TIME TABLE, G. T. R

BUFFALO & GODERICH LINE.

DEPART.

No 1. Express	6.30 a. m.
No. 3. Mail	9.30 a m.
No. 9. Mixed	12 noon.

ARRIVE.

No 10. Express	9.30 p. m.
No. 2. Mail	4.00 p. m.
No. 4. Mixed	4.30 p. m.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, JAN. 13, 1870.

New Salt Enterprise!

AN IMMENSE PROJECT!!

A gentleman in this town, whose veracity is above reproach, informs us that he been authorized by an English capitalist to give out contracts immediately, for the construction of works capable of turning out SEVEN HUNDRED BARRELS of Salt per day!! The site, we understand, will be what is known as the Longworth farm—about half a mile out of town.—Such an influx of foreign capital would be of very great advantage to the town of Goderich. The enterprise, it is estimated, will involve an immediate expenditure of 75,000 dollars! Were we wrong a year or two ago, in devoting so much of our space to the salt question? We trust that every one of our present and coming salt men will be able to *make it pay*. Hurrah for old Goderich, after all!

Anonymous Scribbling.

We have all heard of such a thing as stabbing in the dark, an act which is reprobated by every good man. There is something, however, even worse than stabbing in the dark. The knife of the villain who strikes at you under cover of darkness may glance off a bone, and you may have the supreme felicity of braining him with your walking stick. But what shall we say of the man or woman who is guilty of writing to another upon matters affecting personal affairs or private character? It is one of the most cowardly acts a human being could be guilty of. To write such a letter to any one is morally as vile as the action of the Fenian who writes to a possible victim, adding the traditional emblem of "coffin, death's head and cross bones." You may write to an editor anonymously, and if he is true to the instincts of humanity, where personality is in the case, he will light his pipe with the effusion, but a letter sent to a private individual *must* be read, and who has ever know a case where such an atrocious effusion has not been dashed down with the feeling of horror with which one would unhand a viper. There is more of this kind of thing going on in the world than most people are aware of. Do those who engage in it know that they are contributing their quota to a practice which stings the soul, poisons often the fountains of domestic happiness, and frequently breaks the heart? And yet they take to themselves at times the credit of working zealously in the cause of truth and righteousness. Mrs. Stowe is charged with having scandalized the memory of Lord Byron, but let us not forget that she did it over her own name and openly, so that the friends of the great poet had an opportunity of defending his fair fame. Let anonymous scribblers remember this fact: A person receives a letter affecting himself or others seriously; he scrutinizes the hand-writing, and *fancies* it resembles that of some acquaintance. Then he contracts a mortal hatred for the supposed literary assassin, and the consequences may be easily imagined. We have heard of several such cases recently. Shame, say we, upon the authors!

The Grand Trunk Railway.

The adjourned half yearly meeting of the above was held at London (England). Mr. Richard Potter, the President, gave a lengthened account of his recent American experience. His visit to this country will do much to enlighten British capitalists as to the true basis on which to calculate the success of Railway enterprise on the American Continent. He found that all calculations as to permanent way had been falsified by overestimating the life of an iron-rail. When the new steel-rail (which is being universally adopted), has been laid on the Grand Trunk, an appreciable difference will be felt in the yearly cost of maintenance and renewal, which, cost however, would not be less than $300,000 for two or three years to come. He considered their permanent way was as good as the Illinois Central; better than that of most lines West of Chicago and St. Louis; on the whole even superior to the Great Western of Canada; and its condition was steadily improving. The procural of the new adjustable gauge cars which allowed through freight to be carried without transhipment and were highly approved by Chicago shippers, would increase the Revenue; as these shippers would pay 10 per cent extra for their use. Much through passenger traffic was lost to the line by the want of the best cars; the additional stock being manufactured would remedy this. He thought the rates of freight ought to be raised. There is no doubt that the Grand Trunk will by improving its plant, and Mr. Potter's anticipations of improved dividends deserve to be realised, in return for the benefit the line has conferred on the community by opening up the country and giving many distant sections free ingress to metropolitan markets. He passes a highly deserved eulogium on Mr. C. J. Bradges the talented and energetic manager, who is really the soul of the concern. The Report moved by Mr Potter was unanimously agreed to.

HARBOR OF REFUGE.—Mr. Munroe, a government official, has been in town for a few days past. We understand his visit has had reference to the ascertaining of the proper site for the Harbor of Refuge on Lake Huron. After having had interviews with both our new and retiring Mayor, several Councillors, Lake Captains, business men and other parties well-informed on the subject, we are led to believe that he was likely to conclude that Goderich was the best point at which such a harbor could be situated. Should such be his decision, we know that it will give complete satisfaction to both American and Canadian mariners, as well as, apart from sectional feeling, to the country generally.

☞ Ottawa Court House was burned on Sunday last, together with a large number of valuable papers and records.

The Red River Trouble.

The ignonious retreat, of the Hon. Wm. McDougall from the borders of the Red River country, marks an important era in the history of Canada. The grand question now is—shall we, or shall we not have a territory capable of sustaining in comfort sixty millions of population? No doubt Mr. McDougall was sent out in good faith by the government, but if so why was he not properly supported?—why was he not backed up by the whole strength of the country? His appointment was premature, his sudden appearance in the Red River country was ill-advised, and it is not at all to be wondered at that he, having (politically) sown the wind should now reap the whirlwind. The Government at Ottawa are alone to blame for this embroglio, but Mr. McDougall is himself to blame for voluntarily uniting himself with such a body of men. He sold himself for naught and he has received his purchase money with compound interest. Even the tory press now turns against him in a spirit of malevolence which he will duly appreciate. We must not lose the Red River territory. Let the government in Spring offer to volunteers from Canada a free grant of that soil after the insurrection is quieted, and we shall have ten thousand good men in the field in a few days—men who will make short work of the handful of insurgents and secure the peace of the granary of the Western World.

CHEAP OCEAN POSTAGE.

The Postmaster general has arranged to reduce the rate of letter postage between Great Britain and the Dominion from 12½ to 6 cents. This is an idea which Elihu Burritt long ago propounded—a penny to America, a penny across the ocean, and a penny for Great Britain. We think, in this department, cheapness 'can no further go.' We trust it will lead to a largely increased interchange of correspondence between relatives and friends on either side of the Atlantic. This sort of letter-writing is very apt to be neglected, when so great a distance is interposed, and when mutual associations and pursuits are entirely different. But there is no better mode, of cultivating the genial side of our natures and confirming our loyalty to the motherland, than by interchanging expressions of opinion, feeling and sentiment with loved ones over the water. We do not think the price would have kept even the poorest from writing at times. Now there will be an opportunity of doubling the number of friendly epistles; and we hope every one of our friends, who has been beginning to forget old acquaintances, will take up the thread of neglected duty. It is a bad thing to drown early memories and snap early ties; and, it would be happy for human nature if every man and woman would utter, in earnest, the pathetic prayer. "Lord keep my memory green!"

The School Trustee Election

Takes place, in the various, wards on Wednesday, 12th inst. This ought to be considered of equal moment with the Council elections. We trust the householders will wake up from their usual apathy and take care to give the right men the charge of this useful department of public work. Both from a taxpaying and an educational point view, every election of School Trustees should be carefully watched by the whole community; and especially by parents. The important question of the election of a Principal for the Central School, in room of Mr. H. D. Cameron, will be decided by the new Board.

Declaration of Poll.

The result of the town elections was publicly declared on Monday last, at noon, by Mr. James Thompson, Town-Clerk. MR HAYS thanked the electors for placing him in the Mayoralty; and did not desire to crow over his success, but promised to do his duty faithfully and fearlessly. MR. CRABB thanked those who did vote for him; and said he had himself to blame for not being returned at the head of the Poll; which he would have been if he had worked half as hard as Mr. Hays did. MR. GIBBONS was obliged to the electors for returning him as Reeve without his needing to solicit a single vote. MR. LEONARD followed, with his usual rhodomontade, which conduces to the amusement of the people, but by no means heightens their respect for him. The most sensible remark he made was that he would not run again until voting was done by ballot.

NEW REFORM PAPER IN OTTAWA.—The first number of the *Evening Mail* is just to hand. Its editorial matter is smart and racy; its general appearance good; and the principles it promises to advocate are of the true progressive stamp The Canadian "Downing Street" needs considerable stirring up and we wish our new contemporary success in the undertaking.

The annual Meeting of the Goderich Horticultural Society will be held on Thursday, the 13th inst, in the Grand Jury Room in the Court House Goderich. Parties interested, are requested to attend at 7 o'clock, p. m.

THE 'ROARING GAME.'—We are happy to learn that W. Hyslop has secured the use, during the frozen months, of the drill shed; which he is busy turning into a Curling rink. It was flooded on Monday, and a day or two of strong frost will put it in capital condition. Those who could not get away from their employments, to play through the day, will now have an excellent opportunity of participating in this pleasant and health-giving sport; as in addition to being open through the day the rink will be lighted up, every evening till 10 o'clock, as soon as ever the ice is fit for work.

THE WEATHER AND BUSINESS.—After an almost incessant storm of 10 days, the weather now appears settled. The market-square to-day presents a very lively appearance and a continuous stream of produce-laden sleighs, is coming in the northern road. A few days, of such calm weather and excellent sleighing, will give a strong impetus to business. The longer, farmers, this season, store up their grain, the less money they are likely to realise by it, California is glutting the markets of Great Britain with wheat and, as we predicted three months ago, prices are monthly falling. Hanging out for extra prices is seldom a profitable speculation.

☞ Hon. John Samfield McDonald is to be treated to a public dinner by the good fellows of Cornwall. What for, pity only knows?

DR. LIVINGSTON.

The following interesting letter from Dr. Livingstone, dated 30th of May last, and received at Zanzibar, by Dr. Kirk, Her Majesty's Consul, on the 2nd October last, was communicated to the Bombay papers by the Government:—

MY DEAR DR. KIRK:—This note goes by Musa Kamaala, who was employed by Koarji to drive the buffaloes hither, but by over driving them unmercifully in the sun, and tying them up to save trouble in herding, they all died before he got to Unyanyembe. He witnessed the plundering of my goods, and got a share of them, and I have given him beads and cloth sufficient to buy provisions for himself on the way back to Zanzibar He has done nothing here. He neither went near the goods here nor tried to prevent their being stolen on the way. I suppose that pay for four months in coming, other four of rest, and four in going back would be ample, but I leave this to your decision.—I could not employ him to carry my mail back, nor can I say anything to him, for he at once goes to Ujajians and gives his own version of all he hears. He is untruthful and ill-conditioned, and would hand off the mail to any one who wishes to destroy it. The people here are like the Kilwa traders—haters of the English. Those Zanzibar men whom I met between this and Nyassa were gentlemen and traded with honor. Here, as in the haunts of the Kilwa hordes, slaving is a series of forays, and they dread exposure by my letters. No one will take charge of them. I have got Thani bin Suellim to take a mail privately for transmission to Unyanyembe. It contains a cheque on Ritchie, Stuart & Co., of Bombay, for Rs. 2,000 and some forty letters written during my slow recovery. I fear it may never reach you. A party was sent to the coast two months ago.—One man volunteered to take a letter secretly but his master warned them all not to do so, because I might write something he did not like. He went out with the party and gave orders to the head man to destroy any letter he might detect on the way. Thus, though I am good friends outwardly with them all, I can get no assistance in procuring carriers, and as you will see, if the mail comes to hand, I sent to Zanzibar for fifteen good boatmen to act as carriers if required, eighty pieces of merritrano, forty pieces of kimitra, and twelve farasalas of the beads called jamsain, shoes, &c., and I have written to Seyd Majid begging one of his guards to see to the safety of the goods here into Thani bin Suellim's hands, or into those of Mohammed bin Sahib. As to the work to be done by me, it is only to connect the sources which I have discovered from 500 to 700 miles south of Speke and Baker's with their Nile. The volume of water which flows north from latitude 120 south is so large I suspect that I have been working at the sources of the Congo as well as those of the Nile. I have to go down the eastern line of drainage to Baker's turning point. Tanganyika, Nylge, Chowambe (Baker's) are one water, and the head of it is 300 miles south of this. The outflow of this, whether to Congo or Nile, I have to ascertain. The people of this, called Manyeina, are cannibals, if Arabs speak truly. I may have to go there first and down Tanganyika, if I come out uneaten, and find my new squad from Zanzibar. I earnestly hope that you will do what you can to help me with the goods and men; £400, to be sent by Mr. Young, must surely have come to you thro' Fleming & Co. I am &c,

DAVID LIVINGSTONE.

A long box, paid for to Nijiji, was left at Unyanyembe, and so with other boxes.

GODERICH TOWN COUNCIL.

The old Council met for the last time on Friday last, 7th January, the Mayor in the chair, members present, the Reeve, Councillors Watson, Pasmore, Seymour, A. Smith, W. G. Smith, Cameron, Detler, Runciman, McKay, Howell, Gardiner, and Clifford. Minutes of last regular meeting were read and approved. Petition of J. Barrett for relief from $1.00 dog tax allowed. Petition of Peter Shea for relief referred to relief committe. Petition of John McDonald for remission of Taxes on lot 1044, on account of it being rendered untenable by the roadway being washed away, referred to Harbor Committee. Petition of the Goderich Salt Companies, for remission of a portion of taxes, as they had not been able to declare a dividend last year, referred to Court of Revision with a recommendation to view it favorably Petition of J. B. Gordon Esq, to stay proceedings against Northern Gravel Road Co. as he had paid in a large amount and there was now only a small sum owing, granted and the clerk instructed to write messrs Doyle & Squier to stay proceedings accordingly until further orders. Petition of W. Oakley asking to be sent free to Toronto, fyled and his case referred to Relief Committee Petition of Mr. T. J. Moorhouse, to have $1.00 refunded paid in mistake, granted. Petition of Mr. Wm. Potts, asking to have $4.00 poll-tax refunded, granted.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid:—James Saunders for attendance at Firemans' Hall $17.05; Horace Horton for relief furnished $7.50; Peter Nolan $1; W M Savage, lumber, $1.68; James Crombie, Lumber $11 42; Reid and Nairn, $26.55; Francis Jordan, Paint &c $4-13; J & J Story, repairs to Cemetery House, $7.50; *Star* office, $5 50; *Signal* office, $26.97; James Smaill, $5.56; Parker and Cattle, Lampglasses $3.00; oil &c for firemen $1.98; Mrs. H. Reed's acct. for board for Mr Price referred to Relief Committee. The Mayor then left the chair which was taken by Councillor Clifford. Mr Smith moved and Mr Runcin seconded, that the thanks of the Council be tendered to Mayor Crabb for his gentlemanly and impartial conduct as Mayor for the past year. The Council then adjourned.

Temperance.

HALL-FUND.—We have been informed by our Temperance friends of the Town that they have just deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank the sum of $66.00, as the commencement of a fund for the erection of a Temperance Hall. $56.00 of this was the result of Rev. Dr. Ormiston's Lecture, and $9.60 the proceeds of a "Social" held lately by the Good Templars, in the Division Room.

ANOTHER LECTURE.—We are also glad to learn from the same parties that Rev David Inglis, of Hamilton, has kindly agreed to deliver a lecture here on Monday, 14th February next, on behalf of the same object—subject, 'Thomas Chalmers.' From such a speaker, on such a subject, we cannot fail to have a first class lecture. Let the attendance be such as to prove that our community is resolved to sustain every proper effort to provide for the intellectual and moral improvement of Goderich.

GODERICH AS A PORK MARKET.—The farmers who have pork to sell are finding it to their advantage to come to this market, as they can make very close to 50 cts. per 100 lbs more than by taking it to Clinton—not to speak of the long extra drive. As an illustration of our meaning:—On Friday last, a respectable farmer from Colborne brought a load of pork into town and was offered $8.60 for it, not satisfied with this, he went to Clinton and the buyers there offered him the handsome figure of $8.12½. He turned his horses' heads incontinently and, at last, sold his hogs in their natural market. This practical example has been more effective than a thousand warnings, and our pork-buyers are kept busy.

☞ A few days ago one of the sons of Mr. E. Martin, hotel keeper, of this town met with a serious accident. Being in the stable, playing with a younger brother, he was tripped and fell against the heels of a horse, who at once kicked him near the temple. Although seriously injured it is hoped that under the care of Dr. McDougall, he will recover.

☞ We have to remind our builders that the time, per advertisement of Smaill & Crook, for tenders for a house to be built by J. B. Sinclair, Esq., expires on the 20th inst.

—BROOMS.—We have received from Messrs Cox & McDonald of this town, a sample of their superb factory-made brooms. We need only say that they are admitted by traders in this section to be the best and cheapest in the market.

NEW TELEGRAPH OFFICE.—The office of the Montreal Telegraph Company is to be removed shortly to Mr. Jordan's present stand. The post-holes are to-day being dug around the square.

GRAND SKATING CARNIVAL AND PRIZES.—A great fancy carnival, it will be seen by posters, is to be held in Mr. Gooding's Rink, on the evening of Wednesday, 19th inst. The Battalion Band will play on the occasion. A special feature of this carnival is the gift of a pair of the best club skates by W. T. Hays Esq., M. P. P. as a prize, to the best-dressed lady skater; and of another pair, by Hugh Gardiner Esq., to the gentleman who appears in best character costume. The judges are to be three ladies and three gentlemen selected from the spectators. We are requested to say that ladies and gentlemen from Clinton and Seaforth, who honor Mr. Gooding with their presence will be admitted, free. The ice is in splendid condition just now and Gooding deserves a crowd every day.

HURON BATTALION.

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—33rd Huron Battalion of Infantry, No. 6 company, Exeter: To be ensign—Robert Charles More, gentleman M. D. and M. S., vice McDonald, left the limits. Reserve Militia—Regimental Division of the West Riding of Northumberland, No. 1 company division: To be captain—Captain Andrew S. Arnott, from No. 5 company division: to be captain—Lieutenant Henry Wade, vice Arnott, transferred to No. 5, company division; to be lieutenant—Ensign Gerald S. Hayward, vice Wade, promoted; to be ensign—Steward Hayward, gentleman, vice G. S. Hayward, promoted.

Teachers' Examination.

At the meeting of the Board of Public Instruction for the County of Huron on the 29th and 30th ult. the following received certificates to teach.

FIRST CLASS.—Patrick Murphey, John Wilson, John Smith, Mary Elliott, Margaret Broadfoot, John Gardner, James Morrison, James Hislop, Samuel Smillie, Peter Cantelon, James Thompson, Thomas Hislop, Andrew Smith, Donald McDonald, Barbara M. Roy, William Ferguson, Benjamin Churchill, Mary Jane Anderson, George Powell.

SECOND CLASS.—John Bolton, Alexander Stewart, Archibald McDonald, Margaret Smith, Gilbert Smith, Samuel Walker, Elon Snell, Brown Mallough, Jane Martin, Barbara McNaughton, Benjamin Swenerton, James B. Cummings, George Middleton, Janet Wilson, Mary Mulholland Mary McCarrow, Susan Ryan, Mary Ann White, Ann M. Taylor, Thomas Whitley, Richard Brown, John Campbell, Ellen Thompson, Mary Eva Sturgeon, Sarah E. Taylor.

THIRD CLASS.—Henry V. Dirstein, John McEwen, John Reith.

CANADIAN BUILDER AND MECHANICS MAGAZINE.—The first number of this paper for 1870, comes to hand greatly enlarged and beautified. It contains four large Engravings, and a great amount of reading matter. All the Departments are edited by practical men, who are engaged in the various Trades and Professions which they write about, thereby making it thoroughly reliable in all its hints, recipes, directions for manufacturing, &c. Every trade is represented, as well as the profession of Architecture, Engineering and Surveying. The Illustrations are all first-class, and will consist of Designs for Buildings, Views of New Inventions, Machinery, Ornamental Stone, Iron and Stucco Work, &c., &c. Terms 50 cents per annum. Published monthly by DYAS & WILKENS, London, Ont.

ASHFIELD.—We understand that Messrs. Mallough and Frazer, late Reeve and Deputy, for Ashfield have been worsted by Messrs. Armstrong and Dalton. One thing is certain, no men could be elected in Ashfield having its interests more at heart than the late Reeves. *Vox populi*, however, in this case must be accepted as *vox Dei*.

DINGLE.

MORRIS ELECTION.—Thomas Kelly, Reeve; W. G. Hingston, Deputy Reeve; Patrick Kelly, Proctor and Johnston, Councillors.

GREY TOWNSHIP.—Jno. Leckie, Reeve; Archibald McDonald, Deputy Reeve; J. Strachan, Samuel Slemon, Thomas Williamson, Councillors.

ASHFIELD.—George Armstrong, Reeve; Maurice Dalton, Deputy Reeve; Patrick Clare, James Crawford and John F. Andrews, Councillors.

SEAFORTH.

From our own Correspondent

BOY KICKED BY A HORSE.—Last Sunday, the 2nd inst., while a son of William N. Watson, of Seaforth, was endeavoring to capture a horse which had escaped on to the Main Street, the horse kicked him, wounding him on the forehead, the upper lip and the palm of the hand, the last being a ragged deep wound. Dr. Campbell was called in and examined and dressed the wounds, and though the boy is not yet out of danger, he is in the fair way of recovery. The Dr. is still attending to him.

ACCIDENT.—The other day the Lady of the Rev. Mr. Price, W. M. Minister, met with an accident by which the middle finger of her left hand was fractured and nearly severed from her hand. Dr. Campbell was instantly sent for who set the fracture and dressed the wound, and we understand she is now doing well. The Dr. is still in attendance.

Latest from Red River.

GOVERNOR OF MINNESOTA ON THE TROUBLE—FORCED LOAN.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Jan. 7.—Governor Marshall, of Minnesota, on surrendering his office, delivered his annual message to-day. Concerning Red River he says: The movement of the Dominion of Canada to establish its authority in the Red River country, on our northern border, has been resisted by the people of that remote and isolated region. While naturally our sympathies are with the people who strive to secure popular rights, the events in British America concern us chiefly as they may affect the peace of our border. There has been reason to apprehend that the hostile Sioux, who since the outbreak of 1864, have found refuge in the British territory, would be incited to war, imminently endangering the settlers on the American side of the line. I have communicated with the President and the Commander of the Military Department, and am assured that the matter is receiving due attention. At the conclusion of Gov. Marshall's address the new Governor of Minnesota, Horace Austin, was sworn in. He delivered his inaugural address in the presence of the Legislature, the Judges of the Supreme Court, Gen. Hancock and staff, and other distinguished personages In referring to the Red River rebellion, he says:—'Owing to the disturbed condition of the British provinces on our northern frontier, and the sense of sympathy felt by our people by the threatened hostilities on the part of certain bands of Sioux Indians, whom it is feared will become involved in the controversy, and wreak their slumbering vengeance upon the American settlement if left in its present defenceless condition, it is deemed proper that the state authorities should invite the general government to station and maintain a military force in the vicinity of Pembina, sufficient to insure protection to the people of that remote settlement.'

A letter received to-day from St. Boniface, Red River settlement, reports all quiet. The rebels have forced the Hudson's Bay company to advance them a loan of £850 to establish a newspaper, to be called the *Independence*,

HAY.

January 4th 1870.

DEAR SIGNAL.—Thinking you would like to hear how we got along with our election at the Capital of Hay, I take the liberty of sending you a few lines:—In spite of the storm, and drifted roads we had a fair turn out of the Independent Electors of the Township, to elect a Deputy Reeve and three Councillors for the present year the Reeve Mr. Brown being elected by acclamation,. We had running for Deputy Reeve Wm Carrick; our former Deputy, Mr. Huhgh Love, Senr. and D. Wanless there was eight nominated for Councillors, the three old ones W Turnbull, J Geigerand R Ferguson, were elected by a large majority Mr Wanless resigning before the Poll commenced, left the field clear for Messrs Carrick and Love—and notwithstanding Mr Love's six months' campaigning through the township with much speechifying and manœuvring, he failed to reach the *high position of honour* which he has so long coveted. The people showed their confidence in Mr Carrick by giving him the large majority of ninety-one. Immediately on the Poll being closed, Mr Love made good his retreat for home, finding it perhaps more congenial to his taste after such a signal defeat, where we hope he may long enjoy the pleasures of domestic happiness. Yours,

VOTER.

MUTILATED PROVINCIAL NOTES.—A large number of mutilated Provincial notes are at present in circulation, and it is now known that the work of mutilating these notes is carried on systematically by villains, whose plan of operation is as follows: They secure a number of bills of a certain denomination, and from each bill they tear off a small piece, until they have got enough pieces with which to patch up a new one. The original bills are not sufficiently damaged to allow the bank to refuse payment, and the patchwork is so skilfully put together as to deceive any one but the bank expert. The public will do well to decline taking any bill which is thus mutilated, as they will without doubt find themselves losers in the future by having such notes in their possession. There is no doubt the practisers of this low swindle will be found out and punished, as the authorities are on the track. In the meantime, the public should refuse point blank to accept mutilated notes, and thus they themselves will help to put an end to these operations.—*Quebec Chronicle.*

The Plain Dinner.

Neddie and Rose took their dinner-basket out under one of the maples of the playground to eat their dinner.

"It's nice and shady here," said Rose 'and I couldn't bear, Neddie, to take our plain bread and butter and doughnuts out there in the school-room. Nellie French had a jelly tart and a great slice of pound cake for her dinner, and Abbie Lawrence a dear little mince-pie made on purpose for her and some of the nicest fruit cake. I do wish mother could afford us such things.'

'This is good enough for me,' said philosophical Ned; 'we can study a great deal better after our dinner, than we could if we had nice pie and pound-cake. I often think of that old Indian grandfather once told me about. Grandfather was hunting his cows which had strayed in the woods, one rainy morning, and he came across an old Indian whom he knew. Indians were plenty in those days, and boys weren't afraid of them. The old man had tried and tried to make a fire, and cook him some breakfast, but the wood was too wet to burn. So at last he gave it up, and took out an old hard bit of Johnnycake, and began munching that.

"'I shouldn't think you would like that,' said grandfather.

"The old Indian gave an 'Ugh,' and, said, 'It's my victuals, and me will like him.' He made up his mind to make the best of what he had, and I think we should be happier if we did the same. There's poor little Joe Winters, now; he didn't bring any dinner at all. What do you suppose was the reason?'

"I dare say," said Rose, 'they had nothing in the house for him to bring."

"Suppose we share our dinner with him."

It was done, accordingly, and the remainder of that bread and butter and doughnut seemed sweeter to those children than any poundcake ever did to a selfish child.

There is nothing that sweetens the humblest fair like sharing it with some one more needy still. Jesus loves such acts of charity, and even a cup of cold water, given from love to him, will not lose its reward.—*Presbyterian*

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West Wawanosh.

The Council met this day, persuant to adjournment, Dec. 28th 1869. Members present, Messrs. Girvan, Gaunt, McIlwain and Cumming. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. A petition from Widow Tisdale praying exemption from taxation for the current year, granted—also to Widows Oliver and Fisher. W B Lakes' bill amounting to $12 for boarding and lodging H Douglass six-weeks was ordered to be paid, Douglass being destitute and unable to support himself. Wm Connors applied to the Council for relief under the following circumstances. In the year 1864 the S½ lot 24 con. 4 was rented to and occupied by a Mr Smith, he did not pay the taxes for that year, and the land is now advertized for sale for $17-06. Mr Connors avers the taxes might have been realized had the collector done his duty. The Clerk to write to the collector and the matter to be considered at the next meeting of Council. A petition from certain inhabitants of Union S Section 13 Ashfield for an enlargement of said section out of sec. No. 4 W Waw. was laid over for future consideration. Also one from Union S Sec. No. 1 Kinloss to be taken from that section and united to section No 4 W. Waw. Petitioners being present, were informed that their petition would be taken into consideration after the Council shall be satisfied that all parties in West Waw. who would be affected by the proposed change have been duly notified. Alex. Anderson contractor for work on Glens Hill proposed to remove the slide which may take place on said hill during the current winter, and to tear the road sixteen feet wide on the foot way—the grade to be made according to Surveyors' Profile of said hill for the sum of $25, the work to be done in the course of next summer, it was thereupon moved by Mr. McIlwain sec. by Mr Gaunt that Mr. Anderson's offer be accepted.—Carried, moved by Mr McIlwain, sec. by Mr. Gaunt that Edward Fry be written to, by the Clerk to request him to desist from prosecuting his job on 4th & 5th con. line, until further orders and to make the road safe for passengers and teams forthwith. Moved by Mr. Cumming, sec. by Mr McIlwain that an order be issued for $8.00 for the support of H. Douglass till after next meeting of Council. The following orders for payment were also ordered to be issued, viz., to Robert Taggart for cutting hill on 5 & 9 con. line opposite lot 14 $83.62 to E. Paterson $80 for crosswaying on 12th con, opposite 27, to A McLean $21 for crosswaying on 12 con. opposite 26, to R. Wilson $5 for 20 cords gravel on B. Redman's beat, to Neil McLean $65 for letting down crossway and gravelling on Boundary line opposite Kinloss, to C Smith trustee of S. Sec. No. 12 for tax on Mr. Hawkins' land in said section $7.20, to Y and D Todd for lumber for Culverts had by J Gordon, P. M $1.25, to J Kamage $30 for ditching, grading and gravelling on 10th & 11th con. line opposite 13, to A Anderson $200. part payment on Glens hill contract; to J H Taylor $42 and $3 for selecting jurors $2 removing library $8 turn-piking $20, making Culvert $2, timber and hauling for Culvert $3, to A Bay for surveying and making Profile of Glens hill $10, to C. Girvan Esq., $33, for selecting jurors $2, 9 days at Council $18, 6½ days letting and inspecting jobs $13, to W Cumming $32 for 10 days at Council $20, 6 days letting and inspecting jobs $12, to D McIlwain $28 for 10 days at Council $20 4 days letting and inspecting jobs $8, to E Gaunt $23 for 9 days at Council $18, 7 days at jobs $14, to James Scott $23.45 for journey to Goderich respecting Sturgeons license $2 75 delivering P. M. lists $4, examing extensions and additions of assessment roll $3, dividing library $3.00, 98 loads gravel 4.90, mending scraper $4.00, selecting jurors $5.00; to W. H. Read license inspector $6.00; C. Stuart for 10 days rent of Council Chamber $20; to George Currie $13.95 for work on 2 & 3rd con. line: to R Wilson $1.50 for gravel certified by Anty Jvers. Moved by Mr. Gaunt, sec. by Mr McIlwain that the Council now adjourn to meet again according to law.—Carried.

J. SCOTT,
Tp. Clerk.

To the Editor of the Signal.

SIR:—In the absence of Mr. Simpson, our esteemed Reeve, I beg to inform Ratepayer that the Collector of Stanley is not collecting from three separate rolls. Owing to the wetness of the past season, many of our Pathmasters were unable to make their returns within the time fixed by statute, and among those late returns were the names of three persons whose labor was returned "not worked;" these were charged on a separate sheet, and sent to the Collector. There was no other method of reaching said unwrought labor as the roll was in the Collector's hands weeks previous. One of the so returned late lists, with work unwrought, came from the vicinity of Ratepayer. With the exception of the above the Collector's roll contains neither more nor less than the assessment roll. It is not necessary, Mr. Ratepayer, for the Clerk to write the certificate on every page of the roll; it is done on one and that serves for the whole.

With respect to the charge of "mis-management," I challenge Ratepayer or any one else to point out one such case during the last three years. Everything a council could do, has been done for the good of the township; the taxes were kept as low as the wants of the people permitted; every dollar spent has been made to go as far as possible; and a desire to benefit the people has characterized every action of the council; and the ratepayers manifested their appreciation of its members at the Polls by returning all the old council who applied for re-election. But it is a notable fact that with a disappointed office-seeker every thing goes wrong and is mis-managed.

I also beg to inform Ratepayer that I have been a resident householder in this township over eight years, and have paid taxes therein six; and when I cannot live in the township with credit to myself and profit to others I will leave; I would disdain to remain, like a withered stock in society, after my usefulness therein ceases. But I rather imagine that my obnoxiousness consists in my flight being too tardy to suit Ratepayer. I brought as much wealth into the township as he, and if less fortunate in acquiring property, it is because I did not wish to resort to the same means, and when I do get property, it shall be got honorably and above board. If a careful and prompt attention to the discharge of the duties of my office, and a strong desire to oblige every person having business to transact, smells of patent combination, I beg to plead guilty to the charge; and while the council sees fit to honor me with the charge of its affairs, so long shall it be my desire and object to serve every person in the township, whatever may be his creed or political opinions. A gentleman held a very important office in this township for some time (no doubt Ratepayer is well acquainted with him) who would not attend to its duties with civility, and who got possession of more property than many thought consistent with his income; the council saw the propriety of dismissing him from the office and appointing a man of a more obliging nature. If ratepayer applies again for office, I have no doubt his application will receive, at the hands of the council, that consideration which it *merits*.

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SONG.

In the spring of our life, when our hearts are as free
As the heart of the lambkin that frisks on the lea,
Our path lies thro' sunshine o'er moorland and plain;
And our bow'rs are the shades of the deep hazel glen.
We love the calm dell where the rath daisy surrups
And the green leafy boughs where the glad robin sings;
We love the blythe tones of the brook's rippling din;
And we joy in the dash of the hoarse brawling lynn.

How lovely the hills in their purple array,
Tow'r upward to welcome the dawn of the day,
Or gleam in the light of the clear silv'ry moon
As they wood her bright smiles in the still nights of June!
How dearly each haunt and fair pathway of youth,
seems hallow'd by nature, with beauty and truth;
Nor fame, love nor fortune can lure us to roam
Whilst our fondest affections are centred at home.

How rap' Fancy revels with credulous joy,
On friendships, and loves unprofaned by alloy
Or peers thro' the future, untainted by dread
All holy and fair as the landscape we tread;
When all that we hear of the wiles and the woes
And the ruin of hearts, that from treachery flows;
We reckon as fables, our bliss to restrain,
Or phantoms that flit o'er insanity's brain.

But woe's me for time, and the changes it brings
When the home-hearth is chill'd by the blight of its wings
Alas! for the anguish that sickens the heart,
When the tender and true, from loves circle depart;
When the pleasures we cherish'd, are destined to die,
Like flow'rets that wither as noontide draws nigh
And hope, like a harp o'er which discord hath stole,
No joy-notes melodious can sing to thesoul.

When far far remote from our infancy's clime,
Exposed to the conflicts and dangers of time;
Like barks blown adrift on adversity's sea,
Despair for our pilot, and rocks on our lee!
When the polestar is hid, and the watchers asleep,
And frantic with tempest the rude billows leap!
When the magnet is lost—thus, bereft, on life's main,
Oh! who would not sigh for his childhood again?

WILLIAM BANNATYNE.

Ashfield, Jan. 3rd, 1870.

STEPHEN.

STEPHEN ELECTION.—Thomas Greenway, Reeve; Thomas Yearly, Deputy Reeve; Daniel Coughlan, John Kulum and J. C. Corbett, Councillors.

A KNIFE-GUN.—The Prussian needle gun has a formidable rival in the form of a *zundmessergewhr*, or knife-gun—the new breach-loader invented by Herr Mayhofer, of Kauschen, East Prussia. At the recent trial in Konigsberg, twenty-five rounds, with full catridge, are said to have been fired off per minute. The missile penetrated at a distance of two thousand yards. The piece carries with great precision, and has the great advantage of a minimum of smoke. The invention extends to the cartridge as well as to the gun. The inventor had repeated his offer to sell his patent to the Prussian government, but it has not yet been accepted. He has spent his whole fortune, of twenty-five thousand dollars, in the production of the arm, and threatens to go to Austria or France if Prussia does not give him an answer soon.

The funeral obsequies of Edwin M. Stanton, were celebrated in Washington on Monday. A dismal rain storm prevailed, and added to the general gloom. After the ceremonies at the residence of the deceased, the remains were conveyed to the Oak Hill Cemetery. Many promient individuals, including President Grant Chief Justice Chase, Vice-President Colfax, General Sherman and Secretary Fish being among the pall bearers. All that was mortal of Edwin M. Stanton, was laid in sepulchre amid a driving rain and howling wind—a fit finale, perhaps, says the *World*, to a stormy and turbulent life.

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