and fins in perfect ignorance of the impending spear. The herring run in schools, and some days the waiting spearman is rewarded by a large strike, while on other days the shiny ones will fight shy of the holes, and the sportsman waits in vain. The herring sell at 25 cents a dozen, and are very good eating just now.

On Saturday morning about twenty five or thirty men and boys could be found a quarter of a mile beyond the entrance to the harbor, engaged in line fishing. Holes a foot or eighteen inches in diameter were cut in the ice, and at some of these three or four persons were standing or kneeling, each holding a line. The fish were biting well, and around each hole several dozens of plump perch, with their distinguishing mark of red, could be seen flopping helplessly on the solid ice. The bait used on the hooks are various. Some prefer a piece of fat pork, which seems very attractive, but the majority slice up a small perch, and his fellows bite at it without any misgivings. The perch is far inferior to the herring for the table, yet many like the former, and a large number are daily disposed of by boys at prices which seem to encourage them to persevere in catching. Perch at present are more numerous than herring, although a spearer informed us that he recently got ten dozen of the silver sides in a day. The day must have been very propitious.

In addition to the above mentioned ways of securing fish, nets are also resorted to, but we have not heard with what success during the present week. A mile or two out in the lake night lines well baited are often left, and during the month some fine specimen of salmon-trout, weighing from ten to twenty five pounds each, have been secured by the fishermen who visited their lines next day.

Later in the season the herring will bite more voraciously. Then the boys will hook them by the dozen off the pier with no more tempting bait than a bit of white rag.

SACRED CONCERT.—The concert held in the convent hall on Saturday evening last was largely attended. The following programme was carried out:—Opening chorus, "Erin my Country;" instrumental duet, "March of the Men of Madock," Misses Mullin and McGregor, song, "Drifting down to Sea," Mr. McPhillips, song, "And I Remembered in Erin," Miss Doyle; piano solo, "Fantasia," Miss Ross; song, "The Harp of Tara," Miss Kidd; song, "[illegible]," Miss McDermott; song, "The Piano-for-tay," Messrs Kidd and McPhillips, Tableau; chorus, "The Reapers;" piano solo, "Irish Airs," Miss A. Ross; song "There's a dear Spot in Ireland," Miss Cook; instrumental duet, "Crown Diamonds," Misses McDermott and McGregor, song, "Longing Song," Miss Doyle; song, "Ivy Green," Mr. McPhillips, musical charade, children. The musical charade by the children toward the close of the entertainment, was exceedingly well placed on the boards, and was a very pretty sight indeed.