Huron Signal.

GODERICH JUNE 27, 1877.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

CHEAP SUITS.—H. H. Smith is now making all wool tweed suits at $10. Cheap, certainly.

FISH.—The shipments of fish last week were: M. McPherson, 900 lbs; Jas. Clark, 1200 lbs; John Clark 900 lbs; Chas. Howland, 3,500 lbs.

MEETING.—The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Goderich Foundry Co. (limited) will be held at their office on Tuesday, 24 July, at 7 p. m.

MUSICAL TUITION.—Prof. Marquis Chisholm, the famed pianist, is now at the Albion Hotel to wait pupil desirous for tuition in vocal or instrumental music.

DEBRIS FOR.—The steamer Benton lay outside of the harbor from 10 p. m. on Sunday night until 9 a. m. on Monday morning, being unable to make the entrance on account of the fog. It would be advisable to have a fog bell placed here.

NEW PAPER.—We have received the initial number of the Fort William *Day Book*. It is a newsy and creditable looking sheet. There is an excellent future for the paper, Fort William being the Lake Superior terminus of the Pacific Railway.

FIRE.—On Thursday afternoon the large woodpile near the Grand Trunk station caught fire from a spark from a passing engine, and when the flames were discovered they had gained considerable strength. The fire engine was in a remarkable short time on the spot, and a liberal drenching soon quenched the flames. The damage done was trifling.

GENERAL SHIPMENTS.—Among the general shipments last week were the following: Kirkpatrick, Bros & Co., 30 rolls leather; Wm. Mitchell, 1900 lbs. wool; H. Well's 14 casks ale, Williams & Murray, 12 Indian mats; R. Bean & Co., 2 bbls potash; Jas. Thomson, 3500 lbs. artificial stone; Foundry Co., 340 lbs. castings.

GOOD BARGAIN.—One of our prominent citizens has made a wager of a peculiar kind with an equally prominent tailor. The latter is to make a suit of clothes free for the former, who agrees to wear a placard with the words "This suit made at ——" printed thereon in large letters. This placard is to be worn two weeks in public.

DISSOLUTION.—The partnership heretofore existing between Messrs. Bailey and Martin as hotel-keepers has been dissolved. Mr. Bailey remains in possession of the hotel here, and Mr. A. Martin has taken possession of Vanstone's new hotel in Brussels. We wish him success, and we commend him to the patronage of the public and the citizens of that thriving village.

GODERICH YACHT CLUB.—At a meeting held at the Ocean House on Friday evening last, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hugh Bain, Commodore; James Clark, Captain; Charles Rowland, Treasurer, James Friel, Secretary; Committee of management—John Bain, John Craigie, James Wiggins, John Morrison, Murdoch McPherson, Henry Marlton, James Ingster.

THE FROST.—The following telegrams have been received from parts throughout the County, regarding the effects of the recent frost: Wingham — Heavy frost last night. Corn, potatoes and fall wheat greatly injured. Seaforth—The frost last night appears to have done considerable damage in this section to vegetables. It is feared the fall wheat, and in some places potatoes, have been injured also. Clinton—Had heavy frost here last night. Afraid it affected crops badly.

VESSEL AGROUND.—On Wednesday evening last, after the schr. M. C. Cameron had got her load at Dufferin pier, she took advantage of a fair wind to enter the harbor without engaging a tug. Unfortunately she kept too much to the lee side and ran aground a short distance north of the pier. Some ten tons of salt was thrown overboard and a like amount transferred to a lighter, which cleared the Cameron, when she made port leaking considerably. The wind was not heavy at the time, or the damage would have been worse. She was releived of her cargo and has left for Port Huron, for repairs.

NARROW ESCAPE.—While the engine was being run out of its house, on Thursday last, a young man named Wm. Logan had a narrow escape. He was holding on to the tongue guiding the engine down the incline, when he fell in front of the wheels, his head lying in front of one of them. Fortunately something struck him and turned him about in such a way as to save his head, and the engine passed over him. He was assisted to his feet and found to have escaped injury, the only evidence of his adventure being that his pantaloons were almost completely torn off him. The space between the fire box and the ground is not more than sixteen inches. It was a narrow escape.

APPOINTMENTS.—Since the death of the late much respected governor of the jail last November, the management has been temporarily in the hands of the deceased's brothers for the benefit of the widow. This arrangement terminates with the present month, and Sheriff Gibbons has appointed to the vacancy the former turnkey Mr. Wm. Dickson. We speak interestedly, but we express the universal verdict when we say that no more deserving person could be chosen for the position. His long service as turnkey, about twelve years, amply fits him for the office which was so ably filled by his predecessor. Mr. Robert Henderson, of Maitlandville, has been appointed turnkey. He is a reliable person, and will doubtless give perfect satisfaction. Mrs. Wm. Dickson will take the position of matron. The new officers will enter upon their duties on Saturday evening next.

WEST RIDING AGRICULTURAL SHOW.—On Thursday last a joint meeting of the directors of the West Riding, the Colborne Branch and the Goderich Horticultural Societies was held in the Court House, when the three societies amalgamated for the purpose of having one exhibition instead of three, and by contributing all their funds form a better prize list. The prize list was revised and enlarged, many of the classes being doubled. As many special prizes will be offered, the list was referred to a special committee in order that such special prizes may be collected and added to the list. We expect the coming prize list will be the best and largest ever offered in Huron. A. M. Ross, Esq., M. P. P., presented the directors with $50 to be divided in prizes, for which a unanimous vote of thanks was passed. Wm. Young, Esq., desired to encourage breeders of thorough bred cattle and in order to induce all such breeders to come forward, he increased the prize list for such stock fifty per cent. It was agreed to hold the annual fall show on Sept. 20th and 21st.

TOWN COUNCIL.—A special meeting of Council was held on Wednesday evening last for the pupose of considering the advisability of making a grant towards the celebration of Dominion Day. All members were present excepting the Reeves and Messrs. Seegmiller and T. Johnston. Mr. Dancy was opposed to any grant, and thought sufficient had been subscribed to carry out all necessary preparations; he was in favor of economy. Mr. Seymour was against a general grant, but thought a small sum might be granted to the Band in order to keep them in town on July 1st; he thought the Council should act cautiously in granting money, as the taxes are high and poor people are numerous. On motion of Mr. Savage, seconded by Mr. Bingham, $30 was granted to the band to be expended under the Mayor's direction. Lanterns belonging to the town are to be given for the use of those desiring to light up the Square, under the supervision of Messrs. Hutchison, McKenzie and Savage. Mr. Seymour asked if the town would have possession of the Point Park on July 1st.—The Mayor stated that he understood the conveyance would be completed in time to allow the public to occupy the Park on Dominion Day.

Sulky Hay Rakes only $25, at Weatherald's. A Cayuga Chief mowing machine at half price. A good driving mare for sale cheap.

HARBOR MILLS.—The shipments last week were: One car and 742 bags bran and 1500 bags flour. Prices in Montreal for flour wholesale range from $6.70 to $7.00 with an upward tendency; retail here at $8.00 per barrel.

GRAIN.—Last week Wm. Seymour & Co., shipped 134 bushels of wheat to Midland. A. Armitage shipped 400 bushels of corn to Seaforth, and the Grand Trunk Co. forwarded 54 car-loads of wheat.

GOOD GRAIN.—Mr. Wm. Long, of Colborne, has shown us some stalks of fall wheat, plucked from one of his fields, which measure six feet in height. Seventeen stalks were produced from one grain of seed. This is hard to beet.

NEW POST OFFICES.—The following new post offices were established in this county on 1st June: Beechwood, Township of McKillop, John Reedy post-master; Leadbury, Township of McKillop, Charles Davis post-master.

PERSONAL.—Says the Rond Eau *News* of week before last:—Mr. Geo. Swanson sr., of Goderich, has been making a visit of a few days to this section of the country, and is so well pleased with the locality that he talks of investing some capital in our village.

UNWELL.—We regret to learn that John V. Detlor, Esq., is suffering from a severe attack of illness. He has been confined to bed for some days past, and yesterday was very low. We hope, however, to be able soon to give a more favorable report.

IN TROUBLE.—A. D. Houseman, teller of Molson's Bank, at Toronto, who was reported missing Thursday, was allowed to resign his position in the bank, and leave the city on condition that he refunded the money appropriated. Houseman was some time ago teller in the Montreal Bank here.

LOTTERY.—The drawing of the prize in the lottery to dispose of lot 31, Widder St., will take place in H. Cooke's old stand, next to St. Andrews' meat stall, at 11 a. m., on Monday next, 2nd July. Ticket holders will please take notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

CHANGE OF TIME.—Two new trains have been put on this branch of the Grand Trunk Railway, and the running time at this station is as follows: Departures—Express 6.45 a. m.; and 4.05 p. m.; accommodation, 9 a. m. and 3.10 p. m. Arrivals—Accommodation, 8.10 a. m. and 6.30 p. m.; Express, 3.10 p. m. and 10 p. m.

SEVERE FROST.—On Friday night last the country was visited by a severe frost, which has done much damage. Before the sun rose on Saturday morning the white frost covered every exposed piece of wood, and was even to be seen in some localities on the ground and vegetables. About town the damage done was slight, but further inland and in low lying sections vegetables generally are sadly blighted. About Stratford the potatoes were cut down, and many a vigorous garden of the day before was after sunrise on Saturday desolated.

"THAT'S DAMNED NICE."—The faculty of darning belongs exclusively to the Wanzer machines, they alone having the peculiar construction to accomplish this very necessary item of woman's work heretofore so much disliked. It is encouraging to know that the demand for the Wanzer sewing machines enables Messrs. Wanzer & Co. to keep their foundry and factory running full handed. The Wanzer F machine is in great demand in Canada, being the only sewing machine with reversible feed in the market. The superiority of the Wanzer sewing machines in durability, finish, excellence of work and simplicity is appreciated by the public. J. W. Weatherald sole agent for Goderich and vicinity.

MASONIC SERMON.—Rev. Dr. Wall, of Clinton, delivered a sermon to Free Masons in St. Paul's Church in that place, on Sabbath last. Eighty-one of the brethren attended in regalia, presenting a fine appearance, and among the number were twelve brethren from Goderich. The reverend gentlemen took for his text the words: "Prepare ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand," from the fifth verse of the third chapter of St. John the Baptist, whose anniversary was thus being celebrated, and the discourse was both eloquent and impressive. It was listened to with very close attention through out. At the close a collection was taken up in aid of the sufferers by the St. John fire, which amounted to the handsome sum of $53.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY.—Sunday last was the anniversary of St. John the Baptist. In consequence of its falling on this day, the usual installation of officers in Maitland Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 112, took place on Monday evening last. The attendance at the lodge was quite large, and the installation ceremonies were performed by Capt. E. Robertson, W. M. The new officers are as follows: W. M., Chas. E. Robertson; S. W., Jas. H. Finlay; J. W., Rich'd Radcliffe; Secretary, Jas. Addison; Treasurer, E. Hosker; Chaplain, Rev. Jas. Sieveright; S. D., Jas Green; J. D., John Clark; I. G., W. A. Rhynas; Tyler, Malcolm McPhail. The ceremonies being ended the company repaired to Mr. E. Hosker's where an excellent spread was prepared. The tables were loaded with the delicacies of the season, which were prepared in Mr. Hosker's well-known excellent style. The Worshipful Master Chas. Robertson acted as chairman, the vice-chairs being occupied by his junior officers Mayor Finlay and Mr. Radcliffe. The bill of fare was discussed with great zest, and when completed a season of of toast, song and sentiment followed. The loyal toasts were proposed by the chairman, the Army and Navy being responded to by Mr. Cook. The toast of our guests, called for neat speeches from P. M. Henry Smith and W. M. Jos. Beck of Goderich Lodge and W. J. Harris, W. M. of Morning Star Lodge. Messrs. C. W. A. Andrews, Chas Nairn and J. Robinson responded to the toast of "Our guests who are Non-members," the former giving an amusing recitation entitled "John Chinaman in New York," and the latter singing "Molly, my darling." Bro. Jos. Beck in an appropriate speech proposed the health of the Worshipful Master and Wardens, which was drunk enthusiastically. Bro. Robertson replied, expressing his high appreciation of the honor which had been conferred upon him for the second time and referring in eloquent terms to the beauties of the order. Bros. Finlay and Radcliffe also replied. The chairman proposed the health of the Retiring Officers, complied with the name of Bros. Strachan, Clucas, Addison, Nicholson and Clark, who responded in short speeches. Mr. Radcliffe proposed The Press, responded to by Mr. C. W. A. Dedrickson, who gave the recitation "Ramon" by Bret Harte, Messrs. A. C. Simmons and Jas. F. Dickson. Song, "Help one another Boys," Mr. H. Clucas. Bro. Simmons proposed the health of Bro. Dixie Watson, an old member of Maitland Lodge, which was enthusiastically drunk. Mr. Watson replied that although residing in Wingham he always had a warm regard for our fair town and would ever consider it a pleasure to revisit his old friends. Song, "Shelling green peas," by Bro. H. H. Smith. Mr Brown followed with the song "Annie Laurie," and Mr. John Robertson with the song "When these old clothes were new." The toast of the Ladies was next proposed, to which Bro. A. Kerby responded and Mr. Watson sang "I wish I was a baby." Song by Mr. Clucas, "Polly Perkins." After a recitation by Mr. Andrews, Mr. Caucas proposed the health of Host and Hostess, to which Mr. Hosker responded with the song "Red, White and Blue." A few further moments were pleasantly spent, Messrs. Robinson, Watson, Hosker, Brown and Henry Clucas contributing to the enjoyment. The evening's pleasure was brought to a close at an early hour, with the customary Junior Warden's toast and all separated "happy to have met, sorry to part and happy to meet again."

STRAY HORSES.—The town pound-keeper is making an active raid on the stray horses in the streets. On Sunday eighteen of them were shut up in the pound.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.—We would again remind those intending to pass the entrance examination that the High School commences about the third day next.

TO LET.—Mr. Wm. Dickson, being about to remove to new premises, wishes to let his property situated north of the station, on the banks of the Maitland. The property comprises some acres of ground, beautifully situated. A stone house, stable and out buildings on the premises. A thriving crop is in the ground, and there is a good plum and apple orchard, strawberry bed, lawns, &c., connected therewith. The situation is retired, yet only 15 minutes' walk from the square. For a private residence or for purposes of a market garden the place possesses excellent advantages. Apply to Wm. Dickson or at this office.

FAREWELL SERMONS.—The morning services in Brock St. and North St. Methodist churches were well attended last Sabbath, on which occasion the pastors gave their farewell sermons. The evening services were not so well attended, owing to the rain. Rev. F. H. Sanderson took as his text in the morning, the words "For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ," Romans XIV. 10. The sermon was eloquent and impressive, and the closing farewell remarks which were delivered with considerable emotion produced a decided impression on the congregation. Rev. W. C. Henderson, at the evening service in North Street Church preached an able sermon from Phillipians i, 27-28. Next Sabbath the new senior pastor, Rev. Jas. Preston, of Thorold, will commence his duties, assisted by Rev. Mr. Sellery, a student of Victoria College, who will remain for a few weeks until the arrival of Rev. Mr. Wallace, of Stratford, the new assistant. Mr. Sanderson leaves for his home at noon to-day.

DOMINION DAY.

The arrangements are now all complete for the celebration of this holiday, and the programmes, giving all the details, have been circulated. Beginning at 6.30 a. m., a series of

BASE BALL MATCHES

will be played during the forenoon between local and foreign clubs. At 10 a. m. a carnival of fun and burlesque will commence on the entrance into town of

PRINCE SAUNDERS' HUNGRY ARMY,

which will parade the principal streets. Their lank, lean visages will beam on the citizens for a short period, and when they have gotten rid of their war paint and put away the "pomp and panoply of war" under a generous collation, the

ATHLETIC GAMES

will commence on the square. The hour set apart for this part of the programme is 12 o'clock. Valuable cash prizes varying from $1 to $5, and prizes in goods will be awarded in over twenty different contests, comprising racing, jumping putting stone, walking spring pole, quoiting and base ball playing. Mr. M. Nicholson gives a $10 set of teeth to the winner of the old men's race. Good prizes are offered in the baby show. The

ACQUATIC SPORTS.

promise to be very interesting. Two cups are offered as prizes, besides purses, one by the Regatta Club and the other by Mr. W. T. Welsh. One of these is valued at $12.50 and will be awarded in the rowing match, and the other, costing $20, will be given to the winning yacht. These cups are very handsome the largest standing about ten inches high. The base is in the form of a capstan, around which are placed four rudders, the lines attached being chains which hang from the top of the capstan. From the base three oars rise, and a broad shallop is supported between the blades. From the base of the shallop an anchor is suspended. Two blank ovals are left on the shallop for inscriptions, and the third bears a representation of a fully manned out-rigger. Wreaths of laurels surrounding the anchor and crossed oars, are engraved on the base, around the bottom of which a cable is entwined. The design is very neat and rich.

Visitors from a distance are expected in large numbers, by train and boat. The Benton and Bertschy will make trips on the lake for the pleasure of those who so desire. It is proposed to keep the stores open until noon, so that visitors from the country may transact any business they wish while in town. This would be quite a convenience to many, and would at the same time give a good appearance to the town.

Communications.

Bayfield, June 22nd, 1877.

Editor Signal.—I notice a paragraph in your last issue to the effect, that the Methodist congregation of the Bayfield circuit has purchased Mr. Rumball's brick residence for $1000, for the purpose of a manse.

Permit me to say that we pay $1700 for his house, not $1000 as stated. The house has only been recently built and is in every respect a first class one, and reflects much credit upon our people for the spirited manner in which they have taken hold of the matter.

The year just closed has been one of considerable prosperity. My colleague—Mr. Treleaven, who is a very promising young man—and myself have both enjoyed a most pleasant and harmonious year with our people, and we feel much pleasure in being returned for another year.

JAMES BROLEY.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—Childhood's Progress - From pap to papa.

—Write to your friends that you will be absent from town on Dominion Day.

—He jests at czars who never felt a wound.

—Rev J. Holmes, B. C. minister, at Centralia, has removed to Uxbridge.

—Clinton has beaten Exeter at cricket.

—Over fifty horses are expected at the Exeter races.

—Mr. Jas. Fair, of Clinton, has gone to Manitoba on a prospecting tour.

—Tuckersmith has borrowed $600 to meet current expenses.

—Mr. Fenwick, of Zurich, is erecting a grist mill at Exeter.

—A few days ago 34 village lots in Zurich were sold at auction for $1,995.

—Mr. Jas. Latta, of Stapleton, within a week has lost three of his children.

—A new grange is shortly to be formed in Stanley.

—R. W. Hurlburt, M. D., Brucefield, registered himself in London, Eng., a few days ago.

—It took six men, four boys, a terrier and a shot gun to destroy an Exeter cat the other day.

—Holmesville Methodist Sabbath School had a picnic in Mr. Holmes field on Wednesday last.

—The Canada Methodist Church recently erected at Ethel will be opened on Sunday next.

—The new brick Presbyterian manse at Brucefield will cost $1,675. The contract has been let.

—A grand picnic is to take place at Irishtown on Monday next. Mr. Jas. Fahey is to make a speech.

—A citizen of Blyth on Wednesday had his foot badly hurt by being run over by a load of wood.

—Rev. A. McNaughton, of Adelaide, has received a call to the Presbyterian Church, Walton.

—One hundred and forty new volumes have been added to the library of Brussels St. John's Church Sunday School.

—30 inch flax stalks on the 18th inst. is what Jas. Kelly of Brussels is boasting of.

—A wild-cat was seen near Brussels a few nights ago, but the shot fired at it travelled wide of its mark.

—A candy social will be held by the "Rock of Friendship" Lodge, U. T. A., Wingham, on the evening of the 29th inst.

—A strawberry festival will be held in St. John's church, Hohesville, on the 20th inst. Tea served at 4. Admission 25c.

—At the recent grange picnic in Kippen, the attendance was very large. The idea of protection was not favorably received.

—A cow belonging to J. E. Oliver, of Ethel, was suffocated a few days ago by getting her head caught in a water trough whilst drinking.

—6,000 feet of lumber is to be divided equally between Brucefield and Egmondville for sidewalks, by Tuckersmith council.

—Mrs. Jas. Love, 11th concession of McKillop, is the fortunate possessor of a young son, which at birth weighed twenty-two and a half pounds.

—Mr. David Campbell, con. 2, Tuckersmith, sold a fine team of horses for the sum of $290, for use on the Canada Pacific Railway.

—John Corey, 2d con. Tuckersmith, has a half acre of peas which were fully podded and fit for table use on the 16th inst.

—The annual mowing match, under the auspices of the Huron Farmers' and Mechanics' Association, is held at Brucefield to-day.

—Mrs. Minnie Dunlop, of Seaforth, has composed and published a waltz entitled "The Cream of Home." It is said to be pretty.

—Mr. Youngblood, of Manchester, was badly hurt a few days ago by some falling timber while working at a new barn.

—In two hours and twenty minutes, a son of Mr. Wm. Shane, of Blyth, drove a pony 24 miles, carrying a barrel of lime one half the distance.

—Hugh Frazer, lot 21, 13th con., Hullett, on Wednesday pulled several stalks of wheat from one of his fields, which measured 5 ft 6 inches.

—Robt. McDonald, of Usborne, fell from a load of lumber in Exeter on Wednesday by his seat giving way, and in jumping to save himself, had one of his thighs broken.

—Brussels is to submit a by-law to raise $10,000 for erecting the Waterous system of waterworks, and $15,000 for securing or establishing manufactories in the village.

—A grand temperance demonstration and Sabbath School picnic will be held in Gorrie on Dominion Day. Mr. Thos. Farrow, M. P., and several other speakers are expected.

—Wm. Vanstone has leased his new hotel in Brussels to Mr. A. Martin, of Goderich. The new proprietor takes possession at once, and expects to have the hotel opened by the 10th of July.

—Six men, a few days ago, commenced work at 9 a. m. on lot 11, con. 14, McKillop, and logged 1½ acres and cleared up eight, with the assistance of five teams, in the course of the day.

—Rev. Mr. Scott, has resigned his charge at Egmondville, and previous to his departure for Scotland on Saturday, was presented with a purse of money by his congregation.

—The annual shooting match of the Seaforth Rifle Club, will be held on the range in Seaforth, on Monday, July 2, commencing at 10 o'clock. Prizes of the value of $84 will be awarded.

—Dr. John H. Garnier, of Lucknow, has published a tragedy styled Prince Pedro. It is said to be a meritorious work, and we should judge so from that gentleman's known ability.

—The skeleton recently found in the Township of Morris proves to have been that of a bovine, and the Wingham doctor who went to get them was woefully sold.

—The Clinton young lady who fanced cucumbers grew in slices has recently been married to the young gentleman who sent over to St. Petersburg a large cargo of bathstones for cleaning the steppes of Russia.

—Mr. H. Snell, of Hullett, recently clipped from a two-year old sheep the very large fleece of 21½ lbs. of washed wool. Mr. W. Wise, of Goderich township, clipped 20 lbs. and 4 oz. from a yearling.

—It is not generally known, but should be, that a handful of flour thrown on burning oil will quench the flames instantly. The next time you have a lamp explosion try the experiment and see how like a charm it will work. It is well worth remembering.

—Unto the good little boy shall be given the picnic ticket, but the wicked son shall recline on his mother's knee. Verily, in the day when she waxeth it to him with her slipper, his heart will be full of repentance, and his howling shall disturb the neighbors.

—The next meeting of the North Huron district Lodge, U. T. A., will be held at the Temperance Hall, Agnew's Farm, near Whitechurch, on Friday, 29 inst., commencing at 10 a. m. Among other matters to be discussed will be the advisability of again petitioning the County Council for the submission of the Dunkin Bill.

—While F. G. Simpson, of Molson's Bank, Exeter, was practicing with a rifle on Tuesday of last week, one of the bullets glanced from the mark in a most peculiar manner and struck a young man named Bright, who was in an adjoining orchard about 200 yards away. The shot entered the flesh of the thigh about three inches, the ball being partly spent in its force.

—Some liquor detectives visited Thos. Burns' farm con. 14, McKillop, a few days ago, expecting to find an illicit still there. After searching the premises for a time, Burns got out his horse and rode in great haste towards the swamp. The detectives posted after him, and gave chase for a considerable distance, thinking they were about to make a find when Burns stopped on the way and borrowed a road scraper, and then the detectives confessed themselves sold.

Saline Notes.

SHIPMENTS.—S. Platt, 72 bbls; Wm. Seymour & Co., 80 bbls to Georgian Bay; Wm. Stitt, 100 bbls do; Wm. Campbell, 450 bbls by schr Jenny Rumball to Georgian Bay; Ogilvies & Hutchison, 350 bbls.

The schr Hartford has taken the M. C. Cameron's load of salt, 550 tons, and started with it for Chicago.

The schr. Pandora took on Saturday a cargo of 600 tons from the International Co., for Chicago.

Prof. Millard produces the cantata of Esther, in St. Thomas, on Thursday and Friday.

The last shipment, for the season, of live cattle for England from Montreal was made on Friday.

Thousands of dollars are being sent to the St. John fire sufferers. Toronto has voted $20,000 and subscriptions are being sent besides.

At Howick, on Thursday evening, Isaac, son of James Galbraith, was instantly killed by his horses running away while he was unloading wood.

About $120,000 were sent to St. John up to Saturday for the relief of the sufferers. Several ship loads and trains of provisions were despatched from various quarters.

James Smith, a conductor on the Grand Trunk, on his way to Toronto from Stratford, on Friday tried to put two tramps off his train, when they knocked him down and kicked him in the head, dangerously injuring him.

In Guelph on Friday afternoon Miss Minnie Chase, a young lady about seventeen years of age, step-daughter of Mr. A. Mitchell, was drowned in the river Speed while in bathing with another young lady, who had a very narrow escape, and was rescued by a young lad named Sandford Mills.

War News.

SATURDAY.

The Porte is preparing a note to the powers upon the atrocities committed by the Russians in the Dobrudscha and at Ardahan.

The Porte is stated to be in possession of proof that Ardahan was surrendered by treason.

A London special says a whole Russian corps is now on the Bulgarian side of the Danube, and the passage of the Russians before Galatz is not opposed by the Turks.

It is stated that the Czar intends to the Roumanian army co-operating with the Russians on the Turkish side of the Danube. The Roumanians will erect near Kalafat and keep the Turks in Widdin in check while the Russian army is operating in other places.

A Vienna despatch contains the following: Since yesterday the Austrian troops have lined the Montenegrin frontier with strong detachments. Women and children are flying in numbers to Budua and Cattaro.

A military correspondent at Bucharest telegraphs that all the military attacher except the English have gone to the front. Unfortunately, officers of the headquarters staff say, an English military attache was so received by the Grand Duke as to render his remaining with the Russian army very uncertain.

MONDAY.

The Constantinople Chamber of Deputies, in secret session, voted to continue the war, even if all Europe combines against Turkey.

The *Herald's* cable says the Czar and staff inspected and crossed the pontoons at Ibrail on Saturday, returning amid the wildest cheers of the troops.

The Grand Duke harangued the army at Galatz on Saturday. The sudden arrival of the Czar increased the enthusiasm of the troops, and as he retired they sang the national hymn. The Czar returned to Plonjesti.

An Ibrail dispatch regarding the crossing says that the Russians at Ibrail completed the bridge undisturbed by the Turks. General Zimmerman disappeared on Friday night from Ibrail, and next morning the sound of artillery and musketry on the other side of the river showed that the Danube had been crossed. Zimmerman had gone to Galatz and crossed there with two regiments of infantry and a proportionate amount of artillery and cavalry.

An official account of the engagement fought by the troops who crossed from Galatz and occupied Budjak Heights, says the Russian force consisted of ten companies of infantry, who crossed in boats and were received by a heavy fire. They, however, gallantly attacked the heights and drove back the enemy. The Turkish force consisted of three thousand infantry, three hundred cavalry and two guns. The Russians having no cavalry or artillery, were obliged to resist the Turkish cavalry with bayonets. The Turks withdrew on the arrival of Russian reinforcements and artillery. The Russian losses were 48 killed and 90 wounded. One regiment is already in town, and will be reinforced by brigade.

A Bucharest special estimates that 11,000 Russians have crossed at Galatz and Ibrail.

An Ibrail correspondent says:—The Russian doctor who crossed with the first detachment of 800, states that he does not believe that twenty are left alive or unhurt.

Plojesti telegrams states that the Russians lost 7 killed and 94 wounded in an engagement with the Bashi-Bazouks near Matchin.

Constantinople, June 23.—Telegrams from Mukhtar Pasha state that the Turks attacked on the 20th a Russian division, encamped at Hilitz. The fight lasted until nightfall. The Russian division was cut in two and fled in disorder.

A despatch from Bayazid, June 18th, says the Russians, in an engagement between Bayazid and Indiseen, were defeated with a loss of 450 cavalry and 100 infantry.

It is asserted that Dervish Pasha attacked the Russians inverting Batoum, drove them from the heights.

A Montenegrin official despatch says Suleiman Pasha and Ali Saib's junction was made after six days' fighting, in which the Turks lost several thousand.

A Vienna correspondent says the Montenegrins are said to have lost almost one-seventh of their force.

Sir John Macdonald will visit Montreal in the course of a week.

Later—The young lady, Miss Kneller, so severely stabbed by Johnson, *alias* Rathven, is not in immediate danger.

The Post Office at Niagara was completely gutted by burglars on Friday night. The safe was blown open with gunpowder and $1,000 in money, stamps, &c., was stolen.

Mr. W. Moyer, an old and respected farmer of Berlin, was on Saturday killed by a kick on the head from a horse he was driving. His skull was smashed in, and death was almost instantaneous.

The Manitoba arrived at Sarnia on Saturday from Lake Superior with a cargo of fish and furs. The purser reports fogs and stormy weather on the lakes. The Ontario arrived on Sunday with flour, tallow and passengers.

Between twelve and one o'clock on Friday, David Hanckner, paymaster at Montreal, of the Grand Trunk, having received the usual monthly funds from the Bank of Montreal, amounting to $20,000, deposited the money in a bag and left it at his office, locking the door as usual. On returning, in twenty minutes, he found the door unlocked and the money gone.

The disturbances in connection with the ship-labourers' strike at Montreal continue, and it is feared that violent measures will yet be resorted to, as a suspicious individual made an attempt on Friday to purchase some dynamite. The strikers have offered to return to work on the basis of last year's rates of wages, provided that they were paid for the time lost since the inception of the strike, and that no man should hereafter be discharged without the consent of the Union. It is needless to say that the terms were not accepted.

Shortly before eight o'clock on Sunday evening an alarm of fire was sounded at Ottawa. Great billows of flames could be seen rolling heavenward, in the direction of Hull, and in view of the St. John fire fears were entertained that Hull and Ottawa were about to become the scene of a great conflagration. The fire was in the extensive piles of lumber and lathing bordering on the Aylmer Road—a perfect tinder box in a dry season like the present. The fire broke out in the centre of a passage way leading through the piles, the bed of which was formed of slabs; it then spread to the piles on the west side. The yards are about twenty acres in extent and are occupied with piles of lumber, lathing and pickets, &c., mainly intended for use in the factory. The loss will not reach more than ten or fifteen thousand dollars.

About half-past seven o'clock on Saturday morning as a young woman named Mary Jane Kueller was proceeding along Main street, Hamilton, to her work she was met at the corner of Caroline street by a man named William Johnston, who began a furious onslaught with a knife, stabbing her in nine places, the most serious wound being in the back, and it is supposed to have penetrated the lungs. Johnston immediately ran of and was followed by some men who saw the attack from a distance. After a chase of about a mile he was discovered in a freight car on the Great Western Railway track, and was safely lodged in the police cells awaiting examination. Miss Kneller was removed to her mother's house, which she had only left a few minutes before, and her wounds examined and dressed by Dr. Hunt. Her condition is critical and life hangs by a thread. By Johnston's own account he only came to town in the morning with a farmer from Grimsby, and had never seen the young lady before. Miss Kneller is a respectable young woman and her family are highly respected. Johnston is apparently insane, as he declared that female immorality was the cause of his action.

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The St. John Fire.

Not in the annals of Canadian history has such a disastrous fire occurred as that which devastated a large portion of the city of St. John, N. B., last week. With appalling rapidity the fire, which began in a frame building near York Point Slip, spread to adjoining buildings, mostly frame ones, and defied the noble efforts of the firemen who risked their personal safety in the combat with the flames. Fully 200 acres were swept of buildings by the devouring element, including fine business houses, banks, public buildings, manufactories, churches, &c., in fact the finest portion of the city. The burnt district occupies a point of land between Courtney Bay and St. John harbor, and the docks and shipping in consequence suffered heavily. The scene was a terrible one—the desperate, hopeless struggle of the firemen, the roar and tumult of the fierce flames, the distraction of the citizens, the confusion of the struggles to save property and the commingling of the characteristics and passions of the people—courage, presence of mind, terror, cupidity. It is estimated that some twenty lives were lost in the disaster, some perishing in the flames, some being crushed under falling walls, some killed by hurrying vehicles while some were drowned in attempting to save property. Human vultures were there to prey on the misfortunes of their fellow beings, and goods which had been saved from burning buildings were appropriated by them in the most bare-faced manner. Several attempts at incendiarism were detected, and it is altogether likely that the devastation was assisted by the successful efforts of some villainous "fire bugs."

The loss cannot be fully estimated, but it is somewhere between twenty and thirty millions of dollars. The insurance companies place their losses at ten millions of dollars. Thousands of people were rendered homeless (20,000 is the estimate), and for a time were in fear of starvation, as the provision stores were mostly destroyed. Shelter was found for some in tents and rudely constructed sheds placed in alleys and streets, while many were compelled to sleep in the open air. Household goods were piled everywhere, and the confusion and agony of many families will last for some time to come.

No sooner had the news of the disaster spread abroad than offers of assistance were despatched from all parts of Canada and the United States, and money, provisions and various kinds of supplies are pouring into the unfortunate city. The Dominion Government at once sent $20,000, Toronto sent a similar amount. Montreal, Ottawa, London, Guelph, New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and other places have all responded nobly, and others are doing likewise. The need is great, however, for these houseless ones will live on public charity for some time to come, of necessity. We commend them to public sympathy. Remember the poor and unfortunate.

Last night a public meeting was held to discuss the propriety of sending aid from this place, but we went to press before any action was taken. We hope the County Council, or the Warden's Committee will advance a liberal sum to this object. The people throughout the county, we believe, would cordially endorse the vote.

ON TUESDAY of last week the Macdonnell matter was finally settled by the Presbyterian Assembly at Halifax. To say that this result was received with general satisfaction, is to express in very mild terms the feelings of Presbyterians throughout the country on receipt of the news. So serious a difficulty following so close upon the union and the evidence, in the divisions which occurred in the Assembly, of lingering allegiance to the one time distinctive churches, tended to cause apprehensions of disruption or at least to create a dangerous breach. However much there may be reason for declaring that Mr. Macdonnell has been humiliated or that the Assembly has been too nicely particular, the fact that the integrity of the union has been more completely established and the principles of the church sustained will be sufficient to justify these appearances. It is certain that, having passed through so great a trial, the Canada Presbyterian Church has found itself superior to the late distinctive church lines, and its character greatly strengthened. The feeling which this matter stirred up in the members of the church many do not comprehend, but we speak a well-known fact when we say that many Presbyteries worked strenuously to secure a well-defined stripe of delegates. But the result has been a happy one. Mr. Macdonnell's final statement as adopted was as follows: "I consider myself as under subscription to the Confession of Faith in accordance with my ordination vows, and I therefore adhere to the teachings of the Church as contained therein on the doctrine of the eternity or endless duration of the future punishment of the wicked, notwithstanding the doubts and difficulties which perplex my mind." Dr. Topp, of Toronto, very appropriately moved the adoption of the report containing the statement, seconded by Dr. McGregor, of Halifax, and the motion was carried unanimously, amid demonstrations of great pleasure.

MR. VENNOR, notwithstanding his failures in weather predictions, is still regarded with a considerable degree of faith. He persists in his belief that this summer is to be very unfavorable to crops. It is to be hoped he is in error, as any who read the following will wish: "Recently I have felt myself compelled to warn the farmer of the approach of unfavorable weather, for I see signs of, first, damage by drought; secondly, by severe relapses of the weather with frosts and heavy midsummer rains, and lastly by disatrous storms of both wind and rain. These wind storms, I think, will be exceedingly severe and cause much damage. * * I see no prospect of rain until after the middle or towards the end of June, when the first of the relapses already referred to by me will probably take place. As early as last February I was impressed with the prospect of wet and cool midsummer months. I will not, nor cannot give dates for these midsummer relapses, but I would name July and August as months to be dreaded by the agriculturist. Mr. Browne concludes his letter by stating, "I should on the whole anticipate a good time for active farming men." I conclude mine by stating distinctly that I anticipate the reverse, and on the whole am impressed with the idea that the pranks of the summer weather during 1877 will form a "doleful" page or pages in our year-book.

THE Black Hills are again the scene of Indian warfare, and several murders are reported. The settlers are fleeing to the towns, and appeals have been made for troops. In Nevada a general uprising has taken place, and the Indians a short time ago surprised a number of settlers on the plains and murdered them. Gen. Terry, the successor of Gen. Custer in the Black Hills, with a small body of troops, gave chase but without effect. It will also be seen that a rumor is abroad of similar trouble in our own country, though on a less serious scale. A party of surveyors on the Canada Pacific Railway has been murdered by Blackfeet Indians, in the vicinity of the Rocky Mountains. It is to be sincerely hoped that the story is untrue, but we fear otherwise, as the Blackfeets are known to be treacherous.

THE Orangemen erected an arch in Gorrie to impress Sir John with their party allegiance, which so assured that gentleman that he took the liberty of calling Mr. Cauchon a "French Catholic Papist and a kiss-my-toe subject of the Pope."

SIR JOHN has added new attractions to his travelling company in the persons of Mr.