TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.
(SOUTHERN EXTENSION OF W. G. & B. RY.)

Trains leave Listowel Station daily as under:

For Kincardine and intermediate points—Mixed, at 8.55 a.m.; Mail at 2.51 p.m.; Accom. at 8.20 p.m.

For Palmerston—Mail at 7.04 a. m.; Accom. at 1.58 p.m.; Mixed, 9.30 p.m.

STRATFORD & HURON RAILWAY.

Trains depart from Listowel Station for Stratford and the South daily as follows:

No. 1 Express, 5.50 a.m.; No. 5 Accom. 1.17 p.m.

Trains arrive from Stratford as follows:

No.4 Accom., 11.37 a.m.; No.8 Express, 9.20 p.m.

Listowel Standard.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1878.

HON. EDWARD BLAKE has tendered his resignation of the Presidency of the Council, and at a late meeting of the Privy Council it was accepted. For some time past this has been expected, notwithstanding the chief Govt. organ's attempt to keep the matter in obscurity until after the Halifax elections. It is generally known that Mr. Blake's health has not been good lately, and that he had previously announced his intention of lightening his labors in connection with the Ministry. That such a course was deemed necessary for this reason we very much regret, for Mr. Blake's talents, apart from party bias—are conceded to have been very serviceable to the country. During his career he has frequently manifested the qualification of a Statesman and spoken out with a freedom independent of the prejudices so easily discernible in the Reform ranks generally. That his convictions have always been much more liberal than his late position in the Cabinet allowed him the free exercise of, is a conclusion very apparent; but that he should have placed himself in such a position, where compulsion required that he should humbly bend the knee to inferior intellects and assume a share of responsibility for the actions of Government tricksters and corruptionists is far from being in harmony with pre-conceived notions of him as a Statesman. That such a course has aggravated mental as well as bodily infirmity, his late Teeswater "apology" is sad proof, and that he should have countenanced the election of a disloyal Minister, by withholding his resignation until after the event, is evidence both of weakness in himself and on the part of the Government who have to resort to such "artful dodges" in order to postpone an inevitable collapse. It is said that Mr. Blake contemplates retiring from parliamentary life altogether at no distant day. The names of James Young, M.P., Hon. Geo. Brown and two or three others are associated with the appointment to the vacancy.

"SOME men are born for great things, and some are born for small," says the philosophic author of "Farm Ballads." Dr. Strousberg, late of Russia, surely has strong claims to be considered a great man. It is but a short time since he was officially invited by the Czar to quit the territory of the Bear for being connected with the greatest railway collapse of the age. His name is again figuring in Europe as the projector of a great undertaking. His new proposition is to make Berlin a seaport, by the building of two deep sea canals, one connecting with the mouth of the Elbe, and the other with the mouth of the Oder. Eight million sterling is the estimated cost, and profits enough to pay 10 per cent. on this are promised. If the plan could be realised, Berlin would be raised, so says the Prussian correspondent of the *Times*, to the position of a dominant commercial, manufacturing, and military centre on the continent. Whether Bismarck lends his countenance or refuses it to the enterprise, the indications that some important movement towards making Germany a great maritime power is in contemplation, are many and significant. It may be by the seizure of Holland; but in some way or other the attempt will be made.

THE STANDARD returns thanks for the multitude of warm greetings which its advent met with. Such a free expression of commendatory remarks was altogether unlooked for, and its gratitude has to be acknowledged between its blushes. The edition printed—which was a large one—proved entirely inadequate to the demand, and it was most reluctantly compelled to allow many eager enquirers to be deprived of a copy. However, unless the demand becomes unprecedentedly great, in future it trusts to be able to satisfy all who are desirous of obtaining it. The host of voluntary subscribers that has been added to the STANDARD list during the first week of its existence is the happiest evidence desirable that its career has been most auspiciously commenced, and we have every reason to believe that its continued success is already beyond a peradventure. To those who have not as yet sent in their names we would say, "Come on, Macduff!" and don't wait for further solicitation.

"THE LANCE" is the title of a new addition to the cartoon periodicals of the day. It is published in Toronto, has a slight resemblance to "Grip," but it by no means purposes holding to the faith of that journal. On the contrary, it indicates its intention of "looking at public questions in an independent light of conservatism and progress;" it is therefore likely to break many a *lance* with the "pairty" and its upholders. "Mackenzie's Dream" furnishes a fit subject for cartoon No. 1, and it requires no great amount of imaginative capacity to understand why the "gouls" hovering around him should cause many an hour of troubled sleep.

THE revision of the Bible now being carried on in England, recalls the fact that Alcuin, an early British monk, occupied himself twenty-two years in translating the Scriptures for the Emperor Charlemagne. A copy of this interesting relic is now in the British museum, and is valued at $750. It was probably the Latin Bible of Jerome which Alcuin thus rendered into the vernacular tongue; but it is certain that the first Christians in Britain had the scriptures in their mother tongue.

SENATOR MACPHERSON has issued a second pamphlet, in which he refutes in terse style the calumnious statements made at the summer pic-nics held over the country by Ministerial guns. This new pamphlet is likely to become as justly celebrated as its predecessor. Arguments, strong and conclusive, are produced inculpating the present administration.

A portion of the Eastern States was visited on the last day of January by a storm, said in some parts to have been the most severe for ten years. Great damage was done to shipping and other property. Snow fell at Boston and elsewhere in immense quantities. A train at Revere was thrown off the track while endeavoring to plow through the drifts. Railway traffic was suspended for a time on several lines.

OUR idea of a crow has always been associated with a large bird clothed in the garb of mourning; but a new species of the *Corvidæ* has been discovered in Asia at the head of the Persian Gulf, whose plumage is white. It is called the Chaplain Crow because the feathers on the neck and breast resemble a surplice. This fact will be interesting to Ornathologists.

AT a meeting of the Privy Council at Ottawa the other day, it was decided to again nominate Mr. Timothy Warren Anglin—famous for his all-to-intimate acquaintance with the Printing department of the House of Commons—as speaker during the session approaching.

THE first day's voting on the by-law to repeal the Dunkin Act in Lennox and Addington give a majority for the repeal of four hundred and sixteen votes.

CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Conservative Association of North Perth was held at Milverton on the 2nd inst. John Reed, Esq., of Stratford, President, occupied the chair. H. J. Butler Esq., of the *Times*, discharged his duties as secretary of the association. The various municipalites of the Riding were well represented. The secretary having read the minutes of the last meeting, some discussion followed as to rumors of irregularities at the late Convention. It was shewn, however, to the general satisfaction of the meeting, that the procedure of the convention was in strict accordance with the By-laws of the Association, and that the selection of the candidates was fair and honorable. The feeling of the meeting was in favor of abiding by the decision. Some amendments were made in the rules governing the Association. It was decided that the word "ballot" be dropped from clause 7, and the word "vote" substituted in its stead. A strong disposition was manifested to have all elections conducted by open vote instead of by secret ballot, which was pronounced an innovation of retrograde reform. It was decided that the next annual meeting of the Association should be held at Listowel. It was also proposed that Sir John A. Macdonald should be invited to visit the county and deliver an address on the present political situation, as soon as he could conveniently do so. The general business of the meeting being concluded, the president thanked the members for the honor which they had conferred on him in electing him president of the Association, and stated his desire to withdraw from the presidency. The delegates, however, unanimously re-elected him president of the Association for the current year. Geo. Draper, Esq., of Listowel, was elected vice-president; and H. T. Butler, Esq., was re-elected secretary. The gentlemen composing the executive committee of the past year were also re-elected.

MOLESWORTH.

For the STANDARD.

The want of a Liberal Conservative journal in the Conservative town of Listowel and surrounding country has long been felt by the great party of union and progress, and by all who desire to see this young and progressive Dominion placed under good, efficient, capable and economical government. This great desideratum is now supplied by the advent of the Listowel STANDARD. And we, the Conservative party in this suburban retreat, hail with pleasure the inception of the STANDARD, this youngest aspirant for public favor; and while we expect and hope that the STANDARD will be a true exponent of Liberal Conservative views and sentiments, it is not desirable that it should be ultra on the one hand, or unstable and compromising on the other. There is also a stern necessity for the publishers of a respectable journal to be particularly guarded against the admission of correspondence of a scurrilous, slanderous or personal nature into its columns. Nothing so much injures the standing, influence or usefulness of a newspaper as this, more especially a young periodical; and it is to be hoped that the STANDARD will avoid the quagmire that your local contemporary has so often fallen into. I make these observations and give these cautions from knowing the fact that some of our own party not many miles from 'our ain clachan' are expecting to have full swing in the STANDARD to bespatter and aspersе the characters of their political opponents and personal enemies.

It is presumable that the publishers of the STANDARD are aware of the fact that Molesworth is a somewhat ancient burgh, and although a somewhat diminutive member of the great sisterhood of Canadian towns and villages, it is by several years the senior of your ambitious, progressive forest town of Listowel, and it has a history peculiarly its own, and which I may on a future occasion refer to more at length; but before closing I may be permitted to mention something anent the great matter of interest here at present—the rapid and efficient progress of the gravel road, under the able and efficient management of our friend Geordie Brown. I beg his pardon for using such a familiar and undignified cognomen, and my only excuse for so doing is, that he is better known by that appellation than by either George Brown or Mr. Brown. But to return to the gravel road: the work was commenced on the 18th of Dec. last, with a gang of seven navvies, and although there has only been twenty-seven days work performed, there is more than one and a quarter miles of road completed and finished in such a manner that the most captious or fault-finding can with truthfulness urge no objections to it; and even his bitterest enemies are forced to admit that Geordie is making a grand road, and the municipal Council of Listowel are to be congratulated for putting the right man in the right place. The whole Molesworth section of road, being about two and a half or three miles, will probably be finished about the end of February. The farmers who subscribed to do the gravel hauling are energetically doing their part of the contract in a praiseworthy manner, and to all appearance, the Molesworth and Listowel gravel road will soon be an accomplished fact. Wishing the STANDARD as much success as its most sanguine promoters anticipate, and hoping that the Editor "may aye ha'e hale breeks an' a bannock." I remain, &c.,

MOLESWORTH.

[The above was unavoidably laid over from last issue.

SECOND LETTER.

Last Friday evening your broad sheet made its debut in our clachan. Every body is pleased with the first number. Even the "blawsted" grits have nothing to say against it, but much to approbate. In short, it is a large paper, well got up; the typographical work is excellent; the selections are unexceptionable; the news and local departments are varied and readable. "Our position" is well written, moderate—very moderate indeed; perhaps too much so to suit the taste of many thorough-paced tories, who have heretofore regaled their literary palates with more highly seasoned pabulum; but tonics are not necessary to a person in perfect health, and if error it is, it is better to err on the safe side; and it is presumable that before the next election campaign is over the STANDARD may in the heat of party warfare occasionally assume a more bellicose attitude. Be this as it may, time will tell. It is to be hoped that such an excellent newspaper may receive a very wide circulation in the North Riding. To many homes where a vitiated literature, and objectionable political prints are greedily devoured, the weekly visits of the STANDARD should prove an antidote and a blessing.

Gravel roads are the all-absorbing topic of interest and discussion here at present. The farmers are making gravel roads, talking gravel roads, and dreaming gravel roads, and the gravel road question is in order, morning, noon, and night, and at every odd moment when a word can be edged in sideways. All this denotes a people of enterprise and wide awake to their own interests. Before your next issue, there will be—unless some unforeseen casualty occurs—a continuous gravel road from the town line of Howick eastward through Molesworth of two and a half miles length. A few days ago two of your Listowel magnates put in an appearance at the gravel pit, just about sundown, and after duly examining the road, pronounced it a first-rate job.

The young people here, like young people everywhere in this civilized country, are fond of amusement, and amusement they must have and do have. As there are neither theatres, skating rinks, shows, lectures, or other sources of amusement that obtain in towns and cities, something else must be improvised in order to satisfy this univeral craving in the youthful constitution. Surprise parties, concerts, singing schools, and dances, are of frequent occurrence, at all of which the stalwart youths and bonnie lassies of Molesworth and vicinity seem to enjoy themselves hugely, and it is pleasant to observe their innocent enjoyments.

The population is not homogeneous here, for there is a mixture of various nationalities. There is the burly and obstinate John Bull; the impulsive and generous Paddy; the cautious, shrewd, and money-saving Saunders, and the proud hospitable "her nainsell" Donald; the chattering and frog-eating Frenchman; the stolid and sour-kraut loving Teuton, and the pious Welshman. The religions professed are as varied and opposite as the nationalities. There are Romanists, Episcopalians, Methodists of three kinds, Presbyterians, Universalists, Wise Virgins, and some that are neither of these. There was once a Congregational church here, but we believe that that body is now without a representative.

GRAVEL PIT.

MITCHELL.

The *Advocate* says the interest taken in the Halifax election by local politicians of the town was as great as if the contest had been within the county. The political atmosphere of that quarter is never allowed to become very cool at any rate.

A deficit of over $200 occurs on the balance sheet of the Grangers' books whose headquarters are at Mitchell, and the mystery is no one appears to know where the money has gone to.

Mr. Thos. Elliott, sr., met with a painful accident while in Mitchell the other day. He had placed a barrel of salt in his wagon, and seated himself upon it, when the horses moved, causing the barrel to roll, and precipitating him over the back of the wagon upon the road. A fracture of the collar bone was the result.

Mitchell youths indulge their penchant for Sunday sport by smashing the windows of unoccupied buildings. Some sixteen lights were recently demolished at one factory alone. An arrest and a reprimand were tried as a check to this species of vandalism.

According to the *Advocate*, the temperance cause must be a step in advance. One prominent citizen is said to have admitted "sucking through a straw many a good draught from a 'vinegar barrel.'"

A handsome donation, in the shape of a plot of ground, fitted up for a town park, is shortly to be made the corporation by a philanthropic townsman.

Mitchell boasts of having three residents whose combined weight touch the beam at 880 pounds.

Rev. Mr. Faynter of Chicago, formerly associate of Moody and Sankey, has been holding stirring revival meetings during the past week. Prayer meetings have been held three times a day, and the gatherings are said to be excessively large. The local clergy have participated in this evangelistic movement.

MILVERTON.

For the STANDARD.

This little place is as lively as ever. The Stratford & Huron Railway do as large a freight business at this point as at any other on this side of Stratford. Mr. Kertcher, who is the Reeve of the Township of Mornington, resides here, and is acknowledged to be the father of the village. He is engaged in the flouring as well as the grocery business.

This point appears to have become the head centre of the Conservative Association of North Perth; no less than four meetings of the Association having been held here within the last year.

In Orange matters it is not behind. The County Orange Lodge of North Perth held its annual meeting here on Tuesday. A large number were present to take part in the proceedings. Every lodge from Palmerston to Poole was well represented by the officers and members. After the usual business had been disposed of the following officers for the ensuing year were appointed: Worshipful County Master, Bro. R. L. Alexander, Newry; Deputy County Master, William Thompson, Palmerston; Secretary, Bro. James Magwood; Treasurer, Bro. R. Woods; Chaplain, Rev. Bro. H. Cooper; director of ceremonies, Bro. Thos Magwood. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Palmerston at 12 o'clock, noon.

GOWANSTOWN.

For the STANDARD.

This village, on the 4th con., Wallace, in the hotel line has undergone considerable change lately. Mr. Henry, of Elma Centre Hotel, is now landlord of the Queen's here; Mr. Hunt is occupant of the Dominion hotel, lately occupied by W. McMillan, who has retired to Listowel, expecting of course to do better. The post office is still under the control of Mrs. Blackstock. The Wesleyan church in this place for the last year has been closed. This should be accounted for, and will be the cause of a further communication to your paper.

The pupils of school section No. 7, Wallace, presented their teacher, Mr. R. G. Roberts, on his retiring from this section, with a very beautiful album and volume of literature. The presentation was made by his pupils, Thomas Greer and William Hemsworth, on behalf of the pupils assembled, numbering over 70. Mr. Roberts has taught this school for the past eight or nine years, and leaves to take charge of the Shipley school. Respecting the above named section, so far only four teachers have taught here nearly twenty years. Can any section in the county say as much?

FATAL ACCIDENT IN STRATFORD.

SCALDED TO DEATH IN A TANNER'S TUB.

On Monday evening last, at about a quarter to six o'clock, a young lad named George Cluthie, about nine years of age, son of Mr. Hercules Cluthie, carpenter, met with his death under most painful circumstances at Collin's tannery, St. Mary's road—better known as the old pork-packing establishment. It appears that the leech-tubs were in full blast, containing the hot liquid extract of bark, with which tanners carry on their operations. The unfortunate lad, accompanied by another boy named McMullen, entered the building through a door which opens upon the floor containing the leeches, and without seeing where he was going in the dim and steam-laden atmosphere, walked plump into one of the leeches. His screams attracted the attention of the men engaged in the basement, and they rushed to his rescue. They found young McMullen terror-stricken in the door-way, and lifting little George from the scalding liquid with all possible expedition bore him to his home, where his mother—his father being from home—was informed of the terrible mishap which had befallen her boy. The poor little fellow was scalded in a manner which we forbear to detail, and although Dr. Roe did everything in his power to relieve him, there was no hope of his recovery, and in the course of half an hour death put an end to his sufferings, which may be more easily imagined than described. The tragic event has caused a profound sensation in the neighborhood, and much sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents.—*Herald.*

PEACE OR WAR.

AN ARMISTICE SIGNED.

The Conditions of Peace—A Conference of the Powers to be held—Surrender of Erzeroum—Russia viewed with distrust—The Situation still Critical—England's attitude—Is it Peace?

London, Feb. 3.—A despatch says the Czar telegraphed to the Sultan promising to grant an armistice. Server Pasha one of the plenipotentiaries, telegraphed yesterday that the Grand Duke Nicholas was ready to sign a protocol of peace preliminaries under reserve of ulterior negotiations. The Grand Vizier has authorized the plenipotentaries to sign an armistice and peace preliminaries. All military movements and emigration of Mussulmans have stopped.

A St. Petersburg telegram says Russia has accepted Austria's proposal of a conference for the settlement of European questions. It will probably be held in one of the smaller States. [illegible] of the Russian peace conditions [illegible] signed.

A Constantinople dispatch says the following is the text of the Czar's telegram to the Sultan:—"I desire peace as much as you, but it is necessary for me, necessary for us, that it should be a solid and durable peace."

THE CONDITIONS OF PEACE.

The following are the conditions of the protocol:—

"First—Erection of Bulgaria into a principality.

"Second—A war indemnity, or territory in compensation.

"Third—The independence of Roumania, Servia, and Montenegro, with an increase of territory for each.

"Fourth—Reforms in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

"Fifth—An ulterior understanding between the Sultan and the Czar regarding the Dardanelles.

"Sixth—Evacuation of the Danubian fortresses and Erzeroum."

A Bucharest correspondent telegraphs that in consequence of the armistice the garrison at Widdin will be ordered from Constantinople to surrender their arms, after which they will be quartered in the neighboring villages.

THANKSGIVING AT ST. PETERSBURG.

A St. Petersburg despatch says thanksgiving services are being held in churches; salvoes of artillery fired in consequence of the signing of an armistice. Flags are all over the city, and preparations are being made for a brilliant illumination to-night.

TUESDAY'S DESPATCHES—NOT ALL SETTLED YET.

A despatch from the Austrian capital states formal invitations have been sent to the signatory Powers to send representatives to a Conference there, while a telegram from Berlin intimates that Brussels will probably be the place for meeting. At all the European capitals the situation is still considered critical and, while St. Petersburg is eyed with a good deal of distrust, the Czar appears to regard Austria as even a more serious obstacle to the accomplishment of his designs than England. Faith in the Triple Alliance at St. Petersburg is greatly shaken, serious doubts being entertained, not only as regards Austria, but as regards Germany. The concentration of Russian troops in Roumania, a speech by the Czar to his soldiers, in which he declared although satisfactory conditions had been secured as the basis of an armistice, yet the end was far from near, and they must continue to hold themselves in readiness, and the calling out of forty new battalions have given cause for alarm and seriously checked public confidence in hope of an early re-establishment of peace. The armistice is believed to be for an indefinite time, until peace can be concluded. Erzeroum has surrendered, it is thought in accordance with one of the conditions. The Servian commanders, in accordance with request from the Grand Duke Nicholas have suspended hostilities, but the Montenegrins are not so anxious to cease operations, as at the time the armistice was concluded they were just meditating an attack upon Scutari. Roumania is expected to categorically refuse Russia's proposal for the cession of Bessarabia.

WHAT ENGLAND THINKS ABOUT IT.

In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Gladstone resumed the debate on the supplementary vote, making an apparently moderate speech. He conceded the necessity of the House expressing confidence in the Government in some shape in order to strengthen their hands at the coming Conference, and suggested instead of the vote an address to the Crown from both branches of Parliament assuring Her Majesty of support. He was opposed to the retrocession of Bessarabia to Russia, and would support the Government in obtaining reasonably liberal terms for Turkey and in securing the free navigation of the Danube. Mr. Gathorene Hardy, secretary of war, who followed Mr. Gladstone, pointed out that if the negotiations failed, the Russian armies had reached a point which would endanger the peace of Europe. He declared the bases of peace were vague, and although the Government had been told the condition relative to the Straits had been withdrawn, it still remained. Refusing the sum asked for now, might, the hon gentleman declared, result in expenditure of a hundred times that amount, and the Government, after the manner in which they had been misrepresented, were not going to accept an empty vote of confidence.

The Very Latest.

RUSSIANS EXPECTED TO ENTER CONSTANTINOPLE.

English Cabinet Hastily Summoned.

THE POPE DEAD.

(Special to the STANDARD per Montreal Line.)

The following despatches have been received by us just previous to going to press:

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The English Government is without official information of the actual entery of Russians into Constantinople; but the impression is general that the Czar's troops will continue advancing, notwithstanding the armistice which has been signed.

The Cabinet Council has been hastily summoned at an early hour to-day.

ROME, Feb. 7.—Pope Pious IX. died at 3 o'clock to-day.

GREECE AT WAR WITH TURKEY.

Athens, Feb. 4.—10,000 Greek regulars, and many thousand volunteers, are crossing the frontier from Lamia in three divisions. The commanders have orders not to attack the Turkish troops, the object of entering Turkey being to prevent massacres of christians consequent on insurrection.

A later telegram says: The Greeks who entered Thessaly on the 3d advanced to Domoco, upon which pace the few Turks in their path retreated and which the invaders subsequently carried at the point of the bayonet. Five Turkish men-of-war passed the Dardanelles on Sunday on their way to the Greek coast, and Baker Pasha is expected to leave Constantinople for Thessaly immediately. All the Beys of Epirus have submitted to the Greeks.

TERRIBLE MARINE DISASTER.

The Steamer Metropolis Wrecked on the North Carolina Coast—One hundred Lives Lost—Two miles of Beach strewn with Dead Bodies—Overloaded and Unseaworthy—No assistance rendered—Sickening details.

The following despatches furnish a graphic description of the wreck of the steamship Metropolis on the North Carolina coast a few days since, and the appalling loss of life thereby.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 31.—At 6.30 this afternoon the steamship Metropolis from Philadelphia for Bara, Brazil, went ashore on Currituck beach, three miles south of the lighthouse, during a furious southeast gale. She had on board over 200 laborers and 500 tons of railroad iron for the Madeira and Mamore railroad in Brazil. The bulk of the railroad laborers on board the Metropolis are said to be residents of New York or of Philadelphia. They are mostly Americans, of German and Irish descent.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—The signal service station, at the wreck of the Metropolis, reports that the total number of passengers was 260, and about 160 were drowned, 100 being saved. The steamer is a total wreck. Nothing is left above water. No bodies are aboard. The wreck was caused by the vessel being unseaworthy. She sprang a leak about midnight and stranded at 7 a.m. on Jan. 31st. The only way of saving life was by running ashore when the vessel was sinking. A later report says the state of affairs this morning was terrible, dead bodies were lying along the beach for two miles. They are all being placed in proper places, back from the beach, and the living are being cared for. About one-third of those found are dead. The two saloon women are known to be dead with their husbands. Eight out of fourteen foremen are known to be dead.

Reports from the Signal Service station at the wreck of the Metropolis show 158 names of those saved have already been received; possibly the number may be increased by others not yet reported. The wreck station reports at 6 p.m. no one remains at the wreck. The nearest survivors are at a house three miles distant from the scene.

Philadelphia, Feb. 1.—The news of the wreck of the Metropolis created the most intense excitement here. The office of the contractors, Collins Bros., has been besieged by the relatives of those on board since early morning. The scenes are agonizing in extreme. Special policemen are on duty to keep the crowd under control. It is now believed that the Metropolis was unseaworthy and overloaded.

Norfolk, Va. Feb. 3.—There was a large South American mail on the Metropolis, and registered letters containing a hundred and fifty thousand dollars. It is asserted that the mail bags were cut open and rifled of their contents, and the letters strewed along the beach. A party of negroes went to the beach during the night and carried off everything of value. The dead were robbed, their pockets rifled and cut out, and the men even stripped of their clothing.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The keepers of Life-saving Stations 4 and 5, coast of North Carolina, report they did all they possibly could under the circumstances to aid the Metropolis. The vessel was four and a half miles from the station. The General Superintendent of the saving sevice in his annual report said the stations on the North Carolina coast were too far apart, and recommended them to be doubled. The recommendation was embodied in a bill by Representative Cox, of New York. The Metropolis disaster will be investigated.

GENERAL NEWS.

A bill was introduced into the Quebec Legislature recently to render one-half of laborers' wages exempt from seizure.

The County Council of Grey have refused the petition praying for the submission of a by-law repealing the Dunkin Act.

The County Council of Middlesex have resolved to petition the Dominion Parliament for a tariff placing Canadian and American farmers on an equal footing.

A Canadian missionary was recently attacked by a mob in Tam sui, Formosa, and threatened with death if he remained. He refused to leave, and the result is not known. The officials declared they could not protect him.

Mr. Richard McMillan, of Galt, sent 58 coops of fowl, 126 birds altogether, to the Chicago poultry exhibition recently, and took the prize of $100 for the best collection of pure-breds, and several other prizes besides.

The weight of four of the solid men of Lambton county is given as follows:—James Anderson, Moore, 24[illegible] lbs; F. W. Wood, Sarnia township, 270 lbs; A. Alexander, Sarnia, 240 lbs.; T. Bury, Sombra, 280.; total, 1,057 lbs.

A number of resolutions, having for their object a petition to the Dominion Government, requesting it to cancel the indebtedness of farmers for relief granted in consequence of the grasshopper plague in 1873, have been submitted to the Manitoba Legislature.

Last year's rebellion in Japan cost forty-two million dollars to suppress. The liabilities of the empire are three hundred and fifty-one million dollars, and the revenue and expenditure about fifty-one million. The postal system now extends throughout both China and Japan, and the money order and saving bank systems are in general use.

Mr. Jones has issued an address to the electors of Halifax, thanking them for their patriotism in returning him, and commenting on the significance of their verdict from a Free Trade point of view, which, considering his avowed annexationist opinions, and that the mercantile community in Halifax and Dartmouth gave a majority against him, is a good joke.

The Colonists of Australia have been much annoyed of late by the depredations caused by large flocks of kangaroos, which have been starved out of the interior by severe drouth and are destroying the crops and vegetables in large numbers. Large expeditions have been organized to destroy and drive off these undesirable visitors, and as many as 1000 kangaroos have been killed in a single day. The skins are sold and made into an excellent quality of leather.

A bill has lately passed the Legislature of New Zealand having for its object the protection of the indigenous birds of the country of which any specimens still remain. Among the rarer native varieties included in the schedule are the ibis, lyre bird, satin bird, and bower bird; but robins, wrens, finches, larks, water rails, and cuckoos are also placed under the protective clauses of the act.

HOW TO KILL THE HESSIAN FLY.—A practical farmer writes that, being much afflicted by the Hessian fly in New York State years ago, he "sowed one barrel of salt per acre, immediately after sowing the seed. That made it come in ear five or six days earlier, and that saved it from the midge. In 1853, when all crops around me, far and near, were almost ruined, mine gave twenty-nine bushels per acre; salt saved it. I never sowed less than one barrel per acre." He has never been bothered with the midge since. He says salt also prevents rust.

SMALL POX.—A half-witted fellow named Wm. Johnson, formerly living at Scotland, who left for Michigan two years ago, came back about two weeks since and went to Perry Powell's, below Kelvin, where his mother lived, bringing the clothes of his wife and child, who he said were dead, and got his mother to wash them. Since which a letter was received from Michigan by Mrs. Alfred Powell saying that his wife and child died of the most malignant form of small pox. Johnson and mother have left and it is supposed they have gone to reside near Stratford.

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