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## NEWS ABOUT HOME.

**TO-TOWN TOPICS.**  
**Is the January thaw coming?**  
 Rev. O. G. Collamore of the M. E. Church was in town during the week.  
 Mr. H. Thomas, of Goderich, represented "as well" at the Exeter Masquerade Carnival on Saturday.  
 Mr. A. McD. Allan has been attending the Fruit Growers' Association annual meeting at Hamilton during the week.  
**CONVALESCENT.**—We are glad to see Mr. R. W. Mackenzie again after being laid up with a severe attack of quincy.  
**REMOVAL.**—Mr. J. Chapman, hide dealer, has removed to Mr. Pollock's late residence. His office will also be on the premises.  
 Mr. John Cox, who is with Detlor & Co. in St. Thomas, is this week visiting "the old folks at home." He likes the Canaga Southern City very much.  
**STARS AND STRIPES.**—A new flag floated over the American Commercial Agency, Albion Hotel, on Tuesday. It arrived on the previous day, and looks exceedingly bright and pretty.  
 We are pleased to learn that Dr. J. Dickson, son of Gaele Dickson, has been appointed one of the physicians at the City Hospital, Cincinnati. The Dr. has a splendid field for the practice of surgery.  
 Mrs. T. N. Dancy, who for the past few weeks has been laid up by a severe attack of sickness, is again about. The poor of the town missed the active aid of a good friend during Mrs. Dancy's illness.  
**LECTURE.**—Mr. F. G. Widdows, the noted ex-Franiscan monk, will lecture in Victoria Hall, Goderich, on Friday, Feb 4th, 1881. The lecturer is already well known in Goderich. See advertisement for particulars.  
 Up in Goderich and vicinity the girls made a desperate effort to take advantage of Leap Year before it ended. In THE HURON SIGNAL we find 13 marriage notices, each event occurring close to the end of the year. —[Dundas Banner.]  
**Rev. P. R. Ross, one of the two candidates for the vacant position of assistant minister in Knox Church, Goderich, preached his first sermon on Sunday morning. He will on be trial for three weeks longer, and the other young man will be heard, and a choice made.**  
**FURIOUS DRIVING.**—While we do not object to horses being put to a good speed "around the Square," we must protest against the fast driving indulged in by some persons when passing street crossings. A few evenings ago Mr. Stephen Yates was knocked down by a grey team while crossing on Hamilton street. Fortunately he escaped injury.  
**CADETS OF TEMPERANCE.**—At a meeting of the Cadets of Temperance, Goderich Section No. 99, held in the Temperance Hall on Tuesday evening last, the following officers were installed by H. Hale, D. G. W. P., for the ensuing quarter:—J. T. Pinckard, W. A. J. Sharnam, P. W. A.; A. M. Humber, Sec.; F. Crabb, F. S.; C. Crabb, Treasurer; R. Papp, V. A.; T. Hale, Usher; P. McCallum, Guide; H. A. Campaigne, I. W.

**CHANGE OF BUSINESS.**—Mr. John Knox, carriage maker, who for the past eight years has been carrying on business in Goderich, has sold out to Messrs. T. & J. Story. The Messrs. Story have for the past five years been connected with the establishment, and both being practical men, will in all probability work up a good business. We wish them every success.  
**KNOX CHURCH S. S.**—This Sunday School has recently been re-organized. Mr. T. McGillicuddy, of THE SIGNAL, is now Superintendent, and Mr. James Mitchell, of the Star, teaches the infant class. There are 31 teachers and officers employed, and the total attendance on Sunday last numbered 292. The Bible class is now taught in connection with the S. S. by Mr. J. R. Miller, P. S. I. The school meets at 2:30 every Sunday afternoon.  
**AMPUTATION.**—On Thursday of last week Dr. Taylor, assisted by Dr. McLean, performed amputation upon both hands of the unfortunate man Lloyd, who was badly frost-bitten near Holmesville, about three weeks ago. All the fingers and thumbs had to come off, and with the exception of a small portion of the right hand thumb all the members were amputated close to the knuckles. The poor fellow is now in a bad plight; but it is a wonder that fatal results did not attend his terrible exposure. We understand that the operation was very successfully performed.

**G. R. C.**—At an emergency Convocation of Huron Chapter No. 30 G. R. C., held in their rooms on Tuesday, the 18th inst., the following officers were installed by Com. L. F. Tom, P. Z. for the Masonic year.—Com. Henry Cooke, Z.; Richard Reddiffe, H.; Edward Hosker, I.; James Addison, Scribe E.; Alex. McD. Allan, Scribe N.; Malcolm Nicholson, Treas.; Frank F. Lawrence, P. S.; Henry Clucas, S. Am's S.; Joseph Beck, I. Am's S.; Malcolm McPhail, Junitor; Donald McLeod, M. 1st V.; Duncan McLeod, 2d V.; H. H. Smith, 3rd V.; Alex. Taylor, 4th V.; Andrew Kerby, Std. B.; Wm. Bailie, M. of C.; Lindsay Crawford, Std. B.; Henry Clucas, Joseph Beck, Ex. Com.; W. J. Harris, R. B. Scott, Stewards.

## OUR TOWN FATHERS.

**The Curtains Drop on the Old Council.**  
**Winding up the Business of the Civic Year.**  
 January 11th.  
 The last meeting of the 11th Council was held this evening. The Reece in the chair.  
 Present—Messrs. Johnston, Detlor, Hutchison, Acheson, Dancy, Elliott, Campion, Bingham, Mitchell, Gordon, Clucas, Sloan, Nicholson, Jordan.  
 The minutes were read and approved.  
 A communication was read from the Curling Club, stating that there were three bags of flour and one bag of potatoes at Mr. Charles Nairn's, placed there by the Club for distribution among the poor of the town.  
 Moved by Mr. Acheson, seconded by Mr. Jordan, that the thanks of the Council are hereby tendered to the Curling Club for their liberal donation.—Carried.  
 The reports of the Relief and Finance committees were read and adopted.  
**REPORT OF THE CLOCK COMMITTEE.**  
 Resolved, That the petition of the Fire Company in reference to a fire alarm to be attached to the bell in the tower of the Court House, respectfully report that for the present no action be taken, as they deem it inexpedient to incur the additional expense of a second fire alarm.  
**REPORT OF MARKET COMMITTEE.**  
 Your committee beg to report that during the time the market was not un-der lease, they made arrangements with Mr. Samuel Papp to take charge of the same, and collect the fees which have been paid over by him and paid to the town Treasurer. Amount received for two weeks from 15th Nov., 1880, to 27th Nov., 1880, \$18. The committee agreed to allow Mr. Papp for so doing the sum of \$15.00 per day being \$15. Respectedly submitted.  
**F. W. JOHNSTON, Chairman.**  
 On motion the report was adopted.  
 The following accounts were presented:—E. Moore, for work on clock roof, making ladders, &c., \$45.57; Star for printing, \$2.49; J. Bates, repairing wheelbarrows, \$1. E. Howard & Co., clock, \$1.130; Dr. McLean, attendance on a sick boy, \$1; Thos. Whately, relief, \$2.25; John Hilliard, relief, \$1.37; J. H. Edward, relief, \$3.75; J. A. McIntosh, relief, \$1.25; D. C. Strachan, relief, \$9.69; H. Cook, relief, \$4.04; E. Graham, \$1.51; Chas. Nairn, \$27.45; E. Graham, for fire department, \$1.99; Geo. Cathcart, printing ballot papers, \$7.50; G. H. Parsons, blinds for armory, \$3.82; F. R. Mann, painting roof, \$3.82; Hart & Rawlinson, \$3.88.—Referred to Finance committee.  
 The resignation of Samuel Pollock, Esq., as High School Trustee, was read and accepted.  
 Moved by Mr. Detlor, seconded by Mr. Johnston, that the Rev. Dr. Williams be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Pollock.—Carried.  
 Moved by Mr. Sloan, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, that the Council desire to express their regret that ex-Mayor Pollock is about to leave Goderich, and take up his residence as a permanent citizen in the city of Bad Axe, in the State of Michigan. We desire as a Council to wish him every success in his new abode, and sustain a social loss; but what we lose Bad Axe will gain. We congratulate the city with the unpoetical name, upon the acquisition of Mr. Pollock as a citizen.  
 The return of the Town Clerk, showing the result of the vote on the market fee question, was read: For the fees, 124; against, 519; majority for abolition, 395.  
 Mr. Sloan gave notice that at next regular meeting of Council he would introduce a By-law amending the Market By-law, in relation to the collecting of fees.  
 On motion the Council adjourned.

## THE COURTS.

**County Judge's Criminal Court.**  
 Before His Honor Judge Squier.  
 Two men from Howick, named respectively Burke and Cunningham, will appear before His Honor Judge Squier for election this (Friday) morning, charged with larceny.  
**Magistrates Court.**  
 Before C. Crabb, Esq., J. P.  
 Jan. 13th.  
**THOS. McLENNAN vs W. R. SQUIER.**  
 The defendant was charged by plaintiff with having been guilty of fraud, in appropriating certain moneys which should have been applied to the purposes of plaintiff. The following is the statement of the defendant, which we publish in justice to him:  
 In the early part of 1875, deft. was employed by plff. to obtain a patent for his land in the township of Howick, upon which the latter had negotiated a loan of \$350, in 1864, of which he obtained \$180, the balance having been retained by the law firm which effected the loan. Upon enquiry the defendant found that this sum had been obtained through the firm of Toms & Moore, then practising in Goderich, from Daniel Wilson, and that the amount then due Wilson was \$963, which sum was made up as follows: \$350 amount of original loan; \$405.37, interest on loan for eleven years and seven months at 40 per cent.; amount subsequently advanced by Wilson to obtain patent, \$170, with interest for seven years and one week at ten per cent (\$71.61), cost of ejectment suit, \$18.52, in all \$1015.50. Interest had been paid Wilson on his claim through Mr. Johnston to the amount of \$65.58, leaving \$949.92 due Wilson to the 14th of Jan., 1876. In addition to the above deft. charged plff. with \$161.75, the amount of execution discharged in the case of Lutz vs McLennan, rendered necessary before a further loan could be negotiated. The above with costs, charges and sums given plaintiff foot up \$1211.43. The net proceeds of the loan effected by defendant were \$986.30, leaving a balance due defendant upon closing the matter, of \$225.13. The defendant on the 1st of August, 1876, obtained from Mr. Toms his note at 60 days for \$200, the proceeds of which were credited to the plaintiff when paid. Until May, 1877, when Mr. Toms paid a further sum of \$100, plaintiff continued indebted to defendant. Independently of above sums, the plaintiff is charged by the firm of Squier & McColl with \$60, paid in small sums at different times prior to Sept. 1877. Defendant's account against plaintiff therefore amounted to \$1,271.43 and the plaintiff is entitled to the credit of \$396.30, and \$330 received from Mr. Toms, leaving a balance on Sept., 1877, due McLennan of \$74.82. The item of \$60 is disputed by plaintiff; who says that it should be \$32, but defendant claims upon report from his Brussels office, that it should be \$60. If the plaintiff is correct defendant would, in Sept., 1877, have owed \$102.82 if the books and vouchers of defendant are correct he was indebted to plaintiff at that date to the extent of \$74.82. Defendant has since paid plaintiff \$9.40 which would leave his indebtedness to the latter either \$65.42 or \$93.42. References to this account have been made to several persons named by plaintiff, but as his demands ranged from \$450 to \$2,000, defendant found it impossible to effect any settlement. The plaintiff on the 23rd of Dec. 1880, demanded \$850 in settlement, and threatened prosecution. Defendant refused to accede to his demand. Hence the present case. After the hearing, the defendant was ordered to give bail, himself in \$500, and two sureties in \$250 each, to plead to any indictment that might be made against him at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer. The necessary bonds were furnished.  
 Saturday, Jan. 15.  
 Wm. Symington vs Robert Mead.—Using profane language. Fined \$1 and costs.  
**Executor.**  
 FOR LEAMINGTON.—Miss H. Kinaman, left town for Leamington, on Friday morning last, where she has taken charge of a school, at \$300 per year.  
**SOLD.**—Mr. Jas. Pickard has sold his farm on the Thames Road to Mr. Andrew Gibson, for the sum of \$6,500 cash. He takes possession next fall. The farm is one of the best in this section, and considered very cheap at that figure.  
**AN EXTRAORDINARY EXPRESS PARCEL.**  
 On Thursday afternoon at last week, Express Messenger Hart had under his charge going south an express parcel of no ordinary character, in the person of an interesting little three-year-old boy, who had been expressed at Wingham, to the address of another individual in London. The goods were delivered O. K.—[Reflector.]  
**MITCHELL'S POPULATION.**—The school enumerators, who have just completed their labors, give the population of Mitchell at 2,367, which shows a falling off from former years of upwards of 400. This is accounted for partially by the removal of the Thompson & Williams works from our town and the failure of several large establishments. The "bottom," however, we hope has been reached, and in future we expect to find a better state of things.—[Advocate.]  
 Our lady readers should read Miss Stewart's advertisement of her clearing sale.

## COUNTY GLEANINGS.

**We Take a Run Through our Local Exchanges.**  
 And Clip, Copy and Condense the Most Readable News.  
 The Ottawa correspondent of the Oshawa Reformer says that Mr. Geo. Eyrel, of the Sarnia Observer, appears to be the swiftest writer on the Huron staff, and that, as seen from the gallery, his pencil seemed never to be behind, no matter how fast the orator of the occasion might speak.  
 L. O. L.—The annual meeting of the Orange Lodge, District of Grey, was held in the Orange Hall, Brussels, last Tuesday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.—Jas. Young, W. M.; Jas. Fulton, D. M.; Michael Keffer, Ch.; John Mooney, Sec.; Thomas Ratcliffe, Treas.; Christopher Reynard, D. C.  
**Lost.**—Mr. Hawkshaw, of Hawkshaw Hotel, Blyth, was unfortunately knocked last Monday afternoon, to loose a pocket-book, containing some \$175. He was driving from Hensall to Egmondville, and remembers placing the pocket-book in his coat-pocket before starting, but when he arrived at his destination the valuable object was missing.  
**DEATH.**—It is our painful duty to this week record the death of our old and most respected citizen, Robert McGowan, an Esq., who departed this life yesterday morning at the advanced age of 83 years, who leaves behind him a widow and large family to mourn the sad and unlooked-for bereavement. We shall give an obituary notice of deceased in our next issue. The funeral takes place Friday at 1 o'clock.—[Blyth Review.]  
**SEMIOUS ACCIDENT.**—Last Tuesday forenoon as James, eldest son of Wm. Warner, living near Brussels, was chopping in a swamp about 12 miles from home, a tree fell, a portion of it striking him on the head and completely severing the scalp from the skull, on the left side of the head, and causing it to fall over on his neck and shoulder, exposing the skull. At the time of the accident there was only a boy with him, but fortunately they were near a shanty from whence he got help to lift the tree off him. He was conveyed home in a sleigh by kind friends, in an insensible condition. Medical assistance was soon procured and the wound dressed about four hours after the accident. At latest accounts he was progressing very favorably. His escape from instant death was little short of miraculous.—[Post.]  
 The London Free Press expresses the general sentiment when it says:—"A Union Station at Clinton is talked of—and it ought to have been accomplished long before now. Travellers on both lines would appreciate a change in the direction indicated." That a union station would be an improvement on the present situation, no one for a moment doubts, but we are afraid that unless some pressure is brought to bear on the Railway Companies, no action will be taken. We would suggest that the town Council move in the matter, as anything emanating from a municipal body generally carries more weight than would the same from private individuals. The Grand Trunk Railway will soon require to erect a new station house, not only for the convenience of the public, but for their own benefit and security. The present building is a disgrace to the Company, and will not last much longer, and in anticipation of a new one being erected, efforts should be made to either have a union of the two stations, or get the Grand Trunk moved further west. Let action be taken in the matter at once.

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**ANNIVERSARY SERVICES.**—Anniversary sermons were preached in the M. E. Church last Sunday. In the morning the pastor, Rev. G. A. Francis, preached from Eccl. ix., 10, and in the afternoon from John iii., 16. Rev. Dr. Ure filled the pulpit in the evening, and had his text Luke xiii., 29. There were large congregations at all the services. The annual tea meeting was held in the church on Monday. A very fine spread had been prepared in the basement for the guests, and after partaking of the refreshments all adjourned to the main body of the church to listen to the addresses, etc., that had been promised. Mr. C. Crabb was called to the chair. The first speaker was Rev. P. R. Ross, who in a brief and humorous speech "broke the ice" for those who followed. Mr. T. McGillicuddy, of THE SIGNAL, followed, and his remarks were very well received by the audience. Mr. Mitchell, of the Star, then gave a nice reading, "The Death of Little Nell," after which Rev. Dr. Ure gave a practical address, which commanded good attention. The choir sang some beautiful hymns and anthems between the speeches. The pastor closed by thanking the friends on the platform for the help they had afforded him, and alluded to the good feeling which prevailed between the two denominations represented. The entire proceeds of the services and tea amounted to about \$58.70.

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**The Result of the Inaugural Meeting.**  
**The Declaration—Appointment of Auditors—High School Trustee—Committee to strike Standing Committee.**  
 Monday, Jan. 17.  
 The Town Council elect for 1881 assembled this morning, the Mayor elect in the chair.  
 The following gentlemen made the usual declarations of office and qualification and took their seats as members of the Council:—  
 Mayor, Horace Horton; Reeve, F. W. Johnston; 1st Deputy, Wm. Campbell; 2nd Deputy, Matthew Hutchinson; Councilors: St. David's Ward—J. B. Edward, C. A. Humber, T. N. Dancy; St. Patrick's Ward—R. W. McKensie, S. Sloane, M. G. Cameron; St. George's Ward—O. R. Dunsford, Jos. Williams, F. Jordan; St. Andrew's—E. Campion, W. Lee, Geo. Swanson.  
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**THE REEVE.**—The receipt of the ballots by Messrs Dancy and Elliott, came off before his Honor, Judge Squier, on Saturday last. At the close, the count stood one in favor of Mr. Dancy, and a disputed ballot for Mr. Elliott. The matter rests so far in favor of Mr. Dancy, who took his seat on Monday last, which he will retain unless *quo warranto* proceedings are instituted by the appellant.  
**MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.**—The Huron Medical Association met at the Commercial Hotel, Clinton, on the 14th inst. There were present Dr. Sloan, Blyth; Drs. Stewart and Hurlburn, Brucefield; Dr. Young, Londonboro; Dr. Hyndman, Exeter; and Drs. Worthington and Williams, Clinton; and Dr. Campbell, Seaford. Dr. Sloan occupied the chair, and Dr. Stewart acted as secretary. Dr. Worthington presented two interesting cases; Dr. Sloan, one case; Dr. Hyndman, one; and Dr. Campbell, one. Each case was discussed in a friendly manner, so as to draw forth the ideas of the members in reference to the most approved system of treatment. After conclusion of the professional part of the programme, the officers for the present year were elected, Dr. Sloan being chosen president; Dr. Holmes, vice-president; and Dr. Stewart secretary and treasurer. After some informal business, the members separated to meet three months hence at the call of the secretary.

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## GODERICH 10 RINK.

**Sheriff Gibbons, H. Collins, L. Rightmeyer, G. Bissett, G. C. Tyre, Skip 21.**  
**No 2 N. Robertson, Captain Rowan, J. Miller, A. Campbell, Skip 21.**  
**No 3 J. S. Greenhill, J. Watt, J. Raplay, J. Scoonjoll, Skip 20.**  
**Majority for Goderich 2 shots.**

## KINCARDINE.

**KINCARDINE, Dec. 7, 1880.**  
 DEAR SIR,—I believe that Mr. Geo. A. Powles, of this town, is going to apply for the vacant position in your school, and I hope his application may not be in vain. He has received \$475 and \$500 per annum here since he engaged, and is a sound, classical and English scholar. He is a hard worker, and has met with great success as a classical teacher in this school. He knows more about Latin and Greek, etc., than many a graduate, which is the result of an early classical training. No consideration would induce us to part with him, were it not that under a re-arrangement of the Mathematical Department, I shall assume the duties of classical teacher.  
 Yours, etc.,  
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 Principal H. S. Kincardine.  
 To Principal Vienna H. S.  
 The Kincardine School Board have taken no action, leaving it in the hands of Mr. Campbell, School Inspector.

## THE SCHOOLMASTER ABROAD.

A few months ago George A. Powles, of Toronto, secured a situation as classical teacher in the Kincardine High School. He was found to be incompetent, and was not re-engaged for 1881. His chances for re-engagement not being good under the circumstances, he endeavored to alter them, and conceived the brilliant idea of writing very flattering testimonials, accompanied by private communications about himself, and signing the name of B. Freer, Principal of the High School. In applying for a position in the Vienna High School, his testimonials were such "superior excellence" that their authenticity was doubted. This led to revelations, and the following post-card, bearing the forged name of Mr. Freer, was forwarded to that gentleman:  
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## A Subscriber's Soliloquy.

To pay, or not to pay—that is the question: Whether 't' better for me to refuse To take a local paper, and deprive My family from reading all the news, Or pay up promptly what the printer asks, And, by such payments, cheer him! No pay, no paper.  
 Then no more shall I be posted on the news And lo! he'll have brought the country, And divers topics—'tis a conundrum, That I long have feared. To pay or stop! To stop! perchance to lose—aye, there's the rub; For in that stop no interest do I take If any of the affairs which move the town And such a shuffling of all that's good Must make me pause. There's the respect Which every editor maintains for thee: Who come down with the cash and hear'd ye delay To settle up "that little bill." For who would bear The pointed quills and pungent paragraphs Which far too oft reflect upon the man Who falls to settle his subscription bill! I'll haste me now unto the editor, And, with my purse plerotic in my hand, I'll settle up in full, one year from date. By paying to him from my ready cash The sum which is his due.—[Ex.]

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 Then no more shall I be posted on the news And lo! he'll have brought the country, And divers topics—'tis a conundrum, That I long have feared. To pay or stop! To stop! perchance to lose—aye, there's the rub; For in that stop no interest do I take If any of the affairs which move the town And such a shuffling of all that's good Must make me pause. There's the respect Which every editor maintains for thee: Who come down with the cash and hear'd ye delay To settle up "that little bill." For who would bear The pointed quills and pungent paragraphs Which far too oft reflect upon the man Who falls to settle his subscription bill! I'll haste me now unto the editor, And, with my purse plerotic in my hand, I'll settle up in full, one year from date. By paying to him from my ready cash The sum which is his due.—[Ex.]