Huron Signal.

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An item which appeared in one of the Reform papers to the effect that Mr. Langton, Auditor-General on his retirement would be entitled to a superannuation allowance of $2,000, but not the Tory press says, they inquire "why should he be retired, and the country put to this additional expense? He is good for twenty years yet, and because he did not swear to suit Reformers in the Secret Service investigation he is to step down and out." It is very probable that Mr. Langton will retire soon, as he is now seventy years of age and hardly "good for twenty years yet." The duties of his office are very arduous, and impose a heavy burden upon whoever undertakes them. His allowance on retirement accrues to him by virtue of his regular payments to the Civil Service superannuation fund, and is not under the control of the Government. Spite could not be laid at the Government's door as the incentive for superannuating Mr. Langton, for there are good and substantial reasons for doing so. He has few friends in the Conservative party, which has acted very ungenerously towards him. His efforts to shield Sir John's wrongful retention of the Secret Service money, was unkindly rewarded by the latter's friends in the investigating committee when they endeavored to throw the entire blame on Mr. Langton that they might mitigate the "chieftain's" offence. Mr. Langton has now occupied his present position for twenty-two years, and is entitled to retire from active service to enjoy the pleasing privileges of superannuation.

Bribery and corruption are differently understood "across the lines" from what they are in Canada. Before the last Presidential election the Republican party appealed to all the clerks in the employ of the Civil Service for assistance in securing the party's success, and a short time ago the committee for the purpose addressed a circular to the delinquent subscribers. This circular got into public print, and President Hayes alluding to the matter said it was very proper, and that it was the duty of the appointees of a particular party to take an interest in the material welfare of that party, and not only subscribe for its benefit, but to work for it among the electors. If such a policy were broached here, we are safe in saying the people would universally cry it down. Where the Civil Service ranks are filled after the partisan manner followed in the States, the above proceeding is quite consistent with the general policy, but here the principle of "to the victors belong the spoils" does not obtain, thanks to honest government.

Goderich, in the Township of Howick, is to be honored on the 12th inst. It is authoritatively announced that Sir John A. Macdonald, Dr. Tupper and other distinguished members of the Conservative party, including of course, our Mr. Thos. Farrow who has forgiven the chieftain for snubbing him as he did on the Goderich Harbor matter, will give color and *eclat* to the affair. The entertainment will take the form of a picnic, with speeches from the great and little guns, concluding with a "walk round," for the benefit of the curious sight-seers, by the Knight and the Hon. Dr. Cheap railway fares have been arranged for, and it may be expected that the Conservatives generally in the vicinity and the curious citizens in particular will attend in large numbers.

On the 15th instant a meeting will be held at Brussels by representatives from Germany, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Denmark, Austria and other European countries, to complete a plan for the civilization and settlement of Africa, and the suppression of the slave traffic. The plan comprehends the construction of roads into the interior with rest houses and other accommodations at different points. Already the King of the Belgians, it is said, is engaged in contructing a road 640 miles long, from the coast opposite Zanzibar to Tagangyika. Large subscriptions have been taken up for the work, and we may expect to hear soon of a successful issue to this enterprise in the setting towards "the wilds of Africa" of the tide of emigration.

It is rather amusing to see the editor of the *Irish Canadian* so obsequiously bowing in adoration of that light of the Orange body, Sir John A. Macdonald—at least the latter gentleman behind his sleeve will contess so. Boyle must be of a very forgiving nature—though we doubt, from the tone of his language on several occasions, such a possibility—when he so readily buries the recollection of the indignity which Sir John imposed on him when he (Sir John) imprisoned that excitable Irishman in the Ottawa jail on a suspicion of Fenianism. Political adversity makes strange companions, and has already brought Grand Orange Master Bowell cheek by jowl with the Ultramontane Langevin.

A very important feature of the Income Franchise Act is sometimes lost sight of by the public. The law says that any male British subject in Ontario *who pays taxes* upon an annual income of over $400 is entitled to be placed on the Voters' Lists. But mark, too, that $400 is exempted from taxation, so that there must be $400 more on which taxes are paid. Were an assessor to call upon a young man and ask him what his income was and the reply should be $600, he would put $200 down in his book, knowing that $400 was exempted. If, however, the young man waived his right to be exempted on $400 and paid taxes thereon, then he is *bona fide* an elector.

Many who have read of the recent demonstrations made by the Softas in Constantinople, are unacquainted with the character of this class of people.—They are young men of good families, students of the laws of the country and the Mahommedan faith, as laid down in the Koran. The laws of Turkey are based on the Koran, and the Softas constitute a rank from which the priesthood, the members of the civil service and the high officials are drawn. The church is the temporal power, and consequently the Softas, though belonging to a young element, exercise a great influence.

The probable successor to leadership of the Conservative party, when Sir John will be incapacitated—an event which seems not far off—is being discussed by the independent press. Dr. Tupper is mentioned, but Mr. Tilley the present Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick is spoken of with the greatest favor. It is altogether likely that Sir John will resign his position soon, the prospect of fighting in the Opposition during the remainder of his political life-time being calculated to hasten such step on his part.

The spirit of Free Trade is reviving in the United States. At a recent distinguished gathering in New York, Secretary of State Evarts spoke very strongly in favor thereof, and the other members of the Cabinet present, among them being President Hayes, offered no objection to his remarks, which may, under such circumstances, be accepted as expressing the policy of the new rulers.

Boyle of the *Irish Canadian* alludes to the Reform party as those "licentious Grits." Can't some one prescribe a plaster to take the heat and pus out of this violent carbuncle on the body newspaporial.

We are grieved to hear, says the Toronto *Telegram*, a confession from the Tory organ in Halifax to the effect that "in the times past, under other election laws, the Liberal Conservative party spent fifty times the amount that would be required to put the *Mail* in a sound financial condition." The amount required to put the *Mail* in a sound financial condition, including, of course, the purchase of the mortgage, the payment of the debts, and the establishment of a capital fund to draw upon, would be something in the vicinity of a hundred thousand dollars. Fifty times that sum would give us five millions of dollars, as the amount which the Tory party has spent in times past and "under other election laws." This is shocking.

Lord Dufferin will visit Manitoba and the North-West next August, and it is expected that he will, on his return, take leave of Canada. He is an ambitious man and a brilliant orator, and evidently longs for the opportunity to obtain the distinction, which his ability merits, in the legislative halls of England. His departure will be much regretted by Canadians, and no doubt a fitting expression of the popular esteem for him will be extended His Excellency before starting for home.

At a meeting of Catholic gentlemen in Toronto last week, to consider the matter of increased representation in the Dominion Parliament, the "national" and extreme views expressed by Messrs. O'Hanly and Boyle were generally condemned, as well as the stand taken by the *Irish Canadian*. An influential committee was appointed to consider the subject, and report at a future meeting.

Town Council.

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council was held on Wednesday night. Present, the Mayor, Reeve Garrow, Deputy Reeves Johnston and Martin, and Councillors Bingham, Doney, Hutchison, Mackay, McKenzie, Mitchell, Seymour, Sloan, Savage and Watson. After routine business a letter was read from Mr. R. Ransford, stating that his father will not be back for some weeks to come. Leave of absence was granted to Mr. E. Martin, who is going to Manitoba, for three months. A letter was read from Mr. Smith, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, asking the probable amount of fees that would be collected at the docks under the tariff as recommended. The Clerk was instructed to inform him the amount would be $1,983. The following accounts were referred to the Finance Committee: D. Ferguson, for relief, $28.71, and Richard Jewell, for lumber, $39.13. The report of the Fire Committee was adopted, recommending the purchase of 300 feet of hose. The Finance Committee recommended the payment of J. Robinson's account for $5.22. The report of the Public Works Committee was adopted, recommending the construction of several small drains and the construction of a tank at the corner of Victoria and Wolf Streets and another at the corner of South and Britannia Streets. The By-law for watering the streets was read a first and second time. The Council then adjourned.

County Council.

Monday, 4th June.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, the Warden in the chair. Members were nearly all present. Bayfield was of course unrepresented, by the absconding of Mr. Keys.

The Warden addressed the council upon the county boundary bridge between Elma and Grey, the repairs to the Court House and Registry Office, the investment of the sinking fund raised for the redemption of the gravel road debentures, and the equalization of the assessment rolls. He stated that the sinking fund had been invested in debentures of different municipalities.

A circular was read from the County Clerk of Simcoe, asking the co-operation of this council in memorializing the Government to furnish two copies of the Consolidated Statutes when printed to each municipality. A motion was adopted in accordance with this request.

A letter was read from the Canada Company in reference to land in Stephen liable to taxation and referred to the Equalization Committee.

Letter from the President of the Ontario School of Agriculture was read and referred to Special Committee, stating that it is the desire of the Government that each County Council shall nominate one duly qualified student for the institution.

Communication from the Brussels public school board, requesting the loan of $700 for the payment of the school teachers in terms of the Public School Act of 1877, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Council then adjourned.

Tuesday Morning.

All the councillors were present except Mr. Keys.

Several accounts were presented and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Elliott seconded by Mr. Weir, Mr. Thos. Simpson was placed on the Jail and Court House Committee in room of Mr. Keys, and Mr. Castle was placed on the Finance Committee in the same stead.

Moved by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Hunter, that the sum of $100 be given to each of the Riding Agricultural Associations. Referred to Finance Committee.

Mr. A. M. Ross, County Treasurer, presented a letter and schedules touching the finances of the County, of which we will give a sketch next week.

Moved by Mr. Strachan, seconded by Mr. Kaine, that the County Engineer be instructed to remove the flood wood south of the bridge on boundary between Grey and Howick, as the stoppage of the water is a great injury to the bridge and its approach. Referred to Road and Bridge committee.

Council then adjourned.

Lumber Notes

Prices still continue dull, but shipments are equal to the supply of cars.

The barges Muskoka, Waubahene and Severn left on Monday in tow of the propeller Isaac May to load lumber in Georgian Bay.

Shipments.—Williams & Murray, 4 cars; Secord, Cozzens & Co., 24 cars lumber, shingle and lath.

Receipts.—Secord, Cozzens & Co., 241,000 ft lumber and 72,000 lath by barge Mary Robertson, and 231,000 ft lumber and 57,000 lath by schr. Tecumseh.

Lumbermen's Association.

A meeting of saw mill men was held at Nile, on Thursday, 31st May, to discuss matters in connection with lumbering. After a general discussion as to the various rates at which hemlock lumber was being sold, and the unremunerative prices generally in connection with the saw mill trade, it was agreed to form an association to be called the Lumbermen's Association of North Huron, when Mr Dodds was elected President, James Mahaffy, Port Albert, Secretary and Treasurer; Messrs. Morrish, Armstrong, Jewell and McWhinney an executive committee.

It was agreed to furnish bill lumber, delivered in Goderich, at not less than $8.00 per thousand feet, and to not sell lumber at any of the mills less than $6.00 per thousand feet, and some of them contiguous to the town of Goderich, at not less than $7.00 per thousand feet.

After some matters of detail were arranged the association adjourned to meet at the Nile, on Thursday, 14th June, at 6 o'clock, P. M.—Com.

The cabinet factory owned by Geo. Jackson, of Simcoe, was burned on Friday evening. The factory contained a large amount of bedsteads, sofas, etc. Nothing was saved. The probable loss is $12,000; insured for $3,500.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

Harbor Mills.—The shipments last week were: 410 bbls flour, and one car shorts. Business is dull.

Restored.—The Blyth *Review* has again made its appearance on our table. Mr. M. L. Aldrich is the new manager.

Fresh Fish.—The shipments of fish last week were: Jas. Clark, 1500 lbs; John Clark, 900 lbs; Chas. Howland, 17,700 lbs.

Old Cemetery.—Mr. D. Reid is busy levelling the old cemetery. Six tenders were put in for the work, the highest being $62 and the lowest, Mr. Reid's, $14.

Stray Horses.—Although the town by-laws prohibit horses from running loose in the streets, these animals may be seen daily stampeding through the town, as free as the wind. The pound-keeper should put a stop to this.

Auction Sale.—Mr. J. C. Currie will sell at his auction mart, at one o'clock on Saturday next one of Taylor's safes, a 6 year old bay mare, lumber waggon, top buggy, several sets of harness, four watches, furniture, &c. Sale positive.

War Map.—We have received an excellent map of the Ottoman Empire and the Kingdom of Greece, showing the seat of war in Asia and Europe and the country surrounding the Black Sea. It will be valuable for reference in these stirring times. Hart & Rawlinson, publishers, Toronto.

Presentation.—On Saturday last Mr. S. Sloan presented Mrs. J. C. Martin, of the Colborne Hotel, with a handsome baby carriage, child's gold breast pin and pretty baby's dress, for the young son who rejoices the hearts of Mr. Martin and his lady. The parents fully appreciate the present and doubtless the recipient is also delighted at this mark of regard on the part of his godfather.

Improvement.—Messrs Bailey & Martin have just completed extensive improvements in their hotel, and the result is very satisfactory. The building has been placed on a new foundation, re-floored, repainted and some of the rooms enlarged. The interior is now bright and airy, and creditable to the taste of the proprietors. Messrs. Miller & McQuarrie did the carpenter work.

Upset.—On Thursday as the band in connection with the Royal Dramatic Association were driving through the town, their horses took fright in going down the Harbor Hill. On reaching the bottom of the hill, the driver attempted to turn a corner, resulting in the wagon upsetting and a general spill. All were considerably jarred, the leader having his face badly bruised, but no serious injuries were inflicted. The instruments were much damaged.

Court House.—The court room of this building looks quite respectable since Mr. H. Clucas went through it with his paint brush. The walls have been stained a mauve tint, the paneled ceiling has been painted a rich white and the wainscoting, seats, doors, judge's and clerk's desks, witness box and prisoner's dock have been nicely oak-grained and varnished. The coat of arms has also been burnished, and the room has a fresh and improved appearance which is creditable at once to the county and to Mr. Clucas, the painter.

Conservative Meeting.—At a meeting last week of the Goderich Conservative Association the following officers were appointed: Mr. Wm. Campbell, President; Messrs. B. L. Doyle and H. Cooke, Vice-Presidents; Fred. W. Johnston, Secretary and Treasurer. Ward Vice-Presidents were selected as follows: St. David's, Messrs. C. Crabb, H. Clucas and Stephen Andrews; St. Andrew's, Messrs. A. Cantelon and James Gordon; St. Patrick's, Messrs. Davison, Kerr, and Wm. Mitchell; St. George's, Messrs. Geo. Grant and B. McCormack.

Canadian Monthly.—The issue for June is to hand, and is more than ordinarily interesting. "The Political Destiny of Canada," by Goldwin Smith is an article which many will desire to peruse, as well as the article from the pen of Elihu Burritt. The lovers of fiction will find entertainment in the two serial stories, and the pretty tale entitled the "Bugis Princess." Current events are more than usually interesting, as is also the "Round the Table" department. The magazine will be found for sale at the bookstores. Hart & Rawlinson, publishers, Toronto.

Visitors.—On Friday last the "big guns" of the Grand Trunk Co. visited Goderich, and stopped over night at Mr. E. Hosker's hotel. The principal members of the party, which comprised some twenty persons, were Jos. Hickson, Manager; L. J. Seargeant Traffic Manager; W. J. Spicer, Superintendent; H. Wallis, Superintendent Mechanical Department; E. P. Hannaford, Chief Engineer, of Montreal; R. Larmour, Supt. Western Department; J. Brotherhood, Asst. Engineer, and H. Roberts, Mechanical Supt. of Stratford. The visit was for the purpose of inspecting the road and the company's buildings.

Y. M. L. A. of Knox Church.—On Thursday evening of last week a meeting of the young men of Knox Church took place in the Sabbath School room, when the draft of the constitution and laws was adopted, and the following officers elected for the first quarter: H. I. Strang, B. A., President; L. Carey, First Vice-President; J. T. Duncan, V. S., Second Vice-President; M. G. Cameron, Secretary; Alex. Saunders, Treasurer. Executive committee, Jas. H. D. W. A. Macara, Jas. McMath, Allen and Jas. F. Dickson. The regular meeting will be held above place on Thursday evening inst., when an interesting programme of singing and reading will be rendered. The readings were given by Miss M. Kirkbride, Miss Katie Moore, Mr. H. I. Strang and Master Johnny Robertson. The Misses McKay and Messrs. Duncan gave two excellent quartettes, and pretty duetts were given by Miss Frazer and Miss Lizzie Fergusson respectively accompanied by Mr. T. Duncan, Miss Frances Sieverright presided at the organ with her usual talent.

Big Trout.—On Monday Mr. Allan Murray caught a 22-lb salmon trout. The fish was a splendid looking fellow.

First of July.—A public meeting will take place this (Wednesday) evening in the Council Chamber to discuss arrangements for the celebration of Dominion Day.

Regatta Meeting.—A meeting of those interested in getting up a regatta for Dominion Day is to be held at Marlton's Hotel (Queen House) on Thursday evening next, at 7.30 p. m.

Accident.—On Wednesday last Chas. McGregor while working in Buchanan, Lawson & Robinson's planing mill, had his hand badly cut by coming in contact with the machinery. He will be incapacitated from work for some time.

Benton and Bertschy.—Mr. W. Lee is agent for these boats, which will call regularly at this port twice a week. Both boats are well appointed and manned by reliable and obliging officers. See adv.

At Conference.—Revs. W. C. Henderson and F. H. Sanderson are absent from their charge this week, attending the annual conference at Guelph. Rev. Mr. Smith, of Holmesville, a promising young man, preached in North St. Church in the morning, in Mr. Henderson's stand.

General Freight.—Among the general shipments from this point last week were the following: W. G. Smith, 4 rolls leather; H. Wells, 18 kegs ale; Jas. Thomson, 29 artificial key stones, cornices, &c; H. Beam & Co., 2 bbls potash; H. Duncan, 18 hides and 140 lbs wool; Capt. Cox, 1 bbl lard.

Personal.—We are pleased to learn, as will be many of our readers, that the Rev. G. R. Sanderson, of St. Catharines has had the title of Doctor of Divinity conferred upon him by Victoria University of Cobourg. The honor is well deserved, Mr. Sanderson being a tried, faithful and distinguished worker in the church in the service of which his hairs have grown gray.

—Messrs. Samuel Calbeck and Wm. Watson (ship carpenter) start for New Westminister, British Columbia, to-day (Wednesday) to locate.

—Sheriff Gibbons was absent last week in Toronto attending a meeting of the Ontario Agricultural and Arts' Association. The Provincial Show is likely to be held in Toronto this year.

—Rev. Gavin Laing, of Montreal, pastor of the Canada Church in connection with the Church of Scotland, has been the guest of Mr. M. Hutchison during the past few days.

—We have been pleased to notice in the University of Toronto examination list, that the name of Mr. R. D. Carey, of this town appears as having been successful in obtaining the degree of M.A., at the prescribed examinations lately held in that behalf in the above institution.

Caterpillars.—This pest is doing considerable damage to fruit and shade trees, and the vermin are still at work in great numbers. Shooting at them with loose powder is being practiced to a great extent in town, and apparently with good effect. The amount of powder which is being expended in this vicinity is quite large, and gun reports are heard every few minutes.

Court of Revision.—At the meeting of this court for the town on Tuesday night of last week, there were twenty-two appeals made. The majority appealed against over assessment, but only $140 was struck off the roll, and Geo. Black, Dr. Alex. Taylor, Wm. Geo. Jamieson, Robt. Plunkett, Frank Locke were added to the roll, having come into possession or occupation of property upon which other parties voted last year. The court adjourned until next Wednesday.

Point Farm.—This popular summer resort promises to be well patronized this season. Mr. Wright has been making extensive improvements during the past winter by adding to the accommodations of the house and refurnishing the various rooms. A billiard hall has been added and the grounds and beach have been much improved. The terms of board are very reasonable, and doubtless many people throughout the adjoining villages and towns will spend a few weeks at The Point Farm and partake of the united delights of a farm home and many of the luxuries of a fashionable hotel.

Trotting Match.—An interesting match race took place at the Melton Driving Park on Saturday afternoon, between two fast horses from Brantford, A. F. Lee's "Little Ethan" and J. C. Clark's "Ned." The track was in good condition, the slight shower of the morning having laid the dust nicely. Quite a large crowd was in attendance, and much interest was manifested in the result. Little Ethan got the pole, and won the race in three straight heats, leading his opponent throughout. The time in the three heats respectively was 2.37½, 2.37, and 2.35. J. H. Finlay, Esq., Capt Dancy and Capt Frazer acted as judges.

Dramatic.—The houses which greeted the Royal Dramatic Combination last week were rather small, owing in a great measure to the heat and the great number of amusements which have been provided this season. The company acquitted themselves with their usual ability, and have left a better impression than ever in the minds of the drama-loving public. The dramas presented on the three first nights were exceedingly well rendered. On Saturday evening Miss Miles by request appeared as Hamlet, in that wonderful Shakespearean creation. To say that she did well expresses in the mildest term her acting—she, if it were possible, even excelled her previous effort here in this character. The audience was good and so enthusiastic that Miss Miles had to come before the curtain several times, in response to loud calls. Miss Neville as Ophelia acted with great feeling, and richly deserved applause. She is a promising young actress, with a fine voice and pleasing appearance. Messrs. Sambrook, Jackman, Shorey, Edmunds and Montague acted their parts very effectively. Ketchum, although having the misfortune to catch 'em in the shape of the mumps or some other such unpleasant complaint, appeared on Saturday night as the first grave-digger and acquitted himself admirably. He was warmly greeted by the audience. The company left on Monday for Clinton, Wingham and towns to the north.

School Board.—The regular monthly meeting was held on Monday evening, all members present excepting Mr. Nicholson. Report of Principal of Central School, showing the attendance at the public schools for April to be 819, of which 406 was boys and 413 girls; the average attendance was 666 being a percentage of 81. The attendance in May was 797, 397 boys and 400 girls, with an average of 664 being a percent age of 83. The report was received and contingent committee authorized to purchase blanks asked for, and also five reams of ruled paper. The following accounts were ordered to be paid: Bible Society for two Bibles, $1,25; J. Story, for lamp, pipes and general repairs $16,10; *Signal* for advertising, $3.76. Williams & Murray lumber, $19.36; David Reed, teaming, $2.50. The account of Andrew Thompson for carpenter work, $50 40 was ordered to be paid on condition that a reduction of about $2,30 be made and that the item of $1,50 for teaming be struck off.—Mr. Swanson moved seconded by Mr. Simmons, that the estimates for the current year be fixed at $5000, being $500 less than last year—carried. Books from the educational department containing questions to which answers are requested from the board with a view to decide whether or not the decisions should be sustained and the present government grant. On motion the matter was referred to the Chairman and Inspector. The Inspector reported that St. David's ward school is overcrowded and suggested thata another room be opened. At the unanimous request of the board Mr. Annis withdrew his resignation and consented to remain. The contingent committee was instructed to take tenders for examination papers and other blanks required for school purposes. The Board then adjourned.

Repairing.—Mr. W. T. Welsh makes a speciality of repairing watches, clocks and jewelry, and does that speciality well. Change of adv. too late for this week.

Artificial Stone.—We understand that Mr. Jas. Thomson is opening a branch of his artificial stone manufactory in Walkerton, where the prospects are very fair. The business here is steadily increasing.

Bird Lost.—A few days ago Mr. H. Horton lost his splendid mocking bird, it having escaped from its cage. The bird was a valuable one, and was a fine singer, the frequent concerts which it gave from the storedoor delighting many ears. It was the last of seven which Mr. Horton and Mr. Cameron brought from Philadelphia some time ago.

Tile or Wooden Drains.—The cedar boxes which were five years ago laid down the slope of the hill near Mr. McDermott's residence, and forming the continuation of the Waterloo St. drain, are being removed and are found to be much decayed. The hill is so exposed that wooden boxes seem to rot very rapidly. We think it would be a saving to substitute tile or iron drains, which would be much more lasting.

Obituary.—Many of our readers will regret to learn of the death of Mr. John Duckham, which event occurred at his residence on St. David's St., at 6 p. m., on Sunday. Deceased was an excellent musician, and as leader of the Silver Cornet band for many years made himself very popular. The town, as well as the members of the band, will regret his death and sympathize with Mrs. Duckham in her bereavement. The funeral on Tuesday was large, and the members of the band followed the remains of their deceased leader to the grave, playing the "Dead March."

BENMILLER.

Accident.—On Sunday afternoon (27th May), as Mrs. J. Miller was riding in the back part of the buggy, the seat on which she was sitting was suddenly jerked out of its position by the horses giving a sudden start in coming to the bridge, close by Benmiller Hotel. Mrs. Miller fell heavily to the ground, and was rendered unconscious for some time, her back and shoulders being bruised badly.—Com.

EXETER.

On Wednesday Henry Baker had his leg broken by earth falling on him while digging a tank in Exeter North.

Hugh Ross the other day severely cut his ankle with an adze. He will be laid up for some time to come.

The proprietors of the flax mill just erected have been exempted from taxes for ten years.

L. Manning, of Clinton, while out driving with his brother here, on the 24th ult., was thrown out upon his head by the horses making a sudden jump. He was rendered insensible for several hours.

The assessment for the village this year is $485,000 or an increase of $50,000 over that of last year. The population has increased nearly 300 within the last twelve months. The number of ratepayers this year is 373; that of last year 311.

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

Council Meeting.—Council met at Holmesville, on 28th May, as Court of Revision. Members all present. The assessment of Robert Thompson reduced $150; Robt. Orr reduced $150; James Duncan, confirmed. This finished the appeals against assessment. A number of young men applied under the Farmers' Sons Franchise Act to have their names placed on the assessment roll, which was granted. Six widows and two infirm men were exempted from taxes for the year. The Court of Revision closed and the minutes of last meeting were read and passed. When ordinary business was attended to, the Clerk was ordered to publish in the minutes for the guidance of pathmasters and others, that one square yard of gravel is considered only a sufficient load, and when pathmasters are unable or unwilling to certify to this a deduction of one third in the number of loads will be made to the owners of gravel pits; further that eight cents per load will be made a uniform price and the Council will in *no case* depart from it. The following sums were paid:—Geo. Hanley, reparing culvert, 7th con., $3; Sam. Papst, gravel, H. R., $1.12; Clerk, mileage and serving notices, $7; John Pierson, repairing culvert, 13th con., $2; John McMullen, clearing water course, 15 con., $2.85; Edward Stanley and others turnpiking on B. C., $20; Mathew Stanley, culvert, 11th con., $13; McBride Duncan, culvert, B. C., $5; *Star* office, printing, $32. Council adjourned to meet first Monday in July.

James Patton, Clerk.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—Wingham stores are henceforth to be closed at 7 p. m.

—A tile manufactory is in operation at Woodham, Usborne Township.

—Seven pedlers are at present "doing" the vicinity of Walton.

—$500 are to be expended on roads and bridges in Hullett this summer.

—The Methodist congregation of Lucknow, has purchased a lot and parsonage for $1,000.

—Beechwood, the new post office in McKillop, now receives mails twice a week.

—The ladies of St. Paul's church, Wingham, realized by their bazaar on the 24th ult., $107.

—A church is to be erected in Wingham by the Roman Catholic congregation this year.

—All non assessed males of the age of 21 years, in Hullett, are to perform one days' statute labor.

—A cow belonging to Thos. Downey, of Seaforth, had its leg broken by getting in the way of a passenger train.

—Seaforth fire brigade and band went to the Brantford celebration on Thursday.

—On Thursday, a lad named John Gillespie, living near Blyth, was badly burnt about the face by an explosion of powder with which he was playing.

—Mr. Geo. McKibbon is about erecting a brick block of three stores on the site of the Commercial Hotel, Wingham, which building is now being torn down.

—South Riding Conservative Association meets at Exeter on 11th inst. See if John Carling don't "happen around" about that time.

—The Silver Maples of Wroxeter beat the True Blues of Gorrie at base ball, a few days ago, by a score of 18 to 1 in four innings.

—Mr. Duncan and Wm. Morrison, of Belgrave, for selling liquor without license were last week fined $35 and $20 and costs respectively.

—4000 ft. of plank will be laid down in sidewalks in Harpurhey this summer and 3000 in Egmondville, by Tuckersmith Council.

—A bonus of 30 cts per rod is offered by Hullett Council to persons erecting wire fences on the west side of certain portions of the main gravel road.

—On Wednesday a wedding procession, in which were no less than twenty-six well filled carriages, visited Clinton from the country.

—Edward Stevens, of Kirkton, last week fell, from a house which he was painting, a height of twenty feet, but escaped with a sprained ankle.

—A very successful tea meeting was held at St. John's Church, Holmesville, on the 24th ult., some $60 being realized.

—Twenty-eight names were entered on the roll in Stanley, under the Farmers' Sons' Franchise Act, and 27 in Tuckersmith.

—The floor of Clegg's hardware store, Blyth, broke a few days ago with the weight of nails and iron, causing a big crash. The loss was pretty heavy, a great deal of glass being broken.

—Robt. Aikens, constable, while on duty at the recent races in Wingham, struck one Samuel Dodds on the head with his baton for a trivial matter. He was fined $5 therefor.

—At the recent sale of village lots in Wingham, sixty lots were sold at an aggregate figure of about $7,500.

—Constable Thos. More, in rescuing a drunken man from being run over at the races in Wingham on Queen's Birthday, was knocked down and narrowly escaped being run over. The chap of the milky tore his coat.

—The shingle factory owned by Messrs. Leech, and the machine shop occupied by Lowry & Sons, were destroyed by fire on the 26th ult.; no insurance. Loss to the former $2,500, to the latter $800.

—In Seaforth, on Wednesday, the property on which Powell's hotel stands, having a frontage of 33 feet, was sold to Mr. A. Cardno for the sum of $3,020. The old building is to be substituted this summer by a brick block.

—While driving to church Sunday before last, David Mergunon of Walton was thrown out of the wagon by his horse running away, and his wife and child were left helpless. Fortunately Thos. McFadyen stopped the team in time to prevent serious results.

—The following officers were elected at the last meeting of the Blyth Mechanics' Institute: Mr. A. McQuattie, Pres.; Rev. Mr. McLean and Mr. W. Clegg, 1st and 2nd Vice-Pres. respectively; Dr. Sloan, Sec.; Mr. D. B. McKinnon, Treas.; and Mr. Robt. Phillips, Librarian.

—Says the *Expositor*, alluding to Mr. M. P. Hayes chase after the cargo of wheat shipped to St. Catharines by Keys & Elliott, and the efforts to stop it:—At St. Catharines Mr. Hayes took the required steps to get possession of the grain—even by force if necessary, but an arrangement was arrived at between himself and the parties to whom the grain was consigned, which will secure the bank from any loss. Mr. Logan, also, we are glad to learn, will not be nearly so great a loser as was at first anticipated. Through Mr. Hayes' prompt action in this matter both the bank and Mr. Logan will be saved from serious loss.

—Mr. Thomas Kidd, of Seaforth, and Messrs. Joseph and John Kidd, of Carrronbrook, returned home last week, after a three weeks' ramble through the wilds of Muskoka. The party consisted of eight persons. They had with them camping requirements, provisions, &c., and usually pitched their tents where night overtook them. An engineer, a guide, and a cook accompanied the party. In their travels they came across many beautiful inland lakes and rivulets, all of which swarmed with fish of various kinds. Here and there are patches of arable land, but the country generally is reported rocky and unfit for cultivation. There are spots of excellent white oak and pine timber, and the party came across several places where there were strong indications of good mineral deposits, and there secured excellent specimens of iron ore.

Legal Notes.

For Naught.—All the cases of violation of the License Act which were to be tried in Clinton last week fell through.

Fined.—Fred Marsh, on Wednesday last was fined $5 and costs by Mr. C. Crabb, for burying the carcase of a cow on the Cambria Road.

Jail Breaking.—Wm. Nixon, of Goderich, who a short time ago, assaulted Turnkey Marks of London jail and made his escape, was last week sentenced to one year and eight months confinement in the Central Prison.

Liquor Cases.—Last week Inspector Yates had several parties before the courts for violation of the License Act. At Zetland, Wm. Wadsworth, selling without license, was fined $20 and costs. In Wingham, John Dinsley and Hodgins & McIntosh were cited for selling on Sunday, but the cases were adjourned until Tuesday.

Pleads Guilty.—Jas. Stewart, of Seaforth, charged with stealing a coat as reported last week pleaded guilty before Judge Toms, on Monday, and was remanded to the 12th inst., for sentence. Thos. Partington, on the same charge, also pleaded guilty and will receive sentence on the above date.

Division Court Case.—On Saturday a peculiar case was tried in the Division Court. Some time ago a party in Clinton borrowed a saddle from Mr. W. Stotts, of Goderich, and on returning it, as he says, he forgot Mr. Stotts' name and thinking that there were only two livery stable keepers in town—Polley and Sturdy—and knowing that the latter was not the party wanted he sent the saddle addressed to Mr. Polley. One of the latter's employees received a saddle at the station about the time, Mr. Polley receiving it as one which he had been expecting. The suit was brought by Mr. Stotts to recover the saddle, and after hearing considerable evidence a verdict was given in his favor. The saddle produced in court could not be identified by Mr. Stotts, and Mr. Polley will appeal against the decision.

Saline Notes.

Shipments.—Wm. Campbell, 10 tons land salt and 420 bbls to different point; A. Armitage, 70 bbls fine; W. Lee, 50 bbls. to Fort William; Wm. Stitt, 40 tons land salt and 300 bbls to Owen Sound by schr. Restless; W. Seymour, 15 tons by schr. Admiral to Windsor and 50 bbls to Georgian Bay.

The International Co, shipped 2,300 bbls from their dock by the schr. Cataract.

Business still continues dull.

MARINE NEWS.

Port of Goderich.

The departures for the last week ending Tuesday forenoon were only ten, and the arrivals thirteen.

On Tuesday last the Benton arrived on her first trip, and the Bertschy on Sunday. Both vessels had good cargoes, the former leaving a quantity of steel rails for the Kingston street railway.

Weather Report.

Month of May.

Snow fell on one day, the 1st; amount one-half inch. Rain fell on five days, 15th, 16th, 17 h, 21st and 22nd. Amount, 17.5 cubic inches.

Greatest velocity of wind during 24 hours on the 21st, 394.2 miles, or 16.4 miles per hour. Least velocity on the 30th, 39.5 miles in 24 hours.

Aurora borealis on the nights of the 21st and 28th. Corona Lunar on the night of the 18th.

Prevailing wind N. W. to N. E.

No. of clear nights, 22; cloudy nights, 5; hazy nights, 4.

In the month of May, 1876, rain fell on sixteen days, amount, 57.5 cubic inches or 5.7 inches on the level.

G. N. Macdonald,
Observer.

Hanlon, the champion oarsman will leave Toronto next week for Boston, to row a match there.

Mr. Kingsford, the Government Engineer, has visited Kincardine harbor and recommended improvements, which will be made at the earliest possible moment.

On Friday morning while Henry Bell was loading lumber at the G. T. R. station, at Carrronbrook, he lost his footing on the car and suddenly fell backwards, striking his head on one of the ties. He lingered twenty-four hours, when death put an end to his sufferings. He leaves a wife and seven small children.

Rev. Dr. Conroy, Delegate Apostolate from the Pope, arrived in Montreal, on Saturday morning from Quebec. The canopy under which he walked was made at Lyons and cost two thousand dollars. On Sunday immense church processions marched through the streets, which were gaily decorated, and in the evening the streets and churches were brilliantly illuminated. On Monday evening a torchlight procession took place, and some 10,000 torches were displayed.

War News.

FRIDAY'S DESPATCHES.

In the British House of Commons, on Thursday, Lord Elcho urged the Government to prepare for the eventualities of the present war. The Secretary of State for War said that although the Government maintains its forces on a peace footing it has not ever looked any contingency.

Mr. Gladstone addressed an immense gathering at Birmingham, last night, at which he attacked the Turkish Government. A resolution was unanimously passed amid great enthusiasm, declaring that the wise and honorable policy would be for England to use her influence, in conjunction with the united authority of the Great Powers, to exact from Turkey the effectual guarantees against the maltreatment and oppression of the Christians.

A correspondent with the headquarters of Mukhtar Pasha before Erzeroum telegraphs that the army is in readiness to begin an advance, and co-operation has been arranged with the Turkish troops in front of Olti.

A Bucharest special says: A steam tug at Flamanda, British property, and flying the British flag, was sunk by order of the Russian commanding officer. Mansfield has addressed a note to the Russian Government requesting an explanation.

The *Herald's* Vienna special says the Czar irritated at the slowness in the conduct of the campaign and the bad nourishment of the troops. He has ordered the mobilization of three more divisions for the Caucasus, where the Circassian insurrection causes much anxiety.

SATURDAY.

Plans for fortifying Constantinople are being hurried. The defensive line west of Constantinople completely covering it from land attack will be established.

A sharp engagement took place outside Kars recently, resulting in a decisive advantage for the Russians. The Turks lost the outlying entrenchments on three sides of Kars with two guns and a quantity of ammunition. The Russians lost thirty-six killed and the Turks one hundred.

The London *Times* says it is reported that Count Schouvaloff will shortly present to England the Czar's assurance of Russian non-interference with British interests in the East.

Extraordinary precautions have been taken relative to the Czar's journey. Already the trains usually used for imperial journeys have twice passed along on the Galician Railway. All the windows were closely curtained each time the Czar passed. Twelve regiments of Horse Guards will be sent in advance. The Russian army on the Danube will be increased to 400,000. A Vienna special says that on the Czar's arrival at Ploiesti orders will be given for crossing the Danube at Ibrail and Tarnu Magureli. An important demonstration, under Prince Charles, will be made from Kalafat.

MONDAY.

A Constantinople special says the capture of Fort Fil, near Sukum Kaleh, by the Turks, is confirmed, the Russians, five thousand strong, leaving tents and war munitions behind in their flight.

Kars is amply provisioned, but as a precautionary measure the garrison has been put on half rations. The city is completely invested by the Russians, and a great battle is imminent.

The Turkish cavalry, under Moussa Pasha, has been defeated and dispersed near Bechnacheff, in Asia. Russian loss was seven killed and thirty wounded. The Turks left eighty-two on the field. A sensational report from Erzeroum says that on Friday night four thousand Circassian cavalry, commanded by Moussa Pasha, were ordered to proceed towards K