Toronto Kingston have made to the authorities of Kingston.

The Windsor Town Council offer $100 to the engineer who shall give the best plan for the sewage of that town.

—Dr. Rose, formerly of Goderich, has in his possession a curiously curled pigeon, shot by Mr. Ford, of Wordsworth.

Mr. Hickson, of the Grand Trunk, arrived on Saturday last from Chicago and Detroit.

The Newfoundland and Quebec provinces all to be prorogued. Several of the French have retired from the Assembly.

A Tally girl named Thompson ran away from her home in Toronto, with Frank Kelly, and they are now married.

It is proposed to form a new hotel in Guelph on the joint stock principle. At present half lately, $50,000 of stock has subscribed.

The Ottawa Free Press says that Louis Riel, of Manitoba notoriety, is an inmate of the Asylum of Montreal, a confirmed lunatic.

A little boy, about two years of age, son of Mr. Geo. F. Parker, of Brantford, died on 8th inst. from the effects of eating the phosphorus of a bunch of matches.

Mr. W. Vandusen, of Tara, was refused payment of a note the other day by an attorney named Owen Sound, on the plea that the Lord had forbidden him to pay any of his debts.

Dr. A. M. Ross, of Toronto, has recently been elected a member of the Imperial Medical Society of Vienna, Austria, and the Royal Academy of Sciences of Palermo, Italy.

A determined stand will be taken in London, by the Fish and Game Protection Society to arrest and prosecute all persons found illegally shooting insectivorous birds.

Wm. Dewey, Sr., while crossing the railway track on Clarence street, London, was run over by an engine and had one of his legs taken off. Several hours afterwards death ended his sufferings.

On Monday afternoon an elderly woman, wife of Michael McDonough, of Adelaide, Middlesex, fell into an open well, while in the act of drawing a bucket of water, and was drowned before assistance reached her.

A public meeting was held on the 12th inst., in Winnipeg, to express regret at the loss the North-west has sustained in the death of Rev. Mr. McDougall, and resolutions were adopted supporting a movement by the sister Provinces to perpetuate his memory.

Mrs. R. Heichert Ropp, of the township of Grey, committed suicide on 11th inst., by throwing herself into the River Maitland, near Ethel, while labouring under a fit of temporary insanity. An inquest was held, and a verdict rendered in accordance with the fact.

Legal proceedings have been taken to quash the by-law of the Town Council of Walkerton, passed on the first day of March last, regulating the number of shop licenses to be granted for the current year. The Council, at its last meeting, rather than "save in," resolved upon a defence of their action.

The steam barge Herald was abandoned off Fort Stanley on the morning of the 14th inst. and the crew, in trying to reach the shore in the small boat, were swamped. They were nobly rescued by a volunteer crew in a life-boat, which accidentally happened to be in the port.

Good Friday is notorious for its shooting accidents. On the 14th inst. a party of boys went out from London to practice with revolvers. The result was that one of them was shot and died in a few hours. It is not known which of his companions, unknowingly, was the cause of his death.

On Monday night of last week, Frank Love, engineer on the G. W. R., was crossing Clark's bridge, near London, when he was attacked in a brutal manner by Thomas North, a freight conductor of the same railway, and failed to the ground with an axe handle. His head is very severely lacerated. North was arrested.

Mr. Glass, Q. C., counsel for Smith, the man who lies under sentence of death for the murder of Findlay, in Sombra Township, had an interview with the Minister of Justice in which he urged a respite for forty days, to admit of an appeal to Her Majesty's Privy Council. It is not probable that a stay will be granted.

Edward Jenkins, the late Agent General, writes to the Witness deprecating the action of the Government in giving up the late establishment in London, and says that it choose to forego a large sum of money from what seems to be a totally unnecessary and foolish sentiment.

A blockade was cause opposite the store of a dealer in church ornaments on Notre Dame street, Montreal, on the 13th inst., by his setting a life-size figure of our Lord, hung on the cross, outside his door, and a crowd of people who stopped to gaze at it. Hundreds of devout people kissed its feet, and one girl in so doing injured her eye on the head of the nail which fastened the feet.

On the 12th inst., while two young ladies were driving over a bridge on Stag Creek, a few miles above the city of Ottawa, their horse became frightened at by the noise of the falls and jumped over the bridge. One of the women managed to jump out of the sleigh, but a Miss Reed fell with the horse and sleigh into the stream and was drowned. There was no railing on the bridge.

James Seaton was killed on Friday, near Priceville, by a falling tree; on the same day Henry Cunningham fell into a rattle guard on the Grand Trunk near Parkhill, and died soon after being taken out, and Alex. Mackie was drowned in his mill race near Richmond Hill; on Saturday Wm. Dewey, who had been run over by a train at London, died from his injuries; and on Monday a Miss King, of Toronto, and James Black, of Hamilton, both died suddenly from heart disease.

After a short illness Mr. Thomas Scatcherd, M. P. for North Middlesex, died at Ottawa on Saturday morning last, aged 52 years. He was a lawyer by profession and enjoyed the esteem and confidence of his professional brethren. For the past fifteen years he has been in public life and in his political capacity, while a strong supporter of the present government, he has always expressed himself freely and independently. In the house his speeches, which were frequent, were notable for clearness, and pointed in argument, the result of a well balanced mind.

An act, most sacrilegious, was perpetrated in the parish church at Montreal on the 12th inst. According to information supplied to the detectives it appears that, as the worshippers were crossing themselves with the holy water, it was noticed that whenever the water touched the skin or clothes it left a discolored spot. A large number were thus marked. The police being informed made enquiries, and learned that an old woman had seen a youth, about sixteen years of age or thereabouts, pour something from a vial into the receptacle for the holy water. It is presumable that the liquid was some kind of acid. The miscreant has not yet been detected.

One day last week Mrs. M. Stinson, of Seymour, vomited, under the most painful circumstances, a large lizard. On the day mentioned she was visiting her sick brother, who has since died, and complained of a violent palpitation of the heart, accompanied with pain and sickness of the stomach, and in attempting to sit up she fainted. Fortunately Dr. Patterson, of this village, was present at the time, who immediately administered a powerful emetic, when the sufferer at once vomited a quantity of matter having a solid and unusual appearance, which, upon being examined, proved to be a dead lizard of no ordinary size, of a greenish colour, and about six inches in length, fully developed, but in a slightly decomposed state. We are glad to learn that Mrs. Stinson, though still in a low condition is gradually improving.

Grand Trunk Railway!

TRAINS WILL LEAVE GODERICH AS FOLLOWS:

No. 1 Express, 7.00 a. m., for Toronto, London and Buffalo.
No. 7 Mixed, 9.15 a. m., for Stratford.
No. 3 Mail Express, 12.30 p. m., for Toronto, Buffalo and Detroit.
No. 9 Mixed, 3.00 p. m.,

TRAINS WILL ARRIVE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 8 Mixed, 11.30 a. m., from Stratford.
No. 2 Mail Express 2.20 p. m., from Toronto, Detroit and Buffalo.
No. 10 Mixed, 7.00 p. m., from Stratford.

G. W. R.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE G. T. R.

Goderich,	leaves 7.00 a. m.	12.20 p. m.	
Caledonia,	" 11.45 "	7.32 "	
Hamilton,	arriv 12.30 p. m.	8.20 "	
Hamilton,	leaves 7.45 a. m.	12.30 "	
Caledonia,	" 8.32 "	5.35 "	
Goderich,	arriv, 2.30 p. m.	10.15 "	

BUSINESS NOTICE.

This year we have lowered the subscription price to

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When credit is given, the following are the rates we will adhere to:—If paid within 3 months, $1.25; if paid within 9 months, $1.50; over that time, $2.00. Send on your subscriptions at once, and receive cash.

CLUB RATES.

Having made special arrangements we are now enabled to offer the following very liberal club rates for cash strictly in advance:—The SIGNAL AND WEEKLY GLOBE for $2.50 a year. SIGNAL AND DAILY GLOBE $6.50. SIGNAL AND WEEKLY ADVERTISER $2.40—(which includes a premium map of Ontario). SIGNAL and MONTREAL WITNESS $4.00. SIGNAL and CANADA FARMER $1.85. SIGNAL and GRIP $2.50. SIGNAL and ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY of New York, weekly edition, $3.50, monthly edition, $2.50, either of which includes the finest chromo issued by any paper. Canvassers wanted.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, APRIL 19, 1876

THIS is the time of year when the "tree manners" may be seen travelling through the country like so many hungry beavers. They will tell the innocent farmer or gardener that they have been in the business for some ten, twenty or more years, they have tools to suit exactly, and they understand their business thoroughly having made it a life study. When the pruning season is over large heaps of limbs may be seen piled up in front of many an orchard and the owner rests satisfied that his trees will now bear larger fruit and more of it. But as take a look at the trees—they will now bear larger fruit and more of it. But as take a look at the trees—they will now bear shapely, but deformed and unnatural, lop sided and ready to catch the first strong breeze that may smash the other side off or uproot the tree entirely. The actual fact of the matter is that these "tree butchers" do not know anything of the science of pruning and they care as little as long as they are allowed the public and replenish their pocket from scores to nature. To strip trees of some of their large limbs will have the same effect on the tree as the amputating of a limb has on a man; the tree will naturally be weakened unless some care is taken to extra feed it. While pruning, care should always be taken to retain a shapely top; the sprouts should be removed and sufficient of the centre branches only to admit of air and light; small twigs may be cut from the main limbs and the tops may be cut off of all the branches without injury. If a large limb must be removed take care to bind up the stump carefully with wax or a good covering of paint to prevent decay or disease striking to the heart—While pruning is necessary in all orchards, those who have experience will testify that proper manuring is much more important. No farmer worthy the name, will presume to reap crop after crop for years of any kind of grain, from the same field without manuring it; the same rule applies to fruit trees, and yet orchards will be seen where no food has ever been bestowed and after a few years, because the fruit has become small and worthless, it is taken for granted that there are too many branches on the tree and hence one of these "scientific pruners" is engaged to "trim" the trees. Suppose now that fruit growers try the *experiment* of thoroughly manuring their orchards and prune with taste, judgment and mercy.

MONTREAL has been considerably excited of late over some revelations relative to a system of "baby farming" which has been practiced there. About one hundred years ago the founders of the present Grey Nunnery happening to cross a little creek in the city found the body of an infant with a dagger wound in its breast, and her sympathies being roused, she resolved to establish in connection with the nunnery a home for illegitimate children. This scheme was carried out, and the suspicious circumstances which were reported in connection with the death of a little child left in charge of the nuns some time ago called forth the first investigation into the manner of keeping the children. Some startling figures have been presented, the record for 1875 showing that 719 illegitimate children were received into the hospital, of whom only 88 survived. These children were generally given out to the *habitans* to be taken care of, for the sum of $3 per month, whilst some were treated in the hospital. The report looks very unfavorable to the character of the institution, but there are so many circumstances which make the care of infants thrown upon the world in the manner of illegitimate children a very onerous one, that the occurrence many deaths is not to be wondered at. The institution deserves great praise for the charity it manifests towards these poor waifs, and that the great number of deaths is owing to criminal negligence on the part of the nuns should not be imputed to them. When a legal investigation has been made, the public, we hope, will see all the unpleasant features of the case fully and satisfactorily explained.

THE UNITED STATES government seems determined to ignore Canada in its construction and application of the Washington Treaty, and we begin to feel that our country was treated to only a second thought in the preparation of this compact. They refuse to admit British Columbia fish into the States because that province was not in the Dominion at the time the treaty was made; they cunningly place a heavy tax on lobster cans, in order to keep lobsters prepared in that form from competing with that line of their trade, and by other means they take the barest advantages of the Treaty. It is boldly stated by a leading American paper that the compact was virtually made between "Great Britain on the one hand and the United States on the other. Nominally, indeed, Canada had a representative in the Commission, but he was there to do the Imperial will and he did it." This is most humiliating to Canadians, and when we are subjected to the annoyances of Yankee trickery and the indifference of British treaty makers patience fails to be a virtue.

SEVERAL American manufacturers have made arrangements to establish branches of their business in Canada, in order to better secure the Canadian market and the advantages of low taxation, cheap labor, and everything which are offered here. The Anderson Bower Company have decided to establish a large manufactory in Dundas, and other towns are expecting favors of a similar character. This is a matter for which we have reason to congratulate ourselves, and the bonus above recited with the exclusive have of ample water-power and excellent channels for the effect of greatly increasing the number of manufactories here.

AFFAIRS in Europe are somewhat disturbed over the insurrection in Turkey, a general interference on the part of the European nations being feared. England has always manifested an active interest in Turkish affairs, and in the present case Russia watches her interest, if willing expressing sympathy with the insurgents. Great uncertainty prevails, consequently, as to the policy which the several countries will pursue in the contest, although it is hardly probable that war will come. Every each country keeps up the suspicious regard of its neighbors, there is a fruitful source of rumor and excitement.

SOME time ago a report was started by the Hamilton *Spectator* to the effect that the Six Nation Indians were about to dispose of their lands on the banks of the Grand River to a company of which a gentleman in Bay City, Mich., was president, and then remove farther north. At a meeting of the chiefs and warriors at their council house on the 7th inst., this statement was indignantly denied.

MUCH is being said in England with reference to the Bill at present before the House of Lords to confer on the Queen the title of Empress of India.—This is a Conservative movement, but the discussion has not taken a political turn altogether. It is very probable that the Bill will be defeated, or if it is carried the Queen will can proper to refuse acceptance of the title.

OUR READERS will regret to learn that Mr. Thos. Greenway, M. P., has been forced to succumb to the extreme financial depression at present existing. Liabilities amount to $28,000, but his assets is said are fully equal to that amount. A compromise was offered to the creditors, but one firm insisted on closing the business.

Mr. GREENWAY, it is stated, will speedily take the opportunity of giving to his constituents his reasons for voting as he did on Sir John A. Macdonald's "all round protection amendment."

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor General formally prorogued the Dominion Parliament on Wednesday last.

The Spring Assizes.

The spring sittings of this Court opened on Monday before Mr. Justice Gwynne, Mr. Justice Patterson, who has been appointed to hold the Court here being detained at the Owen Sound assizes.

Besides the local Bar, we observed Mr. C. Robinson, Q. C., of Toronto, and Mr. Warren Hock, Q. C., of London. The latter gentleman conducts the Crown business. The civil docket consists of 17, cases only a few of which are undefended issues. The criminal docket is the heaviest that has come before an assize here for several years and consists of the following crimes: Infanticide, bestiality, forgery, misdemeanor, assault, larceny, receiving, indecent assault and libel.

The following gentlemen composed the Grand Jury—Samuel Pollock, foreman and Messrs. George Cattle, Robert Creery, Edwin Cresswell, James Dobbie, Wm. Douglass, John Essin, Robt. Gibson, C. Griffin, J. Neelands, D. Stewart, D. Walker, E. Gaunt, J. B. Geigher, Thos. Hays, J. Jackson, Robt. Jamieson, N. Mathieson, E. F. Moore, J. McMillan, M. McTaggart and D. Scott.

His Lordship addressed the Grand Jury in his usual lucid manner, pointing out their line of duty in each case; in the infanticide case the question would come up as to whether it was really infanticide or merely concealment of birth. After some general remarks the following cases were disposed of:

Ennis vs. Young—Action on promissory notes. Verdict for plaintiff, $502.46. M. C. Cameron for plaintiff; F. Holmested for defendant.

Detlor et al vs McGinnes—Action on an account and note—Verdict for plff. $279.29 with certificate for full Superior Court costs and execution in five days. M. C. Cameron for plff.; J. T. Garrow for deft.

Herr vs Cameron—Action on a note. By consent of counsel verdict for plff. was taken for one shilling, subject to the award of Isaac F. Toms, Esq.—B. L. Doyle for plff; M. C. Cameron deft. in person.

West Riding Show.

The spring show for this riding took place at Smith's Hill on Thursday last. The day was most unfavorable and the roads all but impassable with mud, but notwithstanding all the show was a decided success in point of entries at all events. The entries of stallions were double that of any former year, and the general quality made it a very difficult matter for the Judges to come to a satisfactory decision as to the merits of one over another. Huron has been noted for superior horses and this show certainly indicates that no falling off is likely to take place, but the contrary, as each breeder seems to be striving with his brother for the best kind of stock of this kind, especially in the heavy draught class.

We wish our good farmers of Huron would make as successful an effort to improve the breed of cattle and sheep as they have done in horses; there is room for improvement and we hope to be able to note some steps in this direction at the forthcoming fall shows.

The Judges were Messrs Jos. Whitely, of Goderich Township, James Biggins of Tuckersmith and John Moore of Dungannon.

The following is the prize list:—

I class.—Heavy Draught, aged Horses. Jas. McDonagh, Smith Hill, 1st; J. J. Fisher, Colborne 2nd; Robt. Brown, Zurich 3rd.

II. Class.—H. D. horses under 2 yrs. Wm. Ferguson, Colborne 1st.

III. Class.—Gen. Purpose Horses, aged. Henry Beadle Hullett, 1st; J. P. Fisher, Colborne 2nd; Lawson Moore, 3rd.

IV. Class.—Gen. Purpose Horses under 2 yrs. Chas. Darnion W. Wawanosh 1st.

V. Class.—Coachers or Roadsters aged. J. J. Fisher, Colborne 1st; Robt. McCullogh, Goderich Township; 2nd, J. J. Fisher, Colborne 3rd.

VI. Class.—Coacher or Roadsters under 2 yrs. Wm. Walters, Colborne 1st; David Fisher, Colborne, 2nd.

VII. Class.—Bulls, Thoroughbred, aged. Thos Taylor, E. Wawanosh 1st; John Washington, W. Wawanosh, 2nd.

VIII. Class.—Bulls, Thoroughbred, under 2 yrs. John Washington, E. Wawanosh, 1st; Robt. Mutch, 2nd; Rich. Davis, Colborne, 3rd recommended.

HURON PRESBYTERY.—The last meeting of this body took place on Tuesday of last week. The business comprised nothing of importance, the principal item being the reception of a communication from Rev. Jas. Pritchard, resigning his charge of the Wingham congregation. Henceforth Wingham and Bluevale are each to have a minister. Mr. Pritchard is to remain in Bluevale, the congregation there giving a salary of $700 per annum. Leave was given to moderate in calls at Brucefield, Rodgerville and Francestown.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

MOURN.—Those visiting to bourne should read the adv. of Messrs. Squier & McColl in another column.

PIGEONS.—Bumpsy has it now that the pigeon rookery is on the 11th con., Ashfield, about two miles beyond Kintail.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE.—The regular meeting night of this order has been changed from Thursday to Friday evening.

WALL PAPERS.—A full assortment of handsome wall papers has been received at Beaubien's, (variety store,) also some pretty wire hanging baskets.

DREDGING.—One of the dredges commenced the work of dredging, on Thursday morning last, the harbor being plenty of ice.

IMPORTANT SALE.—A very important sale of furniture, stock, implements and real estate takes place at Currie's Auction Mart, on Saturday next. See advertisement.

CRIMINAL COURT.—On Saturday Andrew McKee was brought before Judge Toms charged with stealing a turkey from a Mr. Elliott, of Goderich Township, and elected to be tried by jury.

MR. GEO. MCKENZIE does not leave town until the 1st day of July, and in the meantime is offering his stock of goods at lowest possible prices. Call early and get rid of the rush. See advertisement.

CHOATE & JOHNSON have received a handsome lot of silks, black, colored and checked, which are being sold at 75 and 90 cents per yard. Kid gloves, black and colored, and selling for 75 cents. They have also a pretty lot of trimmed hats and bonnets.

NEW STAND.—Mr. John Acheson has opened out in his new stand on the Market Square, in the store lately occupied by Mr. W. M. Savage, where his old customers and others will find him ready to supply all their wants in dry goods, groceries, &c., &c., at the lowest cash rates. See advt.

NUISANCE.—Merchants and others on the Square should not leave empty boxes and cord wood on the sidewalk, as it is both a nuisance to pedestrians and unsightly to visitors. There is a town by-law bearing on this point and we hope the proper authority will see that this by-law is enforced to the letter.

PIPER ESTATE.—This estate, which has been in litigation for some time past, was finally disposed of by auction on Thursday last. The homestead, consisting of 34 acres, was sold to Christopher Dale, of Hullett, for $1,405; the town lot, corner of Bishop and Cambria streets brought $60; and the quarry and lime kiln were sold for $35.

Daniel Showers and wife and Rebecca Condy, who were sent for trial by the Reeve of Wingham, were taken before Judge Toms on Saturday to elect how they would be tried, when they also decided to leave the matter to a jury. They are charged with stripping a clothes line and stealing other property from Messrs. Dundas and Thompson, of Turnberry.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The membership on the roll of Knox church, Goderich, is 317; Smith's Hill, 55; Lesburn, 24; Goderich Township, 27; total, 423. These congregations are under the pastorate of Rev. Messrs. Ure and Sieveright. Sabbath school children in connection with these churches, 430.—Amount raised for all purposes $6,259.26.

BOARD OF TRADE.—We look for an interesting report from this body shortly as we have not heard from them for a long time. The subjects before the Board are no doubt many and of great importance, requiring mature and profound deliberation, but we have every confidence that they will not succumb under the pressure, and await with high expectation the great results.

POLICE MAGISTRATE.—The Statutes of Ontario, 36 Vic., cap. 48, sec. 330, provide as follows:—"All cities and all towns having more than 5000 inhabitants shall have a police magistrate." Where the population is under 6000 the salary is $600 per annum. According to the return of the assessors Goderich has a population of 5015. Who is the coming man?

THE REVIVAL.—The attendance at the Methodist and Presbyterian churches is still increasing from night to night and the interest appears to be deep.—The noon day prayer meetings at the Y. M. C. A. rooms are also well attended and the association has gained greatly of late in strength. The ladies have commenced a series of prayer meetings in connection with Knox church special meetings; they at present meet every alternate afternoon.

ASSESSMENT.—We are indebted to our assessors for a memorandum of the town assessment as follows:—Real Estate $1,039,280—Personal $87,530 and Income $28,900, making a total of $1,155,710, being an increase over last year of $64,477. The population as taken by the assessors is 5015, being an increase over last year of 283. So that despite the hard times our town has taken a forward step.

COUNTY JUDGE'S COURT.—On Thursday last Wm. Zent was brought before His Honor Judge Toms, to answer a charge of assault upon Robert Mills, hotel keeper, of Zurich. The evidence taken was favorable to the prisoner, and His Honor dismissed the case stating that it should have been settled before a magistrate and not sent to him for trial. Mr. Zent, on being acquitted, took steps to have the constables—Templeton, of London, and Gill, of Exeter—who attempted to take his child from him at Zurich punished, and they will shortly be tried on a charge of attempted abduction.

SUMMER HOTEL.—This establishment is about complete so far as the outside portion is concerned, and presents a fine appearance, but the inside is far from being finished. The directors have been doing their level best to push matters to completion but most of the stockholders are indifferent to the interests of the town and refuse to pay up the calls as made and thus the work is greatly delayed. We are sorry to see so little "spirit of progress," among our leading business men. Those who were seemingly most enthusiastic at first are now holding back their money, and some who pretend better things even refuse to sign the stock book, although they undertook in writing to become stockholders. At a recent meeting the directors decided to proceed against all such delinquents without delay. There can be no doubt as to their liability, and we hope they will see fit to come forward and do what is required before the strong arm of the law encircles them.

LICENSE COMMISSIONERS.—The commissioners for the West Riding of Huron met in Goderich, on Thursday last, to receive applications for and grant tavern and shop licenses. Ten applications were received from hotels in Goderich, and licenses were granted to the British Exchange, Albion, International, Tichborne, Western, E. Hoaker's Maitland House, Colborne, Bailey & Martin's hotel, Craig's Ocean House, and the application from E. Hicks, of the Fountain Hotel, was laid over for further consideration. The applications for grocery license were laid over for further consideration, owing to the decision given by Chief Justice Harrison quashing the Bowmanville by-law to reduce the number of grocery licenses to one. A similar by-law exists here, and the decision given in the abovecase indicated that the corporation overstepped its limits of power in granting a monopoly of business. Steps will be taken to avoid any legal difficulties in the meantime. All the licenses in Colborne were renewed, with the exception of Smith's Hill tavern. Licenses were refused to Wilson's Port Albert hotel, Kingsbridge Hotel, McRae's Half-Way House in Kintail; and the application from Tecumseh House, Donnybrook, was rejected, unless good reasons were given to show that the house was necessary. Licenses were granted to Queen's hotel Port Albert; Kintail hotel; and Prince of Orage hotel, Dungannon. The commissioners, while anxious to conform to the law, are not inclined to be severe in this the first application of the new Act.

COLBORNE.

BOILER AT LONDESBORO.—The boiler which was announced to be taken to Londesboro church on Tuesday, proved too heavy for the road, and has been postponed until next Tuesday evening, owing to the bad state of the roads.

BERMILLER.

CHEESE FACTORY.—At the meeting of the patrons of the Ben Miller cheese factory, Messrs. John & R. W. Leach, of Bluevale, were considered. It was concluded to run the factory on the same plan as last year, viz: the patrons to pay the manufacturer 3 cts per lb. for making the cheese. Another proposition has been made by the Messrs. Leach, to allow the patrons 7 cents per pound for the milk and all over 10½ cents per lb. for the cheese. On Saturday, the 20th May, a meeting will be held at the factory, at 2 p. m., to consider this latter proposition. A full attendance of patrons is requested.

CLINTON.

PRESENTATION.—Mr. Sheppard, was recently presented by the scholars of his room, with a handsome lamp.

LECTURE.—Susannah Evans lectured to a large audience on the evening of the 5th inst., on "Moral Suasion and Prohibition."

PERSONAL.—Rev. W. C. Henderson, of Goderich, conducted services on behalf of the Educational Fund, in the Methodist church, on Sunday, and lectured on Monday evening.

PROPERTY SOLD.—One-eighth of an acre on the west side of Albert street, just north of Fair's mill, was sold by auction, recently and realized the high price of $394.

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

REVIVAL.—Successful revival meetings are being held in Holmesville Methodist church, Rev. C. S. Eby has been very active in the work.

NEW STOCK.—Mr. John Beacom, it is stated, has purchased in Pennsylvania a splendid entire horse of the Hambletonian stock. This stock is noted for fast trotting.

QUEER WORK.—Recently, says the *New Era*, two young men, Chas. Baker and Robt. Morrow, undertook for a wager of twenty dollars, to cut fifteen cords of stove wood, 22 inches, between sunrise and sunset. On that morning they commenced on the farm of Mr. Richard Baker, Goderich township, the trees being cut down and trimmed for them. Instead of it taking the time specified, they cut 16½ cords in 10 hours. The best time made was in cutting two cords in three quarters of an hour.—Hands were engaged in splitting and piling it as they sawed it. They not only won their wager but earned $5 for cutting the wood. On Friday last another display of muscular power took place on the farm of Mr. J. Churchill, Hullett, when two other young men, B. Churchill and Wm. East, cut one cord of 22 inch wood, in 15 minutes. Horse-power sawing machines are at a discount.

SEAFORTH.

Letters patent have been issued, incorporating the Seaforth Cheese Manufacturing Company.

The McKillop Mutual Fire Insurance Co. has been organized to begin operations the end of this month, as follows: Mr. G. E. Cresswell, President; Mr. W. J. Shannon, Vice President; and Mr. M. Y. McLean, Secretary and Treasurer. The present Board of Directors will continue to act, except Mr. Thos Nellans, of Hullett, who resigned and in his place Mr. John Britton has been appointed.

The License Commissioners for South Huron met on Tuesday, and decided on the hotels in Seaforth which will be licensed. Licences will be granted to the following:—Thos. Stephens, R. Carmichael, Alex. Davidson, Thomas Foster, Jas Weir and D. D. Rose.—There will thus be six licensed hotels in Seaforth. The following are the unfortunates who will be struck off: S. Powell, D. & J. Currey, Mr. Purcell, R. Hays, Jas. McBride, W. Andrews and Mr. Dawson. We certainly sympathize with Messrs. Hays and McBride. They own the property which they occupy, and it is comparatively worthless for other purposes. As for Mr. Powell, his property is in a good business portion of the town, and is valuable for business purposes, so that on his property he can nothing. The same may be said of the property now occupied by Mr. Purcell.—*Expositor.*

AN ILLICIT DISTILLERY.—On Thursday last Inland Revenue collector Cavan assisted by Officer Detlor, made a seizure of an illicit distillery which was in full operation in a building on St. John street, owned by Mr. R. Carmichael, and nearly opposite the *Expositor* office. All the appliances for the distillation of the best peteen were complete, and when the officers visited the place they found the fires going, and the vats filled with partially distilled grain. The vats were at once broken and their contents spilled over the floor; the furnace, which was built of brick, was also demolished, and the worm and other apparatus removed and taken charge of by the officers. Two men, named LeGoffie and Howard, were found in charge of the premises, and had been running the establishment. When the work of demolition was completed, Monsieur Frank looked up at Officer Cavan and very coolly remarked that "it was a d——shame to waste and destroy things in that way, as he could have turned out with the rigging the best and purest Scotch whiskey that ever was made."—The establishment has been running about two weeks, and considerable liquor has, no doubt, been turned out. Although the building is surrounded by residences and is in a public place, none of the neighbors in the vicinity had any suspicion that such an important institution was so close to them. LeGoffie was a short time ago a resident of Goderich, and was employed at the distillery.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—Look out for bogus 5 and 10 cent pieces.

—Exeter will build over two miles of plank sidewalk this season.

—The new town bell has been placed in the engine house, Exeter.

—The farmers of Stanley were ploughing last week.

—A sidewalk is to be built from the town of Clinton to the public cemetery.

—Mr. D. Aldworth, of Usborne, has a silver tea pot 596 years old which will probably appear at the Centennial.

—The ladies of St. Paul's Church, Clinton, recently presented the Rev. Dr. Wall with a purse containing $106.

—The employees of Mr. T. J. Wilson, lumber merchant, Hensall, made the first pleasure excursion over the L. H. & B. R. R.

—In a few days the L. H. & B. R., will put an additional passenger train on their line in order to facilitate traffic. It will leave London about 7 a. m., returning the same evening.

—Mr. Valantine Ritter has sold his farm, lot 11, con. 18, Grey, and part of the stock and implements, to Mr. Clements, from Waterloo, for the sum of $4,000.

—Mr. Wm. Ryan, of Hullett, has purchased from Mr. Samuel Davis, of Blanshard, a fine young heavy draught stallion five years old of a dark bay color and weighs about 1,800 pounds.

—Mr. G. M. Chesney, of Tuckersmith, last week sold a thoroughbred Durham cow to Mr. Archibald Stewart, of Lobo, for $160. This cow is nine years old and is farrow.

—The following resolution has been adopted by the Hullett Council: "That the whole of the statute labor of the township, as appears in the assessment roll for the present year, be reduced one half, and also that the statute labor of non-assessed male adults be reduced from two days to one day."

—On 6th inst., a fire at Wordham consumed a frame building owned by Mr. J. Slater and occupied as a general store by Mr. A. Dunsmore; the former loses $2,000 and the latter $3,000. No insurance in either case.

—On 8th inst., a man named Thomas Hill, employed in Knox's saw mill, Hullett, met with a painful accident. He was engaged in cutting with a truck, when the article fell back upon his leg, crushing it below the knee. He was removed to his home in Londesboro.

—Mr. C. Dale, of Hullett, has purchased the farm of Mr. Robert Adams, lot 11, con. 7, 100 acres for $6,000. Mr. Dale now owns [illegible] and has made it all in 17 years, having commenced with one York shilling. Mr. Adams has purchased a farm in Morris, Killop.

—The wife of Mr. Hellmuth Ropp, lot 28, con. 3, Grey, came early on Thursday morning of last week, and committed suicide by throwing herself into the river. Deceased had been in bad health for some time past, and is supposed to have become temporarily insane. An inquest was held on Wednesday and a verdict returned in accordance with the facts.

—Thomas Hall has sold the Brussels House property to John Parker, of Brussels. Mr. Parker took possession on Wednesday last. This is the second time within 10 months that Mr. Parker has owned the same property.—John Grewar has sold a part of his property on Turnberry street, opposite Stretton's hotel, to Wm. Glynn. The property is a vacant portion and has a frontage of 17 feet. It was sold for $110 or $6.50 per foot frontage.

—That well known stallion, "Young Warwick" the property of Mr. Robt. McColl, Lot 17, con. 6, Morris, died suddenly on 5th inst., evidently of intestinal colic. The horse was apparently in excellent health up to the day of his death, and had partaken of a good meal at the usual feeding time. A colt, three hours after he died. Young Warwick was eleven five years old. Mr. McColl had refused an offer of $500 for him, made on the previous Saturday.

—Mr. Charles Mason, of Tuckersmith, returned home on 8th inst., with another fine imported stallion which he had purchased from a gentleman near Toronto. This horse, "Glenelg," is rising four years old, is of dark brown color and weighs 2,400 pounds. He was imported in 1874 by Mr. James Burrows, of Beachborough. He had never yet been beaten in a prize ring in Canada, having carried off first prizes wherever he has been shown. Mr. Mason paid $3,000 for him.

Communications.

We wish it to be strictly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the expressions of our correspondents.

Editor Huron Signal.

DEAR SIR,—As there have been a number of pieces published in regard to my affairs that have taken place recently, I beg of you to insert the following in your columns, which are facts of the case: In the year 1872 my wife, with her paramour eloped, taking with them my little boy, our only child. I was at that time residing at Delaware, Ohio. While at work one day my wife came to me with a telegram stating that it was from her sister, requesting me to go immediately to Dayton, as she was in trouble. I started immediately and on reaching Dayton I found that the telegram was false. While there my sister-in-law received a telegram as follows: "Kossuth Cent office, Cincinnati, for God's sake;" it was signed, Ella. I then saw how things were and immediately telegraphed to Delaware, to the marshal, to keep a sharp look-out for I thought there was something wrong. I received an answer that my wife was selling off all our furniture and that the marshal would watch her movements. On my return to Delaware, I found that she had gone, accompanied with a man who called himself John Walker, and to escape detection they hired a private conveyance to Cardington, there intending to take the train. I secured a warrant, and accompanied by the marshal, took a train for Cardington, and arriving, found them ready to take the same train that we came on. Walker was arrested, but at the trial was acquitted on the ground that my wife had hired him for $2 per day. (I might here state that this Walker is the same that assisted my wife to secure my boy at Zurich, calling himself C. Antony.) I then took legal proceedings to secure my child by obtaining a writ of *habeas corpus*, bringing him before the court at Delaware; but as we were man and wife the right of the child was not assigned to either of us separately. She did not live with me after this but went to live with her paramour, Antony, in a house that he had rented where he kept her as his mistress. I took the child and went to Newark, where I was arrested under charge of kidnapping and brought back to Delaware. I was acquitted on the trial as they could not find me guilty of kidnapping my own child. My wife then sued for a divorce to which I did not object, but I petitioned for the custody of the boy. She failed to get the divorce, but on looking over my petition the court granted to me the custody of the child, stating that I was the legal guardian and that there was nothing produced to prove my incompetency as a guardian. I then took my child and went to Michigan, to my mother, where I remained about four months. Soon afterwards my wife came in my absence, accompanied by two men, and finding my boy outside they took the little fellow and made off with him, but not without resistance on his part for he screamed to my mother, who, on hearing went out and saw the three making off with her grandson. I was absent from home at this time, at work, and did not return until the next day, so they got a great start of me and it took me some time to find their whereabouts. Being very anxious about my boy I lost no time in hunting them up by every possible way, by travelling myself and inserting advertisements, and after great exertions I found them at Ostrander, where she was living with Antony. On entering the house I was shot at twice by Antony, and I then in self-defence shot at Antony twice in the leading business. He retreated to the rear where I shot at him again, but the shooting was all without effect. I then took my child and went out of the house but was shortly after arrested on charge of shooting with intent to kill. Of this charge I was honorably acquitted and was permitted to take my child with me to Michigan, where I remained some time in peace. Shortly after, however, she again secured my child and I again, with an officer, pursued her about 300 miles when I again got my child. I then thought that I would leave for Canada, the place of my nativity, and thought by so doing I would avoid further trouble and live in peace with my boy. But unfortunately for me it has not proven to be so as I have again been involved in more trouble by my wife and Antony. On the 23rd of March, my wife, Antony, Tempelton, and Gill came to Zurich (the latter two officers of the law). They drove up to the back of the Royal Hotel; the two officers came in by way of the kitchen. It being about 10 p. m., I was preparing my boy for bed. Their thievish entrance quite startled me. They asked me if my name was Zent, I answered in the affirmative; they asked if the boy was mine, I said he was; Gill then said that they were after the boy and that his mother was outside. I then asked them for their authority; Gill said that he was an officer of the law and that he came to enforce the rights of the mother of the boy and presenting a revolver at me he demanded the child. I resisted, as I thought it my duty and asked them first to produce their authority, but they could not produce anything but a divorce that my wife claims to have got since I came to Canada. Gill seized the child who was then in my arms; I then called for help, which was soon answered from the bar-room; Tempelton then assisted Gill to take the child, presenting a revolver and saying that he would shoot the first man who interfered. My friends aided me in getting the child from the grasp of the officers and I went off up stairs with my child, but was followed by the officers. Gill frowned; I turned on the stairs and told Gill that if he came any further he would go back a corpse; he took my warning and did not approach any further, as they felt sure that they could not be successful in their attempt. I secured my child and came back and demanded an explanation, also their authority, if any, as officers. They said that they were merely escorts for my wife. I found that my wife had hired them for a sum of money, as I heard Tempelton demand his money and that my wife say, he (Gill) did not pay her enough. I then heard Gill thought that he was entitled to some pay, but she refused to pay him any as she stated that she did not hire him, and that he had done her more harm than good. I then had an interview with my wife who stated that she had only come to visit her child and if I would allow her to remain with the child a few days that she would return unmolested, to which I agreed. She then remained at the hotel three days, and during her stay she entered into a plot with Robert Mills, the hotel keeper, he promising to give her his services to secure the child for the sum of $22. But being detected by myself and others I kept a sharp look-out. The stratagem was that I was to drive her to see the lake and under pretence she was to knock off the boy's hat, and while I was getting it she was to drive off; but this scheme did not work. I took her to