LISTOWEL STANDARD.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1879.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Reformers of South Grey have selected Mr. Jas. H. Hunter as their candidate for the Local Parliament.

THE petition against the election of Mr. Arkell, member for East Elgin, has been dismissed by Vice-Chancellor Blake, each party to pay his own costs.

ENGLAND is now the virtual owner of Cyprus; the purchase of the state domains of the island was concluded with Turkey a few days ago.

THE Orange Incorporation Bills were thrown out by the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature on Tuesday, by a vote of 25 to 16. Mr. Hay *voted*—with his party and against the Bills.

A special dispatch to the STANDARD per Dominion Line, received just previous to going to press, states that Carling's brewery, at London, was burned this (Thursday) morning; loss about $400,000; insurance about $40,000.

A STRIKE of very serious proportions was made by the sailors and coal heavers of Liverpool last week. Rioting was apprehended, but so far the strikers have not been alarmingly destructive, however strong the inclination might have been.

PRUSSIA is adopting a protective policy. The ministry has approved of the import duty on grain, cattle and horses. The free-trade experience of the Prussians has been the reverse of satisfactory, and they are now resolved to protect their trade interests.

HON. MR. DE BOUCHERVILLE, late Premier of Quebec, has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the Senate created by the death of Senator Lacoste. Mr. De Boucherville is said to be possessed of excellent qualities for the dignified position to which he had just been called.

IT would seem that Councillors must learn to "strangle a natural oath," their exalted position not warranting a "freedom of speech" such as is sometimes indulged in by the "vulgar laity." An illustration comes from Sandusky, Ohio, where a member of the City Council was expelled the other day for using profane language.

THE appointment of a successor to the late Bishop of Toronto is likely to renew the old battle between the High and Low Church parties in that Diocese. Bishop Fauquier of Algoma, and Provost Whitaker are mentioned as the probable candidates. The representatives of the Synod have been summoned to meet for the election of a Bishop on Thursday, 27th inst.

THERE is every reason to believe that Dr. Blanchet, member for Levis, will be elected Speaker of the House of Commons. The choice of Dr. Blanchet should meet with general approval. He is a gentleman of large Parliamentary experience, and having been Speaker of the House of Assembly of the Province of Quebec for eight years, he is thoroughly conversant with the functions attaching to the Speakership.

THE cattle disease in the United States is spreading. Pleuro-pneumonia has broken out among the distillery fed cattle in Brooklyn; it has also made its appearance in other parts of the Eastern States. No trace of the disease has been discovered in Canada. The British Privy Council has passed an order prohibiting the importation, and ordering for slaughter, all American cattle either from American or Canadian ports, but excepting Canadian cattle shipped from Canadian ports only.

LORD DUFFERIN has been appointed Ambassador to St. Petersburg. The choice of His Excellency as representative of Great Britain at the Russian Court is viewed with satisfaction by the London Press. The *Times* comments are expressive of the universal sentiment which exists in regard to our late Governor-General's executive abilities: "It is unnecessary to re-echo Lord Dufferin's praises, which are in all men's mouths. Few public men have been covered with eulogies so unanimous and so well deserved. His fame has grown to remarkable proportions during the later years of his Viceroyalty in Canada, chiefly by the witchery of his tongue. No doubt Lord Dufferin's tact is as perfect as his temper. Nature has endowed him with quick perceptions, and he will now be guided to results by a ripened judgment and an enlarged knowledge of men and affairs. In Russia Lord Dufferin will have much to observe well worth observation. Beyond the circle of Imperial and Ministerial authority, there are elements now in Russia which, peacefully or violently, must have an influence upon its policy. Lord Dufferin will not miss the meaning of the pregnant events which must happen in Russia, and the value of his observations to a Government which will be able to use them will thus be multiplied many times."

TORONTO LETTER.

DEAR STANDARD.—As I am sojourning in the "Queen City" for a short time, I thought a few lines from me might prove interesting to your citizens and the readers of your excellent journal generally. It is very pleasing to me to hear, in the many places I have been, the encomiastic manner your splendid town is spoken of: "Listowel still continues to grow, notwithstanding the hard times and general expression all over the country." The question is often asked me: why does it prosper so, while other places go back? my answer invarably is: because they have live men there, and when the interest of the town is considered, they all work together, and live men working together will keep a structure up, even though *big blocks do fall out*; and that brings to my rememberance the fact that you have had your annual blaze, and the old Bonner block is gone—gone at last. Only to be replaced, no doubt, by a handsome structure like the many others gracing your beautiful town.

Toronto appears very lively and continues to grow and prosper, although business men say they never saw business so quiet, and yet there are very few failures; but there are those who predict a general cleaning out during the next few weeks; let us hope not. I have no fear in saying that men who can tide over the first session of the Dominion Parliament, will see prosperity coming gradually back and times mending. It must be amusing to the readers of the "great *Globe*" to see how it squirms, and twists, and turns on the great National Policy question, it's like a hot ball to it, it keeps turning it, and turning it, but is afraid to take hold of it. In fact it can't get over that glorious 17th. During a short term of office the great Reform Government, after promising so much, sunk the country into such a state that I fear it will take a longer time to get back to the real good old times than many imagine. Reform! what did they Reform? nothing but good times into bad. Let us hope they will not get a chance again for many a year. HISTORICUS.

ONTARIO EXPENDITURE.

An Increase in the Controllable Expenditure of 63 per cent. since 1871—Whither are we Drifting?

Hon. D. L. Macpherson, Senator, communicates the following statement to the Toronto *Mail*:

Statement showing the Increase of Annual Controllable Departmental Expenditure and of Revenue in 1877 over 1871.

1877.			
Total Expenditure,		$3,117,414	
Deduct expenditure on account of Public Works and Buildings	$322,105		
Deduct expenditure on account of Special Funds	792,343	1,114,447	
			$2,002,967
1871.			
Total expenditure		$1,816,867	
Deduct Expenditure on account of Public Works and Buildings	$430,620		
Deduct Expenditure on account of Special funds	163,142	593,762	
			$1,223,105
Total increase of annual controllable expenditure in 1877 over 1871 is			$779,862

being an increase of more than sixty-three per cent.

The increase of the annual controllable expenditure in 1877 over 1871 is made up of the following items:

Increase in Civil Government of 1877 over 1871	$ 46,547
Legislation	32,537
Administration of Justice	141,294
Education	198,913
Crown Lands	47,489
Agriculture, Arts, &c	64,958
Immigration	16,553
Maintenance of Asylums	236,812
Total increases	$784,064
Less decrease in "Miscellaneous"	4,202
Total net increase of annual controllable expenditure	$779,862

The total increase of receipts in 1877 over 1871 was only $118,899. Thus, while the annual revenue increased only $118,899, the annual controllable expenditure was increased $779,862, or six and one half times as much as the increase of annual revenue. For every $1.20 that the revenue increased, the controllable expenditure has been increased $7.80. The Government raised $725,133 in bonds in 1877, an amount almost identical with the increase of the controllable expenditure. This shows how the surplus or accumulated capital is being expended. It is not the result the people expected from the administration of professing Reformers.

THE ZULU WAR.

A British Column Annihilated—Arms, Ammunition, and Colors Captured by the Natives.

Cape Town, Jan. 27.—On the 21st ult. a British column, consisting of a portion of the 24th regiment, a battery of artillery, and 600 native auxiliaries, was utterly annihilated near Tuget River by 20,000 Zulus, who captured a valuable convoy of 102 wagons, 1,000 oxen, 2 cannons, 400 shot and shell, 1,000 rifles, 250,000 rounds of ammunition, 60,000 pounds weight of provisions, and the colors of the 24th regiment. It is estimated that 5,000 Zulus were killed and wounded in the battle.

Among the killed on the British side are two majors, four captains, twelve lieutenants and a quartermaster of the 24th regiment, two captains of the Royal Artillery, four lieutenants and a surgeon of the Engineers, besides twenty-one other British officers commanding native tribes. Seven attacks subsequently made by the Zulus have been repulsed, and the colony is now somewhat recovering from the utter consternation which at first prevailed. Natal, however, is in a greater danger and disturbances are feared in Pongoland. Chelmsford, commander of the expedition, has been forced to retire in consequence of the defeat. It is estimated that 500 soldiers were killed, besides the officers enumerated above. Governor Sir Bartle Frere sent an appeal to England and the Mauritius for reinforcements. The mail steamer for England was despatched a day earlier than usual with a request of six regiments of infantry and a brigade of cavalry. The men-of-war *Active* and *Tenedos* have been ashore. The *Tenedos* was seriously injured and obliged to go into dock at Simon's Bay.

London, Feb. 10.—A despatch from Capetown says:—The British force which was annihilated was attacked while guarding the camp of the headquarters' column at Insandasana, during the absence of Lord Chelmsford with a strong force reconnoitering.

Details of the disaster to the British force show that the guns were spiked before they were captured. The *Times* says, editorally, the Government is bound to send ample reinforcements without an hour's delay, and spare no expense or effort.

WHO THE ZULUS ARE.

The Zulus, or Amazulus, are a portion of the Kafir race inhabiting Natal and the region northeast of it. They are far more amiable than the Kafirs proper, less war-like and rapacious, more industrious, more inclined to the ways of peace and civilization. They are naturally social, cheerful, light-hearted, gentle, affectionate, constant but very passionate if aroused, and extremely fierce in battle. As a rule they are remarkably chaste, for savages, being free from many concupiscent sins of the East, and even of Europe. Of inconsistency they have much, and they are so subject to the sway of their chiefs that their good impulses cannot be counted on. Chaka, Dingaan, Moselikatze, and other of their full tyrants devastated all southern Africa until put down by the fatal rifles of the Dutch boers, to whom, with their naked bodies protected only by ox-hide shields, they could offer no effective resistance. The principal Zulu tribes are the Amazulu, Amatute, Amazwazi and Amatabele. The last, under Moselikatza, have emigrated far to the north, where they were found by Livingstone nine or ten years ago—and are variously estimated at from 500,000 to 2,000,000 or more, though they probably number at present over 1,000,000. Many efforts have been made to convert them to Christianity, and not without considerable apparent success; but, like other untamed races, they seldom stay converted.

REINFORCEMENTS TO BE SENT AT ONCE.

London, Feb. 11.—The Cabinet Council to-day decided to send six battalions of infantry, two regiments of cavalry, two batteries of artillery, a company of engineers, three companies of the army service corps and a company of the army hospital corps to reinforce Lord Chelmsford in South Africa. The reinforcements for Cape Colony ordered from England number about 7,000 men. The First Lord of the Admirality to-night stated that troops sufficent to end the struggle with the Zulus would be on their way to the Cape within a week.

THE INTERIOR OF RUSSIA.

Unhealthy State of the country—Typus, Small-pox, and Plague Claiming Their Victims.

Berlin, Feb. 10.—Advices from the interior of Russia state that general unhealthiness and predisposition to epidemic exist. The reports from the Government of Saratoff complain of the foul condition of the town of Kamishin. Typhus fever and small-pox are increasing in an alarming manner in the Government of Tyer. A hundred cases of small-pox occurred in one village, of which eighteen proved fatal. The Siberian plague appeared in another village. The cattle plague is prevalent in the vicinity of Ekater, in Aslar, and during the last few months spread to twenty-seven neighboring localities. Two thousand head were attacked, half of which perished. It is reported that the plague appeared at a village on the Kieff Railway. Great mortality is reported at Orsk from small-pox, and some unknown disease. An epidemic has appeared in two villages of the Government of Tambar. Four persons have been attacked with the plague at Rostov. A large number of Cossacks who fled from Wetlianka were found frozen to death on the banks of the Volga.

The *Globe* publishes sensational letters stating that hundreds of bodies of those who died from the plague in Astrachan in December remain unburied, and that corpses are strewn over eight versts of the Enosta Jewesker district.

The Russian army in the Balkan peninsula is suffering from spotted typus.

PARLIAMENT OPENED.

MR. BLANCHET ELECTED SPEAKER.

The House then adjourns.

(Special to the Standard per Montreal Line.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 13, 4.30 p.m.—The House met at 3 o'clock, and were ushered into Senate Chamber, when the Speaker of the Senate announced that reasons for calling Parliament together would not be made known until the Commons had decided upon a Speaker. The Commons then returned to the Chamber, when Sir John A. Macdonald moved that the Hon. Joseph Godieve Blanchet, member for Levis, will take the chair of this House as Speaker of it. He dwelt upon the various qualifications for the position possessed by the Hon. gentleman, who had had great parliamentary experience.

Mr. Tilley seconded the motion.

Mr. Mackenzie said that as in 1873 Sir John had followed the example of the English House in electing the previous Speaker, unless he had been removed from public life, he had thought the Hon. gentleman would have done so on the present occasion; but as it was, no nomination could have been more favorably received on his side of the House than the present one.

The motion was adopted and the Speaker was conducted to the Chair.

Sir John, after congratulating the Speaker, moved an adjournment. The House adjourned at 3.35 p.m.

HIDDEN TREASURE BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

Extraordinary Discovery of a Silver Mine—A Story of the Ottawa Valley.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—The Village of Carp has been thrown into a fever of excitement owing to a course of events which have led to the discovery of an extensive deposit of silver on the farm of Henry Mooney, about a mile from the village. The manner in which he first became aware of the presence of silver on his farm is somewhat singular. It seems two of his daughters last summer collected a number of specimens of beautiful white stone, with which they decorated a what-not in their parlor. No further notice was taken of them until last week when an American gentleman called, and being shown into the parlor, was surprised at seeing so many specimens of what he unhesitatingly pronounced to be composed of at least 75 per cent. of silver. On leaving soon after, he secured a lump weighing about a pound and submitted it to a practical analyst in Ottawa. The result of this test proved the ore to be scarcely equal to the expectations of those interested, but fully 45 per cent. of silver and 30 per cent of lead was taken from this small specimen. It is considered that even 20 per cent. of silver is a good paying investment. The whole neighborhood is excited and when spring opens fully two-thirds of the residents of this township will be out prospecting in hope of discovering some equally rich bonanza. Mr. Mooney has sold a half interest in his mine to Mr. R. H. Walker, of the firm of Walker & Legett, of Newark, N. J. These gentlemen are largely interested in mines in Passaic, N. J., Marquette, Mich., and Silver Islet, Thunder Bay. The remaining half was quickly bought up by leading business men, Messrs. Turner, Kidd, Regan, Due, Howard, and Evoy being the purchasers. A meeting was held yesterday for the purpose of electing officers, etc., for the management of the works, when Wm. Evoy was chosen treasurer, and Mr. L. Hart, secretary, and Mr. George Howard, manager of the works.

EXTENSIVE FIRE IN WINGHAM.

Wingham, Feb. 11.—A very serious fire occurred here last night, by which Mr. Griffin, of this place, lost his barns, out-buildings and three horses; also a number of sheep, cattle and pigs, farm implements, wagons, buggies, and a large amount of grain and produce. Mr. Griffin, while attempting to load the horses out of the burning building, was knocked down and stepped on by them, and but for his daughter, who rushed into the burning building and pulled him out, the would have perished in the flames. Cause of the fire is unknown.

STRATFORD.

A meeting will be held in Stratford shortly to consider the propriety of submitting the Scott Temperance Act in this county. It seems that a few lecturers want to get some work to do, as most of the people of the county think it would be useless to submit it just now, until it has been tried in some counties more favorable to temperance than Perth. There are the towns of Stratford, St. Mary's, Mitchell and Listowel, and the townships of Blanshard, Hibbert, Fullarton, Downie, North Easthope, South Easthope, Ellice, Logan, Elma, Mornington and Wallace. While St. Mary's Mitchell, and about four of the townships would favor the Act, Stratford, Listowel, and the remaining townships would poll a large vote against it. Better wait and let well enough alone.

NEWRY.

Mr. C. Williams intends running of the balance of his winter stock by public auction. The sale commences on the evening of the 17th inst, and will be continued through the week; R.L. Alexander auctioneer.

Notwithstanding the dull times, some of our farmers are busily engaged in preparing the necessary material for large buildings to be erected when the spring opens. Among those in the vicinity of Newry, Mr. Wm. Graham is preparing for the erection of a large barn; Mr. J. Gray, a very large stable, an Mr. J. Nixon a barn. The contract for Messrs. Graham's and Gray's buildings has been let to Mr. J. Hanna, who has already finished a number of buildings both here and in other places, and has given universal satisfaction. Mr. W. Mason has the contract of Mr. Nixon's barn; he is also one of those framer's who always satisfy their employers.—COM

MITCHELL.

There seems to be quite a number of forged and altered notes going just now, which should make farmers and others very careful and take account of every note they sign and when they become due. A lightning rod agent from Brantford was charged before his Worship the Mayor, by Robert Dowkes, of Fullarton, with changing a note of seven dollars to $47. Another farmer paid a note last week that had been altered from 1880 to 1879.

The annual meeting of the Perth county Orange Lodge was held in Mitchell on the 4th inst. There was a full attendence of delegates, which shows the order to be in a flourishing condition in this county. After the usual routine busines had been transacted, the following officers were elected and installed:—County Master, Bro. Arthur Robb; Deputy Master, G. Lowery; Chaplain, J. Powell; Treas., S. S. Coulter; Sec., Jas. Thomson; Lecturer, Wm. Dunseith; Auditors, Dunsmere and Pulman.

Parties owing me small accounts will take this as a notice to call and pay up, and save costs. J. A. HACKING.

Don't forget to call on D. D. Campbell in his new shop next door to Scott's bank, wallace street.

First-class chopping axes, only 75cts, at S. Bricker & Co's new hardware.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Drayton horticultural society has been incorporated.

300 cattle were sold at the Clifford February fair.

Several farmers from Minto intend to leave for Manitoba in the spring.

The third anniversary of Guthrie church, Harriston, netted over $100.

W H Gibbon, Deputy Sheriff for the county of Huron, died last Friday.

Mrs. J. Chalmers, of con. 6, Wallace, slipped on the snow a short time ago and fell, breaking her arm.

H. R. H. the Princess Louise has presented Mrs. McNulty, of Montreal, the mother of the triplets, with the customary £3.

H. W. Jarvis, the alleged defaulting London post office clerk, was recently committed for trial on a charge of robbing registered letters.

Rev. John Ferguson, of Brussels, who has been pastor of Melville Presbyterian Church for the past 18 years, has resigned his charge.

A colony of two hundred farmers from the Laurentian townships north of Montreal, intend starting for Manitoba in March.

Geo Balt, of Ellice, was fined by the Stratford police magistrate $10 and costs for killing a deer out of season. All the fine went to the informer.

Mayor Beaudry and Ald. Rivard will be the only candidates for mayor of Montreal for the ensuing year. The nomination takes place on the 15th inst. and the election a fortnight later.

Superintendnet W. J. Spicer, of the Grand Trunk, it is said, will become general superintendent of Government Railways of Canada in the place of C. J. Brydges, resigned.

The people of St. Mary's complain that they do not receive proper measurement of wood at the hands of the clerk. They charge him with being in league with the sellers to defraud buyers.

Guelph *Herald*: The people of North Perth are about to organize a search party to look for D. D. Hay. When last seen he was on the way to Toronto. He has not been "heard from" since.

An excursion party will leave Stratford, Tavistock, Woodstock, Burgessville, Norwich and all stations on the P. D. & L. H. R. R., about the end of March for Manitoba by all rail.

The alarm about the spread of small-pox at Whitby has subsided. It is supposed the disease was brought to the town by a tramp who was sheltered in the lock-up.

DEFAULTING TREASURER.—The Grand High Treasurer of the Independent Order of Foresters (Henry Griffin) has been committed for trial on the charge of embezzling the funds to the extent of from $18,000 to $20,000. He denies the charge, but wishes to settle up by paying up.

The St. Catharines Police Commissioners have decided to reduce the salary of the chief of police to $1,000, he to furnish his own uniform clothing. The pay of first-class constables is also to be reduced from $1.50 to $1.35 per day.

SENTENCED.—Bordeaux, Feb. 10.—Delbecque, Director of the Mint, was sentenced here to-day to six years imprisonment, and 125,000 francs fine, for embezzling 1,460,000 francs (bullion,) lodged in the mint by Rothschild. Delbecque substituted galvanized copper bars for bullion, which he embezzled.

The Salaries Committee of the London Council propose the following reduction in the salaries of civic officials:—Street commissioner, from $700 to $450; relief officer from, $500 to $400; weight clerk, from $800 to $700; assessors, each from $500 to $400—therefore saving $650 a year.

Thomas Haskett, of Thedford, was married about a year ago. About a month ago death claimed him for its own. His life was insured, and when the insurance officers came to pay the insurance to his wife they found she was dead also. Only a few days intervened between their deaths. Consumption is said to have been the cause.

Moses Stewart owed James Dick, a Walkerton hotel keeper, three dollars. The other day Stewart tendered Dick a five dollar bill in payment of a treat, and the hotel keeper only gave him two dollars in change, keeping the balance. Stewart protested, and finally had Dick arrested for robbery, and he has been committed for trial.

AN EDITOR ASSAULTED.—Patrick Moore, one of the Brussels councillors, was fined over $20, including costs, on Saturday last, for an assault upon the editor of the *Post*. It appears the publishers of the *Post* inserted an article, indicating that Moore obtained his election by undue influence, and for this Moore pitched upon him while he was in a feeble condition, after an illness of several days.

DEATH OF A BISHOP.—Bishop Bethune, of Toronto, died in that city on Monday morning, 3rd instant. He succeeded Bishop Strachan in 1867, and was 79 years of age at the time of his death. He had been suffering for some time from erysipelas, which eventually carried him off. The deceased gentlemen was born in Montreal on the 23rd of August, 1799.

ONTARIO POULTRY SHOW.—The next Show of the Ontario Poultry Association will be held in Guelph, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, February 26th to 29th inclusive. The sum of $1,500 is offered in prizes. The prize list, rules and regulations have been issued, and are being distributed by the secretary, Mr. George Murton, Guelph. This show is expected to be the largest and finest ever held in Canada.

The following new post-offices have been opened in the Province of Ontario: Camborne, in Hamilton township, West Northumberland, Russell Witherington, post-master; Marvelville, Russell, Russell, Samuel O. Cheney; Uplands, Machar, Muskoka, Robt. Patton. Port Vernon, Muskoka, has been changed to Hoodstown. These have been closed: Deroche, Addington county; Hillsdale, Muskoka; Notfield, Glengarry.

PROPOSED SALT WORKS IN BLYTH.—A meeting of the ratepayers of Blyth was held in the Temperance Hall in that village lately to take into consideration the advisability of granting a bonus to Messrs. Grey, Young & Sparling, of Seaforth, to establish salt works there. Mr. Grey was present and addressed the meeting, after which a resolution was passed unanimously, requesting the Council to pass a by law for the purpose.

The Guelph Public Schools cost $12,028.75 to maintain and run them for last year. The total cost of the schools in the county was $114,479.25. It was distributed among 4 high and 193 public schools. It assisted in the education of 330 high school, and 23,336 public school pupils. It was an average amount of $580 to each school in the county. It was an average to each school in the county of a little over $4.83.

DEATH OF GENERAL TOM THUMB.—The Liverpool *Post* states that general Tom Thumb died recently at his native place, Bergum, in the Province of West Friesland, in Holland, whither he had only recently retired, after realizing a handsome fortune from exhibiting himself in the chief countries of Europe and America. The cause of his death was dropsy. The real name of the general was Haneman.

CHEAP READING.—For $2.25, paid in advance, we will send the Listowel STANDARD and Montreal *Family Herald and Weekly Star* to any address in Canada for one year, postage free. These terms must commend themselves to everbody. The *Family Herald* is one of the largest and best literary and general newspapers published in the Dominion, and in connection with the STANDARD, a greater amount of excellent reading matter will be furnished than can be obtained for the same price in any other way. Subscriptions must be sent to this office in order to procure both papers at these terms.

Port Dover has had a sensation in the shape of a runaway marriage between a young couple not out of their teens, by the name of Jean Ryerse, a farmer lad, and Jessie Bailey. The two had been keeping company for some little time, but fearing that they would not be able to get the consent of her parents, on account of their youth and short acquaintance, they ran away and were married without their parents' knowledge.

Dr. McEachran, veterinary surgeon, in the employ of the Government, has returned, and says that pleuro-pneumonia is rampant in the Eastern and Middle States. He found it in Orange county and many other counties in New York State, through the whole of Long Island and New Jersey. He visited Sarnia, London, Woodstock, Hamilton, Toronto, Ottawa and Kingston, and found no trace of the disease in Canada.

Toronto *Mail*: The reduction of the indemnity was evidently determined on in a hurry. On p. 7, estimates for 1879, will be found the amount asked for Legislation. The top line gives the amount as $111,250, *i. e.*, with the indemnity at $600, but the bottom line as $131,350, *i. e.*, with the indemnity at $800. It is safe to say that Mr. Mowat's indemnity reduction "policy" was incubated while his estimates were going through the press. He was alarmed, no doubt, by the tone of the debate on Mr. Parkhill's amendment.

SIR JOHN MACDONALD.—The Londonderry *Sentinel* says: When the newly-elected Premier of Canada presented himself before the Marquis and Marchioness of Lorne at Halifax, so marvellous is his likeness to our own Prime Minister, that they were seen to start, speak eagerly to each other and smile, evidently at the extraordinary resemblance. A special correspondent from London in Canada declares that were Sir John Macdonald to ride down Parliament street he would be pointed out as Lord Beaconsfield by those who are familiar with the appearance of the latter.

MAKING MAPLE SUGAR.—In making maple sugar, the season of which is at hand, it is of the first importance in the management of a sugar bush to preserve the trees from needless injury. Hence the old plan of hacking with an axe must be avoided. Use a-half or three-quarter inch auger. There is no need of any further incision for the spile or spout. A pipe fitted in the auger hole is all sufficient. Sap is best boiled down in large, flat, shallow pans, arranged in such a manner that the sap flows gradually from point to point, and is boiled to the sugaring off stage by the time it reaches the end of the course of pans.

Russia is being gradually surrounded by a cordon of sanitary precautions which will isolate her from the rest of the world. The peoples of Western Europe will be unwilling to run the risk of contagion from the plague in handling and eating the articles of consumption which have hitherto been freely exported by Russia. A stimulated demand for Canadian wheat, tallow, hides and lumber may, therefore, be expected, and Canada will thus be benefitted by the Russian epidemic. Iron is probably the only article received here from Russia, and, as no vessels arrive at our eastern ports from that country, the danger of cantagion is remote.

Mr. Alexander Macdonald, Collector of Taxes, of Caledon township, county of Peel, disappeared on the 1st of February, after collecting $500. Mr. Alexander McLaren, of the same place, communicated with Mr. Thomas Young, of the Ontario police, Clifton, and he with the assistance of Mr. Andrew Grey, of G. W. R., discovered the absent man at Stoll's Hotel, American side. After a little persuasion, Macdonald was induced to come over to the Canada side and give up all the moneys, less $300. His two sureties, Messrs. J. Hunter, and A. McLaren, P. M. at Caledon, subsequently conferred with him and compromised the matter, Macdonald returning to his family and promising to pay all his indebtedness as far as he is able.

SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS.—The following circular has been issued from the education department, Toronto: The Honorable the Minister of Education desires it to be understood that the regulations as published in the compendium are to be strictly followed, so far as the authorization and use of the next text books are concerned; but teachers and trustees have full discretion with reference to continuing the use of text books formerly authorized. The general regulations on text books (No. 5) provides that trustees shall not substitute for any of the old text books any newly authorized text book unless, and until, he has received the sanction of the trustees and of the Public School Inspector.

BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP.—New York, Feb. 8.—The greatest game of billiards ever played in America was that on Friday night between Slosson and Schaefer for first and second prizes. The first break of any consequence was in the fourth inning, when Slosson ran 71. The fifth innings ended with Slosson 95 and Schaefer 19. Slosson then followed with the unparalleled run of 464, the score thus standing, Slosson, 559; Schaefer 19. Schaefer, with remakable coolness, made 283, raising his score to 302. Slosson only made twelve on his next break, when Schaefer again seized the cue and made 298, thus winning the championship. The average of the winner was 85, and the second 81. They are the highest on record.

GLASS, GLASS.—I have just received spring stock of window glass, all sizes, which will be offered at very low prices. Call and see. J. A. HACKING.—21

AGENCY.—Mr. John Page has been appointed as agent for the Galt Nursery for Listowel and vicinity, and all orders sent in, and all moneys paid to him for trees, shrubs, &c., will be acknowledged by us. D. CALDWELL & SON, Galt. 29c

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February 13, 1879.

Wheat, fall, per bush.	$0 83	to 0 87
Spring Wheat, "	0 76	0 75
Barley, "	0 55	0 40
Peas, "	0 50	0 55
Oats, "	0 25	0 00
Flour, per cwt.,	2 00	2 25
Oatmeal, "	2 25	2 50
Cornmeal, "	1 75	2 00
Butter, per lb.,	0 07	0 12
Eggs, per dozen,	0 00	0 15
Pork, per cwt.,	4 50	4 70
Beef, per cwt.,	4 00	5 00
Geese,	0 25	0 35
Ducks, per pair,	0 25	0 40
Chickens, per pair,	0 20	0 30
Turkeys, each,	0 40	1 00
Potatoes, per bag,	0 45	0 55
Apples, per bag,	0 70	0 80
Hay, per ton,	7 50	8 00
Wood, per cord, long,	1 50	1 75
Wood, " short,	0 75	1 00
Hides, per cwt.,	5 50	0 00
Sheepskins, each,	0 40	0 80
Wool, per lb,	0 00	0 00

STRATFORD MARKETS.

February 12, 1829.

Wheat, fall, per bush.,	0 83	to 0 86
Wheat, spring, "	0 76	0 80
Barley, "	0 45	0 55
Peas, "	0 55	0 60
Oats, "	0 29	0 30
Flour, per bri	4 40	4 50
Potatoes, per bag,	0 75	0 80
Butter, per lb.,	0 13	0 14
Eggs, per dozen,	0 14	0 16
Hides, per cwt.,	4 06	0 07
Hogs,	4 50	4 60
Hay, per ton,	6 00	7 50
Wool,	0 00	0 00

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PRICES AT FARMERS' WAGONS.

February 13, 1879.

Wheat, fall, per bush.,	$0 80	to 0 90
Wheat, spring, "	0 75	0 83
Barley, "	0 40	0 80
Oats, "	0 28	0 31
Peas, "	0 55	0 60
Rye, "	0 50	0 50
Dressed hogs, per 100 lbs.,	5 50	6 00
Beef, hind qrs, "	4 00	6 00
Mutton, by carcase "	5 00	5 50
Butter, lb. rolls,	0 18	0 20
Butter, large rolls,	0 00	0 00
Butter, tub, dairy,	0 13	0 15
Eggs, fresh, per dozen,	0 25	0 30
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