The sentence of death passed upon the Brockville murderer has been commuted to penitentiary for life.

Preston station was destroyed by fire on Thursday morning. Some furniture and books were saved.

The Allan Line of Glasgow steamers are now conducted on temperance principles.

The Dunkin Bill was defeated in Brockville last week by 132 of a majority.

A young son of Mr. Breton, Hanover Tay, by an accident, had a bad fracture through his temples.

The corporation of Wingham has planted out for hundred maple trees, many of which they have furnished gratuitously.

The annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America will be held in the Court House, Sarnia, on the 12th and following days of June last.

Mr. Cummins, of Cobourg, has manufactured a chaff cutter capable of cutting this quilt, and was 61 years of age when she started it.

The Port Hope people have turned the tables by defeating the people of Barrie at a Spelling Match, on Saturday. The "rubber" will be spelled next, both sides now standing even.

On Friday morning a baggage car on the Great Western took fire at Paris, and all its contents, including through and way baggage and mails, were completely destroyed.

John Joscy, of Belleville, sentenced to death at the late Assizes for the murder of a young woman has had his sentence commuted to imprisonment for life.

The writ for a new election in South Bruce, consequent upon the appointment of Hon. E. Blake to the position of minister of Justice, has been issued. The nomination has been fixed for the 2nd of June.

Mr. Mumsey, of London, has received from Mr. W. T. Reith, formerly of that city, a mottled or milk snake caught in New Jersey, weighing seven pounds, and five feet eight inches in length. It was presented to the Mechanics' Institute museum.

A young man named Alex. Erskine of Dunwich, received a kick from a horse that he was driving, which struck him in the face, fracturing the upper jaw in several places and literally crushing the bones of the nose. Hopes are entertained of his recovery.

While Mr. Geoch, of West Nissouri, was assisting in moving a building a stick sprung up and struck him on the right leg a little above the ankle, breaking both bones. The fracture was set and the old gentleman is doing well.

The Government dams at Eagle and Hall's Lakes, on the upper portion of the Gull River have broken away, flooding the village of Minden. The water on the 19th was over two feet before the floors of some of the houses, and expected to be still higher. A great amount of damage has been done.

In Petrolia, on Thursday, a fire broke out at Fiphole switch at a receiving oil tank, and spread to adjoining tanks, and before it could be put out completely consumed ten tanks and about twelve hundred barrels of crude oil, besides a lot of lumber belonging to D. M. Parker. The fire is supposed to have caught from sparks from the locomotive.

In Canada it is illegal for any person to carry any concealed deadly weapon, such as slungshot, skull-crusher, knife, or other instrument of that kind. The statute is silent in respect to pistols, and therefore it is no infraction of the law to carry them about the person, although the practice is very objectionable and unwarrantable.

A curious freak of lightning occurred in Morristown on Saturday night, May 8th. The fluid struck a large tree in one of the limbs, passed into the body and down into the ground, then took a root of another large tree, passing up the trunk, tearing the body into splinters and felling the tree, leaving its top whole. About an acre of ground was completely covered with the splinters.

On Saturday forenoon, in Aurora, a man giving his name as John Humburg committed an indecent assault upon a little girl about four years old. After committing the offence he fled, but was pursued and taken prisoner. He was committed to stand his trial at the next Assizes. While the magistrates were in session a constable arrived from Newmarket with warrants for him for two offences committed in that village.

In Belleville, on Thursday morning fire was discovered in the building occupied by Mr. Frederick Frost as a cabinet factory. The building, owned by Mr. E. Burrel, which was three stories and principally of wood, was entirely consumed with its contents. Building insured in two companies, $500 each. Mr. Frost's machinery and tools insured for $2,000. Total loss estimated at about $10,000.

Mr. K. C. Barker, Fred. Dudgeon, Frank Webb, and a boy named Peter Miller, were drowned opposite Texas Landing, on the Detroit River, at about half-past ten on Tuesday morning. Mr. Barker was on his way to Gibraltar in the yacht Mattie, with ballast for his yacht Clara, when the accident happened. Mr. Barker's body has been recovered. The Mattie was struck by a squall.

A man by the name of John Gillen, who had been living alone for some time in a small house on the south side of the Assiniboine River, in the parish of High Bluff, was found burnt to a crisp on the morning of the 30th ultimo, among the ashes of his own dwelling which had been consumed by fire during the previous night. The fire was accidental and deceased was overpowered by smoke.

A young man named Thos Maloney, a resident of Prescott, and three others named John Lade, Benj. Daniels and John Maloney, took a house near River Du Lievre in the early part of the spring, intending to spend the time until next fall in hunting and fishing. On the 18th the party were in a boat on one of the lakes pursuing their sport, a loaded gun lying in the bottom. Maloney had occasion to reach forward, and in doing so accidentally stepped on the hammer of the gun, which exploded, and the contents lodged in the unfortunate man's heart. He lived but a few seconds.

In Hamilton, on Thursday, a fire broke out in the fire hole of Dunn's spice factory, on Main street, near Bay. A rather strong west wind was blowing at the time, and the flames soon spread to Balfour's box factory and the rear end of Messrs. Yates & Garson's lumber yard. In Balfour's yard there was about $2,000 worth of lumber, which was completely burnt. His total loss cannot be less than $5,000, of which $1,600 was covered by insurance in the North British and the Victoria Mutual Insurance Companies. Yates & Garson's loss is not much. Mr. Dunn was insured for $3,000, and his loss will probably not exceed that sum.

On Friday morning the body of a female child, about three months old, was found floating in the river, at Napanee. The child had a large stone tied to its neck by a cord, and no doubt had been thrown into the river by its inhuman mother. Suspicion rested on a girl named Lizzie Williams as the mother of the child, who came to Napanee some three months ago, and telegrams were sent to Belleville for her arrest. She was arrested by Detective Petrie, and taken to Napanee for trial.

A sad tragedy occurred in the township of Saltfleet on the 18th. Mrs. William Moore, of the village of Woodburn, left her home, and, leaving her youngest child at the house of her mother, wandered to the lake on Monday afternoon and spent all night along the shore. In the morning she drowned herself and was found by one of the neighbours lying across a log in the lake. The body was warm when taken out, but efforts to resuscitate her were unsuccessful. She had left a lock of her hair for her husband, with instructions concerning her burial. She was the mother of several children.

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GODERICH, MAY 26, 1875.

Spelling Matches and their Effects.

The spelling epidemic, which, beginning some two months ago in New York and has spread throughout the United States and Canada, although it will continue like ordinary epidemics but a short time, will be productive of considerable benefit to those who participate in orthographical contests or take an interest therein. Some persons are possessed of such a quantity of perception that, in reading, each word appears to their mind's vision with each letter thereof prominent and distinct, and their knowledge of words depends pretty much upon the amount of reading they have done. Others read words as they would hieroglyphics, judging of their meaning from a familiarity with their construction or from the sounds of certain combinations of letters in the words, and not from a close scrutiny of their component parts. Such persons may be puzzled when asked to spell words in common use. Lawyers again who are accustomed to abbreviate fall into a habit of applying new sounds to certain letters, which habit confuses them when a correct spelling is requested of them. Phonetic writers have difficulties to contend with arising from a habit which grows upon them in the practice of their profession; proof readers and copyists become familiar with mistakes and can detect them in print and in manuscript by a certain faculty which prompts them to remark of doubtful words that "it looks wrong," but this faculty is at fault when an oral spelling is undertaken; and then there is the class, by far the most numerous, whose spelling days are over and whose contact with business has robbed them of their familiar acquaintance with the spelling book, and who have adopted a system of compounding words as reasonable in its results as that which has been in use for the construction of our English.

Uncle Sam's dominion was the most likely place for this fever to originate, where the great object next to money making is sensation, and spelling matches were introduced firstly for the purpose of amusement. A few attempts in this line tended only to convince the interested ones still more, that the English language was fearfully and wonderfully constructed. Difficult and unheard of words, provincialisms, technical terms, and obsolete words were propounded for the evident purpose of putting down those who supposed they could spell. But the public soon became aware of the fact that Webster himself could not possibly be capable of spelling through his own dictionary correctly, and words in ordinary use have been found sufficient to puzzle contestants without introducing them to words which they might never have occasion to use in a lifetime. Our recent contest in town was upon words in common use but still possessed of peculiarities which, to those who may have used the words hundreds of times, doubtless would arise as to their construction about some double consonant or a vowel. A classical education is of great assistance, furnishing the student with a key to many words in our language, but still there are other words which are constructed after no seeming rule of orthography and upon which the most learned may stumble. Variety seems the great feature in our language, and the different pronounciations of syllables containing exactly the same letters has given rise to many laughable incidents and has tended to dement many foreign students of English. These peculiarities are brought into prominence by these spelling contests, and we cannot but remark that our language could be greatly improved and simplified; but in order to do so our conversation would sound wonderfully ridiculous to the novice.

Some of the goods effects of the spelling matches are important, but as the fever is only temporary the effect will die out almost as readily. Confidence in public contests is of great assistance to a participant, and the results of the many spelling matches throughout the country, are not to be accepted as a just estimate of the orthographical knowledge of the "spellists." But there is certainly a deficiency in this respect, and with the memory of these bouts fresh in the mind, reading will not be done so hastily. Difficult words will be pondered upon, and the spelling will be as closely noted as the shape of the words. Pronounciation is another particular in which the public will improve, and many affixes and prefixes which before were not pronounced with proper distinctiveness have been noted in their differences. Vowel sounds are frequently confounded, but a little practice in a good many cases will teach how to make the difference apparent in pronounciation. Words of the same sound but with different meanings frequently puzzle and discomfit, but these words have been sought out and the public have grown familiar with the majority of them. It would require an immense amount of study to master the many difficult words in the English language, but these spelling matches when conducted upon the principle of confining the examination to words in ordinary use will be of great benefit to the public, and will impress indelibly a particular word upon the mind of the victim in some column, who will at least have gained a lasting acquaintance with that which might have puzzled at some time or other in the future.

The Park By-Law.

Not a little surprise was created by the action of the Town Council at its last sitting in passing a resolution to repeal the "Park By-Law," which has been appealed against as illegal. It was a measure of precaution with the object of staying legal proceedings, and to give an opportunity of beginning the work anew and doing it properly; but [illegible] a simple vote of the Council, this piece of [illegible] will go for nought.

Strong objections have been taken against the By-law, sufficient to prove its illegality, and this fact expressed in plain English that bungling and carelessness interfered to the successful performance of the task of preparing and revising that document. We favor the by-law and find no fault with those who appealed against it, since the cause of the existing difficulty lies entirely with the Council. By the failure to do the work properly, a heavy expense will be entailed in order to purchase the park, if it is to be done.

The by-law when first drawn up was to have been inspected by certain of the members, but it was either merely glanced at or not revised at all, and allowed to be published in its illegal form. There are forms furnished to assist in drafting by-laws, but if "our fathers" feel satisfied that they cannot do their work better than they have in this instance the sooner they employ an attorney the better. We doubt not that some other by-laws have been passed which are illegal in composition, and this one had the misfortune (?) to be detected; but it will prove as an example to the Councillors to exercise greater carefulness in such important matters. The unfortunate bungling in this case has put the town to great expense—the cost of advertising, surveying and for the polling amounts to a considerable figure. If the By-law had failed to carry there would be the end of it, but to think that the people were in favor of it and that after all this expense the thing is a dead letter, causes the people to feel displeased with the conduct of those whom custom has styled "our Fathers."

Changes and Appointments.

The vacancy caused by the death of Lieutenant-Governor Crawford, has been filled by the appointment of Hon. Donald Alexander Macdonald to that position. Hon. George Brown's name was mentioned freely in connection with the vacant office, and it is said that he was the first choice of the Cabinet, but that he refused the offer. That Mr. Brown is deserving of such a mark of distinction by the Government will be willingly conceded, but his connection with the *Globe* is a barrier to his acceptance of the position, and his many admirers would regret the severance of his connection with that paper and with his paper Mr. Macdonald was sworn in on Saturday. He is a Canadian by birth, the first who has held this position, having been born at St. Raphael's in Glengarry. His parent's emigrated to this country from the Highlands of Scotland, and amongst their offspring was the late Hon. John Sandfield Macdonald, first premier of Ontario. Mr. Macdonald was educated at Cornwall Grammar School, and in 1857 was elected to Parliament for Glengarry, which constituency he has represented ever since. In the month of November, 1873, he was sworn in as a member of the Privy Council and appointed to the position of Post Master General. He has been brought through several positions in municipal Government, and enters into his high office with a fund of experience which will no doubt prove him thoroughly efficient in his new capacity.

Mr. Macdonald's promotion created a vacancy in the Cabinet, and Mr. Fournier was sworn in on Wednesday as Post Master General, the Hon. Edward Blake being sworn in as Minister of Justice. Mr. Blake's entry into the Cabinet has met with very general approval. He has before refused to accept offers of a position in the Government, preferring to remain untrammeled on the floor of the House. In the Ontario Ministry, when he was connected therewith, he held his position therein, without portfolio, and he has ever shown a desire to remain unbound to support the entire policy of the Government. He has had no occasion to oppose their policy, however; in fact he has been an associate of Mr. Mackenzie's during that honorable gentleman's incumbency. Mr. Blake's ability is conceded on every hand, and with such an addition to the personnel of the Cabinet its popularity will be still more greatly increased and its ability be still more worthy of admiration.

Mr. Thos Stock, the Conservative member North Wentworth, whose election has been petitioned against has been unseated by Chief Justice Draper, is disqualified for the term of eight years for illegal practices and has been assessed with the cost of the case. The evidence which disqualified him and voided the election was that, on the day of polling, one of Mr. Stock's authorized agents, a man named Sullivan, treated a number of voters the respondent being one of the number. The circumstances is very trivial considered as an offence, but notwithstanding is sufficient to bring upon the offender a severe penalty. Mr. Barber's case in Halton has been flung at the Reform party by Opposition journals with many jeers, but this case shows an act a shade darker than that of Mr. Barber's, which was merely a vague promise while Mr. Stock participates in an offence of the law. The penalties which are thus inflicted upon these gentlemen are severe, but the lesson will be not easily forgotten; and we hope the examples will have the effect upon Tory journals of instilling them with more consistency than they now possess in dealing with the short-comings of an opposite party.

Liberal Conservatism in Centre Toronto is sadly disorganized. Mr. John Macdonald, the Reform Candidate was announced to the people long before the nomination on Friday, and many efforts were made by the Tories to bring out an opponent but not until the eleventh hour did they succeed. Mr. T. M. Daly was their choice, and although a split has taken place in the party he represents yet he was willing to throw himself into the contest without the slightest prospect of success and merely to make a show of fight. On the nomination day, however, a change appeared on the face of affairs. The Conservative party, as represented by the *Leader* and Mr. T. M. Daly was non *est*. Mr. John Macdonald, the Reform candidate was elected by acclamation.

As was anticipated, the Hamilton city election, on Thursday, resulted in the return of Messrs Wood and Irving, the vote being as follows:

Irving	1,975
Wood	1,952
Brown	1,599
Witton	1,569

Average majority, 375.

These figures show a very slight decrease in the majorities of the successful candidate's as compared with their former election and an equally slight advance in the Conservative vote. The ballots worked well, the Conservative party anticipating that it would vote to their advantage; but the result will satisfy them that they have no reason to complain in some contests, who will at least have gained a lasting acquaintance with that which might have puzzled at some time or other in the future.

Foreign News.

United States.—Reports from various parts of Pennsylvania on Friday state that destructive conflagrations are raging in the woods in those regions; the woods at Port Jervis, New York, were also in flames, and a great amount of valuable property has been consumed.

James Mowery, of Johnson county, Ill., was killed by one Parrell, of Williamson county, Ill., on the 15th, in a fight growing out of a long-standing feud.

A strangle occurred in Indianapolis the other day. A number of young colored children lined the edge of the side-walk in front of a second rate menagerie and were shouting at the ticket-taker:—"Go up, old bald head!" when suddenly the bear on exhibition inside the tent broke loose and jumped out at the door. The little ones, mindful of the fate which overtook the sticked children who reviled Elijah, scattered in every direction, and the bear was captured before he could do any harm.

Though the grasshoppers have developed in Nebraska by millions, there is an active enemy preying on them in the form of a small red bug, of a description not hitherto seen. The bug attacks the grasshoppers in bulk, and destroys all it attacks.

Mrs. Abraham Lincoln escaped from her room in one of the Chicago hotels, Thursday, and, going to a druggist's, ordered a preparation of morphine and camphor, ostensibly for neuralgia. She had been followed by her friends, who, while she was waiting for the potion, had a harmless preparation mixed instead. This she drank as she was leaving the store, with the evident design of committing suicide. On reaching her room she was taken into custody, and removed to a private asylum at Batavia. Her son Robert petitioned the legal courts to examine her case, and evidence was gleaned sufficient to prove that Mrs Lincoln was insane and had been so since the assassination of her husband.

Deacon Joseph Mower, of Keene, N. H., was attacked on Thursday night with a fit of insanity, and rising from bed set fire to his house, his wife barely making her escape. Afterwards Mower cut his throat, and now lies in a dying condition.

Advices from all sections of Minnesota indicate an almost entire absence of grasshoppers.

Cardinal McCloskey on Thursday, in New York, confirmed twenty-nine young ladies of Mount St. Vincent, who presented him with a diamond cross valued at $20,000.

While some carpenters who had been at work in Stanton Shaft, Co. No. 7, of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Co., Pa., were about to be hoisted up, the cornice snapped from the broken and plunged down. The engine failed to check the descent, and the men were hurled down a hundred feet into darkness. The shaft is 900 feet deep. A descent was made at once to afford relief. Richard Greenoch was dead and his body horribly mangled; Benjamin Carp had the top of his head cut off, and Stephen Mathews had his back broken.

New York is having a feast of tragedy—A man named Kehoe was arrested in Jersey City on Friday night on a charge of murdering his wife. Mrs. Kehoe was found dead in her apartment, with her skull smashed in. David Youngs in Brooklyn on Friday night chopped his second wife's head to pieces, then went to the cemetery and blew his head off.

England.—It is rumored that Mr. Disraeli is to resign at the close of the session, and it is said there is some foundation for it, as the premier's disability for continuous work is damaging the Government. An understanding, however, exists among his supporters that he shall not be replaced until he voluntarily resigns.

Cardinal Manning, in reply to an address of congratulation presented to him recently by forty-eight Roman Catholic members of Parliament, expressed his satisfaction at the prosperous condition and favorable prospects of Ireland, and his confidence that religious liberty in Great Britain would be secured by the Legislature.

Spain.—Information has been received that small pox is prevalent in the Carlist camps.

There has been two days' fighting near the town of Valmaseda. The Carlists claim that they have occupied Usurbil and Aris, from which Alfonsist troops retreated with heavy loss.

Bavaria.—Ex-Queen Amelia, widow of the late King Otho of Greece, died at Munrich, on Thursday.

Italy.—News from Rome reports the opening of hostilities between church and state. The Italian Government has ordered the removal of all Bishops who have not received the royal *Exequatur* endorsing their appointments. The Archbishop of Palermo has already been notified to leave his See.

Belgium.—As a religious procession was passing through the streets of Brussels, on Saturday, it was assaulted by the populace, and its ranks broken up. The police with drawn swords, charged on the rioters, ten of whom were arrested. The members of the procession took refuge in neighboring houses, and subsequently dispersed.

Marine News.

PORT OF GODERICH,
Tuesday, May 25th, 1875.

ARRIVALS.

Wednesday—Str. Manitoba, Sarnia, passengers and freight; prop. Sovereign, Windsor, do.

Thursday—Schr. Kitty Pringle, Bayfield, wheat for Mr. Hilliard; Nemesis, Cleveland, coal for Mr Seymour, str. Cumberland, Detroit, freight; prop. Benton, merchandise.

Friday—Steam barge Vanderbilt, Midland, lumber and lath for Secord, Cozzens & Co.

Saturday—Evening Star, Blind River lumber for Williams & Murray.

Sunday—Prop. Ontario, passengers and freight; prop. Benton, Saginaw, do. Crow Faith, Kalacoburg, light.

Monday—Kitty Pringle, Bayfield, wheat for Mr. Hilliard.

DEPARTURES.

Wednesday—Str, Manitoba, Kincardine; prop. Soverign, Kincardine.

Thursday—Prop. Benton, Saginaw, general cargo; prop. Cumberland, Collingwood, light.

Saturday—Tug, Minnie Walker, Bayfield, to do harbor work; steam barge Vanderbilt, Midland, light; Kitty Pringle, Bayfield, light.

Sunday—Schr. Nemesis, Badjero, light; Benton, Detroit, general cargo.

Monday—Prop. Ontario, Kincardine, general cargo.

The propellor Sovereign, which left Windsor a few days since for Lake Superior, struck the rock in Sault River on Saturday and was compelled to transfer her cargo to the Manitoba, returning to Detroit for repairs. The extent of her damages cannot be known until going into dry dock. She arrived in Detroit on Saturday.

R. S. Finley, a farmer living in the township of Sombra, was shot through the head and instantly killed about one o'clock on Saturday morning. It appears that Mr. Finley and his wife were awakened by some noise in the stable, and supposing something was wrong with the horses, he got up, took a lantern and went out to see. Mrs. Finley becoming alarmed at his absence called up two young men who were in the house who went out and found Mr. Finley lying on his face just inside the stable door quite dead; his own gun which was usually kept in the stable was lying near. How it was fired off was a mystery, as it is quite evident he did not do it himself.

LOCAL NEWS

Drunk.—Jas. Mullie and Andrew Torney were brought before the Magistrate on Saturday charged with being drunk in the streets the previous evening. Fined $1 each, or ten days in jail.

Pump Makers.—Messrs. Walley & Martin are now doing a good business in pump making and well digging. Both are experienced men, and do first class work. Their shop is on Victoria street, in the old marble works.

Correspondence.—We received last week too late for that issue a letter from Connaught. As the news could be rather stale to publish this week and being unimportant, we consign the letter to the waste basket this time. We shall be happy to hear from our correspondent again and often.

The New Barrel.—The barrel recently invented and patented by Mr. Jas. Troubleace of this place is being [illegible] Mowery speaks of it in highly complimentary terms.

The Canonian.—This Canadian Musical Monthly is a great success. No. 6 lies on our table full of good secular Chorus Music, the contents being the Temperance Chorus "Sign to-night," "The song of the Belle" and the Workman's Chorus, "'Tis Six o'clock P. M." Send 5c. for sample copy to C. H. Ashdown, Ambersburg.

New Post Offices.—The *Gazette* announces the opening of the following Post Offices in this county:—Chisel, Tuckersmith township, William Moore, postmaster; Glen Annan, Turnberry, Wm. Anderson; Lochalsh, Ashfield, Allan Mackenzie. Zetland P. O. has been closed.

Mean.—Capt. Wells, of the Tommy Wright, last week collected about $100 worth of loose timber along the lake shore and had it laid up near the wild brook mouth. On Thursday he left port to get a raft for Mr. Platt, and when he returned he found that some person or persons had set his timber adrift in the current and about one half of it had been carried out into the lake. He succeeded in recovering some of it, but at a loss considerable by the act of some persons as yet unknown.

The Weekly Liberal.—We are in receipt of a copy of this excellent paper. We have spoken of the daily issue of the paper, and it will suffice to say that the weekly gives the contents of the daily in a more compact and better arranged form. The regular subscription price is $1.50 per annum; but, for the coming year, an opportunity of letting the public see what sort of a paper it is, *The Weekly Liberal and Western Advertiser* will be sent for three months, postage free, for the merely nominal sum of 25 cents, which is of course less than the cost of the white paper.

Young Peacock.—The excellent coach foal, "Young Peacock," sired by J. J. Fisher's "Peacock," has started to travel over a short route this season.—He leaves his stable, lot 26, con. 7, Huron Road, on Monday and proceeds to Smith's Hill for noon, thence to E. Martin's Hotel, Goderich, where he remains until the following morning. On Tuesday he will proceed down the Huron Road to his stable, where he will remain for the rest of the week. This horse is two years old this spring, and is well known already as unequaled for beauty. Mr. Robt. McCullagh is the proprietor.

Leaving Town.—We regret to learn that Mr. John Inglis, who has for a number of years, carried on business in the woolen factory at Hilliard's mills, is about closing his factory and removing to Wingham, where he has purchased a site and intends building and carrying on the business. Mr. Inglis was anxious to improve his factory, but the property, which belongs to the Piper estate, being in chancery, this could not very well be done. Our citizens will regret to lose Mr. Inglis, and his business in Wingham will be a great acquisition to that village, as he is an experienced and thorough business man in his line. We wish him every success.

A Trying Situation.—On the 1st May, Capt. A. Marks, of the Kitty Pringle, started alone from this port to take his vessel to Bayfield. Although the Kitty is a small boat and a good sailor can manage her in good weather, yet it required the exercise of much nautical skill to carry the boat through the ice which was on the lake at that time and contend with the high wind which blew about noon. When the storm came on, the boat was near Bayfield, and the sea caused her to lurch so that the dishes, furniture and stove below got loose. Mr. Marks could not leave the helm, and had to leave the articles to tumble around as the storm should will until he moored his vessel safely in Bayfield harbor.

Shaughnaun.—Goderich is to be visited by Mr. E. A. McDowell, the celebrated Irish comedian and vocalist, as "Conn" in Dion Boucicault's famous play entitled Shaughnaun. Mr. McDowell is well supported, and his company has been highly spoken of by the city papers. Having had a week to spare in Canada, Goderich has been billed for his appearance here, and our readers are assured that the entertainment will be well worth witnessing.—The expense in transporting scenery and keeping such a company is large, and the prices are higher than usual.—A diagram of the Oddfellows' Hall may be seen at Moorhouse's store, and if our readers desire to witness an excellent entertainment they would do well to secure seats early.

Military Camp.—Major Cooke has received orders and has notified the different companies to prepare for going into camp at Guelph on the 22nd of June. The camp will be under the command of Lt.-Col. Taylor, Deputy Adjutant General, 1st Military District, and will be composed of the following corps:—

	Officers.	Men.
Wellington Field Battery,	5	75
28th Perth Infantry,	19	252
29th Waterloo do	18	210
30th Wellington Rifles	28	420
32nd Bruce Infantry,	19	292
33rd Huron Infantry,	24	378
Total probable No. in camp,	113	1587

The camp will break up on 3rd July. Eight companies of infantry form the Huron Battalion, and these will start on the 22nd of June. The staff officers of the battalion, will be the only representatives who will leave Goderich, the artillery company not being called upon to turn out.

Queen's Birthday.—Her Majesty's 56th birthday was celebrated very quietly in town, the people seeming inclined to reserve their enthusiasm until the 1st of July. Flags floated from the principal places in town, the shops were closed, pleasure seekers left by the early trains and in vehicles to visit other towns which furnished sport for visitors or to enjoy a quiet day's fishing, and the town wore an aspect of contentedly inactivity. Quite a large number availed themselves of the opportunity to take a trip by the *Tommy Wright* to the Point Farm. Here a very pleasant day was spent in promenading through the extensive grounds and in participating in various games. The mammoth building was inspected from the ground floor to the lofty turret which stands 500 feet above the level of the lake, affording an excellent view on all sides, by the visitors who expressed much admiration of the large proportions, the great accomodation and the general appointments of the building. Over 300,000 feet of lumber and 93 kegs of nails have been used in the construction of the hotel, and yet there is considerable work to be done yet. Mr. Wright has already received about 50 applications for rooms, and the prospects are good for a remunerative season. Quite a number are coming from the principal towns and cities throughout Canada, as Canadians are beginning to appreciate that that there are excellent watering places near home. In the evening the public turned out largely, and the square was gay with a concourse of pleasure seekers who patronized the restaurants very largely. No accidents or disturbance occurred during the day, and at 10 o'clock in the evening the streets were quiet and deserted.

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Goderich Horticultural Society. A full attendance of the members of this society is requested for Tuesday evening, 1st June, in the Grand Jury Room, to make arrangements for the fall show.

Fox run Across Water.—A party of twenty-three Goderich people left this place on the Ontario, as members of a Government surveying party. Among the party were Messrs. S. Clifford, Hardy, Mark Whitely, and others.

Inspection Distrest.—Under the new Inspection Act the County of Huron has been elected into one of the districts of the Province of Ontario for the purposes of the Inland Revenue Department.

Drowned.—Two boys named Green and Castle were drowned in Wingham, on Sunday, while bathing, by the boat capsizing. The bodies were found on Monday.

Personal.—We are sorry to learn that Mr. S. Wade, a student in Sinclair & Seager's law office has passed his examination as attorney, before the Law Society at Toronto.

—Mr. Jas. Innes, editor and proprietor of the *Guelph Mercury*, and lady, were in town on Monday and stopped at the Albion.

—Mr. Jas. Bisset, chief factor of the Hudson Bay Company, whose seat is at Montreal, passed through Goderich last week on a tour to the posts of the company along Lake Superior.

—Mr. D. C. Perry, brother in-law of Mr. A. M. Fuller, was in town last week. Mr. Perry is one of the prominent citizens in the stirring city of Omaha, Neb., occupying the position of alderman there. Business is very dull in that city, and the people are looking to the opening up of the Black Hill region to restore them to customary activity.

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Optical Operation.—Mr. William Chisholm, of Goderich Township, for some time past has had a cataract forming on his left eye. Two weeks ago he went to Toronto where Drs. Rosebourgh & Coleman performed a successful operation and removed the cataract. Mr. Chisholm's eye is still weak, but the sight is quite restored.

Testing the Machinery.—Steam was was got up in the Goderich Harbor Mills on Monday for the first time, and on Tuesday some of the machinery was put in motion. Everything works well. There is a good deal of work yet to be done before the mill will be put in full operation, but the work is being pushed with all vigor, and will be but a few weeks before the practical opening will be announced.

Fatal Accident.—Last Sunday evening, between four and five o'clock, as the Rev. R. Reynolds, Methodist minister on the Kippen Circuit, some eight miles north of Exeter, was driving briskly toward's Lumley, his evening appointment, the wheels of the sulkey came in contact with a deep rut, which threw him suddenly forward and frightened his horse. His feet became entangled in the irons and shaft on the front of the carriage, and he was dragged a distance of two hundred yards with one arm and shoulder against one of the wheels, and his head upon the gravel. When taken up his arm and shoulder were terribly mangled, and the back of his head literally torn off. He died in about three hours after.

County of Huron Teachers' Association.—A meeting of this body will take place at Clinton, on Friday and Saturday, June 11th and 12th, beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday. Papers will be read and discussions will take place on the following subjects amongst others: "Is the course of instruction prescribed for our public schools a suitable one and can it be carried out;" "The education required by Canadian children;" "Competitive examinations;" "Difficulties in English analysis and parsing," &c. I. A. McLellan, M. A., LL.D., one of the Government Inspectors of High Schools will deliver a lecture in the Town Hall on Friday evening, subject "The Elements of National Greatness." Mr. McLean has risen from the rank of Public School Teacher, and his lecture is very highly spoken of by all who have heard it, as being both instructive and eloquent.

Burning of the Tommy Wright.—Our readers who knew this handsome little vessel will regret to hear that she was burned on Tuesday morning. At about 2 o'clock on that morning she was discovered to be on fire, the flames having got such headway that everything but the hull was burned. The *Mildred* which lay alongside was considerably scorched. What caused the fire is doubtful, as the firemen put out the fire in the engine at about nine o'clock and remained about an hour after and saw that everything was secure when he left her. It is supposed that some one got into the boat to smoke and that a spark had got secreted in some crack and caused the fire. Capt. Wells will lose considerable by this misfortune. The *Tommy Wright* was valued at $2,500. but the hull will be quite good as well as the engine. She will be rebuilt at once. No insurance on the boat.

Shooting Within the Limits.—On Friday night a circumstance that very nearly proved very serious occurred.—A number of persons had been down at the dock to witness the departure of the *Cumberland*, and whilst returning Harry Reid, constable, and another person were driving in a buggy, and in passing a number of persons who were on foot and who made use of expressions customary in horse driving which confused the horse and caused the driver some annoyance. Reid thereupon drew a pistol and fired at the crowd, the ball or wadding striking Fred. Hutty at the corner of one of his eyes and making a slight scratch. Information was lodged against Reid for firing a pistol within the town limits, and the case will come up for trial on Wednesday. Considerable indignation has been expressed that so slight a charge should be preferred against a constable and bailiff, for discharging a pistol in such close proximity to a person's head that had the shot deviated half an inch would have taken the man's life. Firing a pistols within the corporation is dangerous, but when a man stands within a few feet of the muzzle of the pistol it is vastly more dangerous, and is an offence very much distinct from a mere contravention of the town by-law. We don't wish to be severe with Reid, but the circumstances are bad.

Goderich District Meeting.—The annual meeting of this District was held last week in the North Street Methodist Church, Goderich. The attendance of ministers and laymen was very satisfactory. The reports from the various circuits show a year of great prosperity in membership and connexional funds. Some fine churches and parsonages have been built. The parsonage at Dungannon is well worthy of special mention, and reflects great credit upon the Methodists of that circuit. The Rev. Jas. Graham was elected member of the Stationing Committee, Mr. Graham is well worthy of this position, one of honor and responsibility. The Rev. James Broley was re-appointed District Missionary Secretary, an office for which he seems specially qualified. The Rev. J. S. Fisher was elected District Secretary and the Rev. Wm. Henderson member of the Sabbath School Committee. Near the close of the proceedings the following resolution was passed with great cordiality,—Moved by the Rev. James Broley, and seconded by A. S. Fisher, Esq., of Clinton, that this District meeting desires to record its high appreciation of the ability with which the Rev. Charles Lavell, M. A., has presided over its deliberations; and we hereby tender to him our unanimous and cordial thanks for the faithful and most efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of chairman of the Goderich District. Mr. Lavell is a man of fine spirit and great administrative ability and well worthy the honor of the chair of the Goderich District, which he has filled during the last six years.

BRUSSELS AND VICINITY.

From the *Post*. Three young cows belonging to Mr. Richard Armstrong, of Morris, were killed by railway cars, on the grand gallop on Saturday evening.

Mr. R. M. Livingston has sold his residence and handsome grounds at the south end of the village to Mr. F. O. Rogers, merchant. We understand the price paid was $4,000.

Mr. David Aldridge has purchased the right to sell the use of Hough's Formula for the destruction of Canada thistles and other weeds, in the townships of Morris, Grey, Colborne, Ashfield, Wawanosh East and West, Hullett, McKillop and Turnberry. Although we have no present knowledge of the value of this Formula, yet we fully believe, from the testimonials shown, given by the most prominent men of the country, that it will be a great benefit to the farming community.

While [illegible] Spring's mill one day last week, one of the noses of the rope slipped over the [illegible] was elevated quicker than he expected. Happily he sustained no injury other than a slight discoloration of the neck.

Mr. Geo. H. Wright, of Clifton formerly of Brussels, has sold his store on Turnberry street, at present occupied by Mr. William Tufts, to the latter gentleman, for $1,300.

Thomas Youill engaged at Smith's mill, 5th con., Grey, met with an accident on Thursday last. It appears that while carrying a board he fell about 12 feet, lighting on his head. When picked up he was insensible and remained so for a considerable time. Besides the shock, he received a severe gash on the lip. He has now almost recovered.

On Thursday, 13th inst., Mrs. Geo. Sheilds, lot 30, con. 20, Grey, brought into our office the oddest collection of hen eggs we ever saw. There were four in the lot. One is of perfect shape, but of very diminutive size, being about 3½ inches around one way, and 7½ the other. Two others are also well shaped, but wonderfully small, one being about the size of a pigeon's egg. The fourth one is a curiosity indeed. It resembles a bottle in shape, and has a sound, hard shell.

CLINTON AND VICINITY.

From the *New Era*. The farmers of Hullett and adjoining townships will be glad to learn that the Huber Bros. have put in steam in their mill at Londesborough.

The stave and shingle factory of Messrs. Belfray & Twitchell, in Blyth, was sold by auction on Saturday last, the purchaser being Mr. R. Ransford, of Clinton, at the low price of $1,920, the factory having originally cost something over $6,000.

A farmer in Hullett, who appears to put a high estimate on the value of money, and a low