The polls closed at Gananoque on Friday, on the Dunkin Bill, with a majority of nineteen for the Bill.

It is thought the St Lawrence will not be open for navigation before the middle of May.

J. B. Gough will deliver his last lecture this season in Canada, in London, on Thursday, 8th inst.

A man named Murray was drowned at Port Dalhousie, on Thursday, whilst attempting to cross the canal on a temporary bridge.

A person named Wm. Nixon, who had been ailing for some time, was found dead in an outbuilding in Cookstown, on Thursday.

The Colorado potato beetle is already showing signs of life in the vicinity of [illegible] the potato stalks.

A young lad named Crawford, living in Dundas, has seriously injured his face by the discharge of a pistol which he was handling. He will be blind.

A subterranean creek was discovered in digging a well in the village of Fenelon Falls. Its source is unknown, but it is supposed to be in Cameron's Lake.

Some days ago, says the Meaford *Monitor*, Miss Symes and Miss Albery skated all the way from Meaford to Thornbury on the ice—a distance of eight miles.

Fourteen pairs of English sparrows arrived at Galt, on Thursday, and were shortly after their arrival liberated on the main street. They soon made themselves at home on the tops of the stores.

The oil refinery in London East, belonging to Messrs. Charles Hutchinson & Co., attorneys, was burnt to the ground on Friday night. The premises were very extensive, and were originally erected at a cost of $15,000.

Last week a youth named Arthur Snider, of Binbrook, was maimed by the discharge of a gun which had been capped before loading, and which went off by catching on a twig while the youth was ramming down the powder.

A meeting has been held in Sarnia for the purpose of discussing the advisability of constructing waterworks, and it was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that they should be constructed at once.

Angus Campbell, a nurseryman, is making an offer to the Hamilton Corporation to plant 2,000 maple trees, from eight to fourteen feet high, along some of the streets at twenty-five cents each.

Collingwood was flooded last week. The railway track was washed away in several places. Should the rainy weather continue, the damage to property will be great, and as it is the railway company will lose heavily by the flood.

The election to fill the vacancy in the Biddulph Council caused by the death of Mr. Isaac Garrett, took place on Saturday last, and resulted in the return of Mr. Wm. Stanley by a majority of 269 over Messrs. Gowan and Foreman.

A serious fire occurred in the village of Ireland on Friday, close to the Montreal Telegraph office. Howard's cabinet-shop and dwelling, and the dwellings of Hawkesworth and Faistell, in all five buildings, were burned. Loss about $4,000. Cause of fire is unknown.

Some miscreant was detected placing iron and wooden rails on the railroad track, a mile east of the Lucan, on Thursday, while the train going east was standing at the station. The culprit unfortunately escaped arrest.

A gentleman writing from Harriston, under date of the 29th ult., says the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway train, due there at 3.30 p. m. on the 30th January, arrived that evening, two months and three hours behind time.

The Executive Committee of the Great Central Fair has decided to hold the next annual show in Hamilton city on the 28th, 29th, and 30th of September and the 1st of October. The premiums to be awarded this year amount to over $10,000.

There is a strike amongst the quarrymen engaged on the Welland canal at Thorold. They demand a higher rate of wages. It is expected that work will be resumed on the canal on or about the 15th inst. The quarrymen and stonecutters have been at work all winter preparing material for the locks.

The Hamilton *Times* says, Sir John Macdonald was at a Bible Society breakfast given at Ottawa the other day to two clergymen, and made an address. What with Messrs. Moody and Sankey's revival successes in Britain, and Mr. Varley's in America, there is evidently a great religious awakening in progress.

George Hays, arrested in London, on Thursday, as a lunatic, attempted to commit suicide in his cell last week by hanging himself with a sheet from the door. The noise he made while strangling attracted the attention of the night watchman, and he was released before his purpose had been accomplished.

A man named Murray committed suicide in Toronto, on Thursday, by severing the jugular vein. He had been in delicate health for some time, and not recovering, he became subject to fits of despondency, in one of which he committed the fatal deed. He had a wife and family in Scotland.

A shocking accident occured on Thursday evening at Ritchie's mill, Elmvale, by which Bernard Bondray, of Point Fortune, may lose his life. A small slab which he was removing from the circular saw was projected with great velocity, stricking him on the face, laying open his cheek, gouging out one eye, and penetrating through the skull, entering the brain.

In Georgetown, on Thursday morning a man named Joseph Wolfe, in the employ of Robert Storey, hotel-keeper, Silver Creek, committed suicide by hanging himself. When found he was suspended by a strap from a beam in an open shed. Life was quite extinct. An inquest was held, but no cause could be assigned for the act unless temporary insanity.

Some few weeks since a tree fell on a man named McIntyre, employed by Mr. Rusk, of Elma, and broke his leg, seriously injuring him internally. On the 26th ult. he appeared to be so much better that his friends thought him well enough to be taken to his own house, as he was still at Mr. Rusk's. Before noon, however, he complained of feeling considerably worse, and died within two hours after. He leaves a widow and seven children.

How hard the Premier works may be judged from the following:—A member of a deputation who wished to interview him met Mr. Mackenzie in the lobbies about three o'clock the other morning, the House having just adjourned, and asked him at what hour of the same morning he would be prepared to meet the deputation. "Come at nine o'clock sharp," said the premier. "Couldn't you make it a little later?" said the other. "No," said the Premier, in his decided manner, "nine o'clock."

On Thursday the body of a young man, twenty-seven years old, named Richard Caleb Rutwell, was found in a bush near Ecclesville lying on his back in a shallow pool of water, with the face from the ears exposed above the water, the shirt bosom not being wet, showing that death was not caused by drowning. No marks of violence or anything to show the cause of death were found. It is understood he has a brother in Whitby, Ont., and another near Detroit, Michigan. No inquest was held.

On Thursday, the effects of Dynamite were tested on the ice in the mouth of the Kincardine harbor. The two first explosions failed to produce the expected result—the failure being attributable to insufficient perforation of the ice, the hole being only about ten inches in depth. The third experiment, however, proved all that could be desired. An air hole being found in the ice, the Dynamite, with ignited fuse attached, was dropped into the hole. The shock caused by this explosion was felt on the dock at a distance of some 80 or 100 ft. Rents of about 200 feet were made in the ice.

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The Spring Freshet.

Notwithstanding that the steady weather of the former part of last week had quieted the general fear of a serious freshet this spring, the public were alive to the fact that something serious was impending on Thursday. On Wednesday the ice was moving near the station and by Thursday the river as far up as Mr. Hilliard's mill was quite open. The water rose gradually as the temperature grew warmer, and the ice accumulated rapidly in the harbor. About four o'clock in the afternoon of the latter day the jam which had formed in the centre of the harbor basin gave way and with a rumbling noise moved slowly toward the outlet and stuck about half way from the end of the piers. The current confined itself to the north side where it worked with considerable force undermining the corner of the harbor and of the North pier so that it sunk considerably more than last year, and working a hole about the middle of the same pier until it sunk fully three feet.

On Friday the water had risen a good deal and the ice was momentarily increasing in quantity in and about the harbor. The heavy cakes of ice which still lay intact opposite the Grand Trunk elevator were heaved up and cracked into small pieces, driftwood accumulated and mixed with the grinding, powerful mass, heavy timbers were snapped asunder like reeds, shattered to splinters and in some cases the ends of thick logs were so frayed and splintered as to look like mammoth shaving brushes. Squaw Island was soon out of sight and the boundary of the ice gorge was the northern bank of the river on one side and the flats of "Slab Town" and the railway track on the other. The water was within two feet of being level with the dock and was pouring over the old breakwater like a cataract. The vessels which were lying behind the breakwater were sadly abused. With great suddenness the backwater forced great boulders of ice over the breakwater and the stream of water which followed propelled them with great force against the vessels lying in the cove. All the boat houses were wrecked in a few moments and it was with difficulty that the owners succeeded in securing their boats undamaged. The tug "Tommy Wright" stuck fast to the bottom and the water rose up around her until nothing was to be seen of her but the smoke stack and her bulwarks against which the ice was constantly drifting. More fortunate was the "Jane McLeod" and "Tecumseh" which rose with the water until their keels rested on the dock. The "Maytham" was sheltered by the latter and stood in a strong current and was secured by stout cables. Two other vessels, the "Abeona" and a small schooner owned by Mr. T. J. Marks, of Bayfield, lay out from the dock but did not appear to be much injured. The two dredges were in a bad situation receiving the brunt of the torrent which poured around the end of the breakwater, but what damage was done to them can not very well be estimated. Several times the water was above the track, and Messrs. Secord & Cozzens, in order to save their lumber were busy removing it to a safe place during the day. Further down the "M. C. Cameron" and "Todman" still held to their fastenings. The water constantly boiling through the timber of the breakwater, gradually wore out the gravel embankment immediately behind it, but the old affair hung well together and the weight of the ice had the effect of holding it firmly.

Early in the afternoon news came from Manchester that the ice was breaking up there, and the excitement grew more intense. About ten o'clock in the evening the worst above began. A clear space still remained between the piers, and some room was left for an advance movement. The families living on the "point" left their houses and camped for the night on Attrill's point, and it was well they did. At the hour mentioned the increased roar from the direction of the breakwater indicated (for the night was dark, and it was difficult to see any distance) that the river was rising, and presently the shove began. The noise was appaling—for a time the mass moved silently, but when resistance appeared the immense power of the water and the weight of the ice forced the icy boulders together grinding, tearing, smashing timber and piling and forcing the masses into every vacancy and into every conceivable shape. No idea could be had of the condition of affairs until Saturday morning, and then the sight was at once mournful and grand. The stories of the sights on the Delaware River during the recent freshet there were duly appreciated in viewing the confusion; but we question if ever the inhabitants of the neighborhood of the Delaware ever saw a scene like that which Goderich witnessed last week.—On a river where the inhabitants can supply themselves with water by throwing a pail out of the back door, a freshet which would be considered ordinary here, would cause much damage; but in the Maitland, confined to its bed by high banks, and at times insignificant in proportions, the downcome of such a shove as the last one inspires within the mind a fair conception of the giant powers of cold and heat. One could hardly suppose that the amount of ice which drifted down the river on the evening of Friday could store itself away so well, but a close inspection showed that the ice was packed almost to the bottom, piled in ridges and that it had risen to a level with the dock. Between the piers was one confused mass of boulders which extended out to a little beyond the end of the piers. The breakwater had disappeared altogether, and the ice was piled fully five feet above it. The "Tecumseh," "Nemesis," and "Jane McLeod" were forced upon the dock snapping the cables like wisps of straw. The little tug was almost out of sight, and the two schooners lying near Ogilvie's elevator were still pretty secure.

Messrs. Secord & Cozzens set about removing their lumber by cars. Some expected that the Grand Trunk elevator would be brought low, but no heavy masses struck the exposed foundations. So great was the strain of the mass upon the sand bank between the [illegible] and the North pier, that the bank gave way and the water soon formed a channel about 40 feet wide and 8 feet deep through which it poured with great force. This very much relieved the pressure upon the piers and the water subsided gradually. The timbers which had been laid near the shanties for the new breakwater were carried away and lodged near the pier badly smashed and broken. The shanties were not damaged with the exception of three standing on the harbor side close to the water. These was stove in, but with little damage.

The strain upon the portion of the south pier repaired last summer was very great and the water worked itself beneath the cribwork in two places with immense force, causing it to sink fully six inches. It is evident that large holes are forming and gradually increasing, and it is possible the cribs will sink to the inside in the same way as last year. Outside the harbor the lake ice had packed itself solidly against the entrance, and as far as the eye could see was the forbidding and discouraging whiteness of the ice. It would take a very powerful blow to loosen this barrier, and it seems that we will have to possess ourselves in patience until the balmy suns of spring have had their effect upon the ice before navigation will be open. Had the thaw come rapidly than it has and been accompanied by rain, the damage would have been much greater than it is, but we have reason to be thankful that there was not more water.

On Sunday the water subsided considerably, and the ice began to move out through the outlet across the sand bar. Quite a large channel formed and the boulders moved out gradually. An opening formed between the piers, and the crisis seemed to have passed. The old breakwater was found to be sadly damaged, and presented a wrecked appearance, although it has shown a surprising degree of tenacity. It was broken in several places, and the gravel bank behind it was almost altogether washed away.

On Monday the state of affairs had greatly improved, the ice had left the main body of the river and from between the piers, the water had still further subsided, and all danger from the ice was passed. The current was still strong and had undermined the harbor end of the north pier so that about 20 feet of the crib work gave way and disappeared. As the water went down the "Tecumseh," "Nemesis" and "Jane McLeod" were left high and dry, whilst the others remained but very little injured. The unfortunate little "Tommy Wright" lost her smoke stack and was badly damaged. She was bailed out and will be repaired at once. The water still forced its way in under the south pier in two places, but with much less force.

News from Manchester and Ben Miller has been received that the bridges over the Maitland at both those places have been swept away. The current at Manchester undermined the centre pier, which stands on an artificial foundation, and the structure fell in with a crash. The Ben Miller bridge has been in a bad state for some time, and it was confidently expected it would give way. It will cost the County a large sum to replace these bridges substantially.

The loss about the dock has been estimated in the neighborhood of $5,000. The old breakwater had served its time and the portions of the Grand Trunk dock which are injured were intended to be repaired this summer. The principal loss will be to the three vessels which are lying on the track, and in launching them a great deal of labor and money must necessarily be expended. The piers will have to be repaired, but a good judge states that $1,600 will do the work. However, the general impression is of thankfulness that the threatening aspect of the flood on Friday and Saturday has passed without greater damage.

Moody and Sankey.

These revivalists have of late been the subject of popular criticism, frequent adulation and no little scoffing. English journals speaking of the work done by them in that country in their first comments, spoke with some little asperity, seeming to consider that a certain amount of ambition and vanity had prevailed upon them to leave their homes, where an ample field for revival work was open for them, and visit a country which boasts that it has done more for the cause of christianity than any other in the world. Several cases of insanity have been reported as resulting though the excitement attendant upon revival meetings, and these circumstances have been used with effect in the effort to stamp these gentlemen as public nuisances. Of late it transpired that these stories were greatly exaggerated, and the tone of the press has greatly altered towards Messrs. Moody and Sankey.

Some of the reports given indicate that a wonderful success seems to attend their efforts, and through no power of eloquence or forensic skill, but through a simple presenting of truths and a winning earnestness of manner. The great Dr. Black, of Inverness, says that, with all the disposition of a Highlander to consider such religious departures as innovations, his first hearing was sufficient to win him and he became deeply interested in their work. He said that he had seen great, sturdy Highlanders—and the Highlander is proverbial for stoicism—submit to the influence which these men exercised for good. Their meetings were very quiet and devoid of the excitement which is, alas, too common, and which has proved the chief instrument in making converts at many revival meetings; but a subtle spirit seems to prevail which infuses itself amongst the multitude and carries all opposition before it. Vast multitudes have attended all their meetings, and the amount of good which is being done, judging from the size of the gatherings, must be very great.

The fact that these reverend gentlemen have left the United States, where missionaries are as much needed as in England, may be construed in an ungratifying manner; but the fact that it was by special invitation that Mr. Moody made the visit, and that gentleman's career in the past proves beyond question that he is certainly in earnest in his work. A little novelty, so to speak, in the matter of religion has its good effects as in business,—the announcement of a popular divine or a noted foreign evangelist arouses curiosity, draws a larger number and the opportunity of disseminating the seeds of christianity is thus made more important. We find Mr. Varley, an Englishman, in this country on the same mission, and his success has been quite remarkable both in Canada and the neighboring Republic. That the good thus worked will be permanent or die out when the first enthusiasm has spent itself, persons like Mr. Croaker, whose nature it was to constantly predict trouble and when all were happy and no shadow of misfortune was to be found, contented himself to wait a twelve-month to see if all was still well, will be best able to discuss; but there is no question of the good now being done.

Mr. Moody has won for himself great esteem as an earnest evangelist, and since he was first found in an old saloon in Chicago endeavoring to educate a few ragged children and making an effort to reform them, his efforts have always been directed in the same charitable direction and with good effect. The season of revival is irregular, but it comes upon the enlightened world at intervals in such a way as to divert the public mind from worldly things and an absorbing contemplation thereof, and the seed from the hand of the sower which has fallen amongst tares and briers is nurtured to some show of life strength, and in some cases to bear fruit and increase in spiritual richness.

The Decline of Eloquence.

A great number of writers of the present day seem to think that eloquence is on the decline. Whether these gentlemen have carefully considered the subject upon which they speak so emphatically, or whether their observations are the production of fantastic minds must be a pure conjecture. A writer of repute in dealing with this subject ascribes the decline of eloquence to "education and surrounding circumstances." We do not admit the decline of eloquence, at all events when ascribed to the causes to which he avers its decline is due. We must of course admit that Burke, Fox, and the two Pitts were men naturally possessed of great oratorical powers; but we think their compeers are to be found in modern times and in the present century. Surrounding circumstances or education alone cannot make an orator out of a man—surrounding circumstances may destroy inbred oratory. The greatest orators, the most eloquent speakers, the most powerful commanders of irony and invective are those whom nature has endowed with these gifts. Give some men the best education that it is possible to bestow, place them in the most favorable circumstances, free from the evil examples that vitiate the morals of youth, surround them with the greatest minds of the time, place them under the most careful tutelage, make oratory with them a study, still they will not succeed—the fire of genius and eloquence will never burn in their breasts. A single instance cannot be given of education and surrounding circumstances making a man of mediocre talents, as a speaker, an orator. All great orators derive that power from nature. An orator, generally, shows signs of his powers in his youth, when he is but a tyro, before he can have had imparted to him any but the rudiments of learning.

There is no doubt that education and surrounding circumstances greatly help to develop the abilities of men who have displayed signs of oratory in youth and who intend to make oratory a study; but men who have not a vein of innate oratory in them cannot, no matter how assiduous they are, no matter how perseveringly they pursue their studies, attain proficiency in the great art of eloquence. It is absonant to aver that we have no great orators in the nineteenth century. People are often led by historians to suppose that the talents of men like Burke, Pitt and Fox are of such a nature as to defy the efforts of orators of modern times to equal. This is a delusion. Gladstone, Disraeli and Bright are men endowed with eloquence of the highest order. Burke's manner and accent were terribly against him, although his speeches as intellectual studies are incomparably beyond anything that any of the orators of the present day will ever bequeath to posterity. Fox's speeches were full of repetition, and he often stammered and stuttered in the very tumult of his thoughts. Both the Pitts were bunches of pompousness and affectation, and their brilliant orations lost much of their force by these imperfections; while Gladstone, taking manner, voice, elocution and all into account, as is but right in judging of a speaker, is the most splendid of all English orators and certainly the greatest orator of the present generation. When the time has arrived for the historian to record the events, criticise the great men, and chronicle the habits and customs of the nineteenth century, the names of Gladstone, Disraeli, Bright, and other great orators will go down to posterity encircled by the highest encomiums, and surrounded by everything that tends to convey to readers in future generations the idea that their eloquence is unequalled in the annals of history, and that they were the greatest orators that ever spoke the Saxon tongue. Their memories will, in the breasts of posterity, be forever green, and their names will be as household words, and will be continually upon the tongues of future generations and will last while centuries have passed away, and while their rivals have passed "to the vile clay from whence they sprung," and until this mighty fabric shall be dissolved.

HON. D. A. SMITH, member for Selkirk, took occasion in the House, on Thursday, to deny the charges made against him in the letter from W. B. O'Donoghue recently published in an Ottawa paper and certain statements made by Mr. Schultz. From a number of documents he explained the delicacy of the mission he had to perform in negotiating with the insurgents as the agent of the Canadian Government, and showed that he had not treated Riel and his associates as a Provisional Government. He also denied that the Hudson Bay Co. had any complicity in the trouble, and made statements to the effect that he was narrowly watched by the insurgents and was in accord with and assisted by the loyal inhabitants. Mr. Shultz essayed a reply, but the discussion was stopped by the Speaker.

MR. THOS. GIBSON, member for East Huron, writes to the *Globe* reporting a grave irregularity in the conduct of a deputy-returning officer in the recent election in North Wellington. Mr. Gibson was acting as Mr. Higinbotham's agent at one of the polling sub-divisions and when the officer closed the polls both Mr. Gibson and another gentleman remonstrated with him for doing so twenty-five minutes before the proper hour. Seven persons had just arrived to vote for Mr. Higinbotham, and by the high-handed conduct of the officer were denied the privilege. Mr. Gibson took pains to set his watch on the morning of the election day and his watch was four minutes faster than that of another gentleman present at the time the poll was closed, yet the officer would listen to no remonstrance. Great indignation is felt in the neighborhood at the returning officer's conduct.

FRIDAY'S issues of the Toronto leading Conservative journals announce beyond question the determination of the Opposition to assist Mr. Cameron, their unsatisfactory leader, to "step down and out." A deputation from the Liberal Conservative Association of South Simcoe has waited upon Mr. McDougall to secure him as their candidate in the approaching election, and the *Mail* quotes from a contemporary of its own stripe, that "Mr. McDougall steps upon the stage at the proper time. He will at once become the actual if not the nominal leader of the opposition." Mr. Cameron is deserving of sympathy in his association with the "ragged edge," and the Conservative party is to be congratulated upon the acquisition to its ranks of a castaway "Grit."

LAST WEEK'S announcement of the early prorogation of the House was premature. Numbers of the members have left Ottawa anticipating the early closing of the session, and it is now announced that the business will cease on Thursday.

THE Government special committee on prohibition have taken another progressive step. In a report presented to the House it was deemed essential to the success of a prohibitory liquor law to lay fully before the people its financial and political relations in order to decide the most judicious manner of making it a direct issue. A committee was formed and nominated to take measures for preparing an address to the people stating the position of the question and calling for delegates to a convention to be held at Montreal at some date to be named at the discretion of the Committee to deliberate upon the matter. By this means the question is brought more directly before the public and the [illegible] of the large numbers who have signed petitions for prohibition will be tested, and we doubt not that a hearty response will be given to the call for action.

"CLEANLINESS is next to Godliness" has ever been said with truth. Filthiness personally is suicidal—shows recklessness in the treatment and regard for human life, and betokens anything but a correct exercise of intelligence. Now that the balmy airs of spring have taken away the snow, and for the present left the accumulated garbage of the winter to fester and ferment in the strengthening heat of the sun, it behooves each individual to make a thorough cleaning of his premises. Unsavory odors too frequently afflict the sense of smell just now, and although a pure air is generally wafted from the lake yet the effect of the poisonous gases arising from the mouldering heaps which accumulate in back yards will tell seriously upon the health of many. Lengthy doctor's bills will be saved by attending to this matter.

ALTHOUGH generally a decent and respectable old fellow, the Toronto *Leader*, when it becomes pettishly wrathy as it frequently does, makes itself very ridiculous. On Friday it published a "black list" of those who voted to make the decisions of the new Supreme Court final and abolish appeals to the Throne. It says the "Parliament of Canada cares little for precedent or antiquity," which is expressed as a sweeping charge of arbitrariness on the part of the government. No country is free from fogyism and some vestige of tender clingings to "antiquity and precedent" still remain, and as the *Leader* is of that stamp, the publishing of the name of these progressive gentlemen in the connection in which that journal places them will be regarded with good-natured amusement. Poor fellow, his troubles are many; leave him in peace.

School Board.

The Board met on Monday evening last Mr. Crabb in the chair, and all members present except Mr. Elliott. The report of Mr. W. B. Miller stating the number of pupils attending the public schools for the past quarter averages 561 on a total roll of 700—of this number 368 are boys and 332 girls, with a percentage of 80.—received and filed.—Report of special committee, appointed by the Town Council to confer with a committee from the School Board, recommending the Council to grant the land asked for by the School Board—received and filed. Auditors report of receipts and expenditures for the past year was read. Mr. Ferguson moved, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, that it be referred to the contingent committee to see if it is correct.—Carried.

Communication from Miss L. E. Adams asking the Board to grant her leave of absence for three months, on account of ill health, and recommending Miss K. Moore's appointment in her place. Moved by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Swanson, that the petition be received and the request granted.—Carried.

Communication from Miss K. Moore applying for appointment to the position vacated by Miss Adams. Moved by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that Miss Moore be appointed.—Carried.

Communication from Miss McKay complaining of the bad ventilation in her class room and asking that another window be put in said room. Moved by Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Pasmore, that the request be granted.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Simmons, that it be referred to the contingent committee with power to act at once.—Carried.

Communication from Messrs. L. Jones & Co. of Markham, regarding school bells received and filed.

The chairman read some extracts from the SIGNAL and commented thereon and stated that he was in favor of purchasing a bell for school and Town purposes.

Mr. Swanson was against spending money so lavishly, he thought the Town should attend to the matter.

Communication from the boy who rings the Town bell asking the Board to increase his allowance. Mr. Nicholson moved, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that he be engaged for a year from Jan. 1st last at $10.—Carried.

Account from the *Star* office for printing school blanks, &c. $29.50. Mr. Swanson objected to this account on the ground that the tenders for the printing were not opened at a legally appointed meeting of the contingent committee. These were the circumstances — Mr. Swanson, as chairman notified the committee, composed of Messrs. Crabb, Simmons and Elliott to meet in Mr. Crabb's store the following evening for the purpose of opening tenders for the printing. Mr. Swanson also notified both offices to put in their tenders and the SIGNAL did so but Mr. Simmons stated that he was not going to tender. The committee met, but as the tender of the SIGNAL was put in only on condition that the *Star* put one in also, it was not opened, and next morning was withdrawn. Mr. Simmons then put in a tender, and the SIGNAL having heard of the fact, also put in their tender, and the tenders were opened by Mr. Crabb and Mr. Elliott only and Mr. Swanson claimed that he was not even notified of the meeting; he also claimed, and very correctly, that it was his place as chairman to call such meeting. The chairman admitted the circumstances related by Mr. Swanson generally, but thought the action taken by himself and Mr. Elliott was legal. Mr. Simmons admitted that he informed the publishers of the SIGNAL that he was not going to tender and that afterwards he did tender, Mr. Pasmore regretted to see the business of the Board conducted in this manner and said that hereafter he hoped that all tenders would be opened before the Board; that in this case Mr. Simmons evidently mislead the publishers of the SIGNAL and that he hoped the like would not happen again. Mr. Simmons objected to putting in tenders in these small matters and said he lost money on his and would not tender on printing again.

Mr. Ferguson moved, seconded by Mr. Pasmore, that the *Star* account be paid. Carried. Mr. Swanson dissenting.

The Inspector stated he had a letter from the department of Public Instruction in relation to the percentage allowed under the new law, which would amount to $6 to this Board. Mr. Nicholson moved, seconded by Mr. Ferguson that $5 be granted for the purpose of cleaning up the school garden and trimming the trees &c—Carried. On the suggestion of the Inspector Mr. Nicholson moved, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that the contingent committee be instructed to get two strong benches with backs for the said garden. Carried.

Mr. Nicholson moved, seconded by Mr. Simmons, that the chairman of the contingent committee call on Mr. Hood, the street Inspector, to know if he could procure trees and plant them around the Ward Schools, and if not that said chairman find some other party to attend to the matter. Carried

The Inspector called the attention of the Board to the state of the street in the vicinity of the Central School. Mr. Pasmore moved, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, that the Town Council be requested to have a drain dug so as to carry away the surface water.—Carried.

Mr. Ferguson enquired if the building of the St. Patrick Ward School is to be proceeded with this season. Mr. Swanson thought they were not in a position to build this season.

Mr. Ferguson moved, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, that the chairman and secretary be instructed to obtain plans and specifications for a school building and report to the next meeting of the Board. Mr. Swanson suggested that Mr. Smaill be requested to draw plans, but the chairman said he would attend to the matter and expected the Board would pay for such plans, &c.

The Board then went into committee of the whole to consider the rules and regulations of the public schools as drawn by the Inspector, Mr. Swanson in the chair. After considering each clause and filling up all blanks the committee rose and reported, Mr. Crabb resuming the chair, when it was moved by Mr. Swanson, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that said rules and regulations be adopted as settled—Carried.

Mr. Ferguson moved, seconded by Mr. Swanson, that 2000 copies of the rules and regulations be printed—Carried.

Mr. Pasmore moved, seconded by Mr. Ferguson, that tenders be taken from both printing offices for said 2000 copies, and also examination papers, and that said tenders be opened at the Board—Carried.

The Board then adjourned.

LOCAL NEWS

DIVISION COURT.—The regular sittings of the Division Court was held on Saturday last, before Judge Toms. Nothing of importance was done.

BRUNETTES.—Young ladies need not seek to avoid getting tanned by the sun, as brunettes will certainly be in fashion, it is said, this season.

NEW POST OFFICE.—A new post office has been established in the Township Grey, to be known as Henfryn. Mr. Edwin C. K. Dayles is postmaster.

CRICKET MEETING.—A meeting of those interested in the formation of a cricket club in Goderich will be held in the Albion Hotel, on Saturday evening next at 8 p. m.

VESTRY MEETING.—At the annual vestry meeting of St. George's Episcopal church, held in Goderich, on the 29th ult., the following gentlemen were re-elected Churchwardens for this year:—Messrs. R. H. Kirkpatrick and John Davison.

PERSONAL.—Dr. Wm. Beckett, of Kingston, Jamaica, and some years ago a resident of Goderich, was in town last week visiting some of his old friends. His health is very poor, and we hope the climate of this place will benefit him.

—Horace Horton, Esq. M. P. returned from Ottawa on Saturday last.

FLORAL ORNAMENT.—A very beautiful ornament can be made by inserting oats into an ordinary sponge, immersing it in water and placing it upon a glass filled with the same liquid. In about four days you will be astonished at the exotic growth of green blades which will spring therefrom.

NEARLY DROWNED.—On Thursday forenoon last, John Mackay, a fisherman, whilst walking on the lake fell through a piece of thin ice which had formed over the hole at which some parties had been cutting the ice for storing. He was fortunately noticed by some persons who were with him, and was rescued completely exhausted and after being in the cold water for a considerable time.

FASHIONS.—We have received "Smith's Illustrated Pattern Bazaar" for spring, and it is full to overflowing, with all the latest and finest designs as well as an excellent selection of reading matter. It is published by A. B. Smith, 914 Broadway New York at the very reasonable price of $1.10 a year. Send 25 cents for the spring number and judge for yourselves.

SAD AFFAIR.—The Bruce *Reporter* announces a marriage in the following manner:—

McDougald—McLean.—At the Commercial Hotel, Kincardine, on the 29th inst., by the Rev. Robt. Rea, Baptist Minister, Glammis, Mr. C. McDougald, to Miss Mary McLean, of Bruce Township. No cards, no wine, no fuss.

After that, we have no desire to marry—our dream of uncontrollable joy, the sumptuous banquet, speech making, congratulations and parting blessings is dispelled like the morning mist, and we accept bachelorhood as the happy alternative.

HERRING FISHING.—On Wednesday afternoon and the whole of Thursday a school of herring was in the neighborhood of the North Pier. Large numbers of our citizens, hearing of the circumstance, were soon out he spot and tried their hands at fishing through the ice. When the school was first found the lucky person succeeded in catching thirty-nine dozen with hook and line, and on first cutting the hole in the ice the fish crowded the opening in such numbers that he was enabled to lift out a good number with his hands.—Quite a number were caught on Thursday.

HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.—An interesting statement of amounts expended on harbor improvements since 1867 has been presented to the House. From it we glean the following facts. Prior to 1867 there was expended upon the harbor of Goderich by the Grand Trunk Railway Co. the sum of $3,200, and by municipal authorities or local companies $82,200; since 1867 the Dominion Government has expended $199,450.40 and by the municipal authority $2,310—making a total of $287,160.40. In Bayfield, previous to 1867, $25,068.37 were expended through local sources, and nothing up to the date of presenting report. In Port Albert, since 1867, the sum of $2,256 has been expended upon a pier.

Y. M. C. A. CONCERT.—The concert in aid of the Young Men's Christian Association given in the Oddfellow's Hall, on Tuesday evening, 30th March, was well attended and proved very successful. The Rev. Canon Elwood in a few appropriate remarks introduced the programme of the evening, opened by a chorus, "Queen's Messenger" by the band under the able leadership of Mr. Duckham. In the performance of their portion of the programme the members of the band exhibited great proficiency and a thoroughness of practice gratifying to the listeners. Their playing was moderated as far as possible to suit the size of the room, but it is a fact that no band can do such justice to itself in a small hall as in the open air or a large building. The North Street Church Choir, under the leadership of Mr. Jas. Thomson rendered several pieces with excellent effect, and the solos by Misses Barns and Crawford were very well done. The singing of the choir indicated careful training and their efforts reflects credit to Mr. Thomson as a leader. Miss Crawford also sang the solo, "I wish Mamma was here" with great feeling, and received a well merited *encore*. Her voice is of that pleasing stamp, which appears to excellent effect in sentimental pieces. We hope to hear her more frequently in public. Dr. and Mrs. Thompson constituted the principal attraction, and their rendering of the duetts, "The Fisherman," "When a little Farm we keep" "It will be Summer Time by and by" and "Master and Pupil," was really artistic, the latter being a very pretty and laughable operatic sketch (so to speak) of a music lesson. The audience greeted with loud applause the rendering of all these pieces. Mr. Dixie Watson and Dr. Thompson sang two duetts in good style, the popular piece "Laboard Watch," being given in a manner superior to anything we have heard for some time. Mr. M. Young sang "The Slave Chase," and in response to a vociferous *encore* gave a pretty Scotch air entitled "Scotland, I love thee." Miss Andrews, Mrs. Austin and Miss Barns presided at the organ and played the accompaniments with excellent taste. The result of the concert pecuniarly was very gratifying, $95 having been realized, which will assist the Association very materially out of their indebtedness.

LATEST NEWS from the river reports "all quiet on the Maitland."

MR. W. R. ROBERTSON has received his stock of Spring and Summer goods which are well worthy of inspection.

SPRING ASSIZES.—Hon. Justice Gwynne will preside at the Spring Assizes in the Court House, Goderich, on Tuesday next, 13th April. The docket is the lightest for many years.

TOOTHACHE need not be endured any longer, as Mr. C. Cartwright will extract teeth free of charge from 8 to 9 A. M. and 1 to 2 P. M. each day. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

SLIGHT COLLISION.—A carriage containing two ladies, in turning the corner at Detlor's store, on Saturday last, collided with another carriage, resulting however only in doing no other damage than [illegible].

PUBLIC MEETING.—A meeting of the ratepayers has been called by the Mayor, for Friday evening next, in the Oddfellows Hall, for the purpose of discussing the proposition to purchase the Kirkpatrick property as a public park.

BLIND PEOPLE.—Mr. J. R. Miller, public school Inspector, has received a communication from the Board of Education, asking for the names and addresses of all blind persons in his inspectorate. Friends of such blind persons will oblige by communicating with Mr. Miller.

GODERICH AUCTION MART.—By advertisement in another column, our readers will see that Mr. John Stewart has a fine stock of goods on hand. Mr. Stewart has an agent in Montreal who attends the trade sales there, and is thus enabled to get a fine quality of goods at low prices. Be sure and call upon him.

SUDDEN DEATH.—We regret to announce the sudden death of Mrs. Mary Margaret Stewart, wife of Mr. John Stewart of this town, at the early age of 29 years, from puerperal fever. Deceased has been but a short time married and leaves a helpless infant to the care of the sorrowing husband, who has the sincere sympathy of his friends in his sad bereavement.

THE COURSE OF TRUE LOVE, &c.—Maude's letter repudiating her "young man" for acting in a manner displeasing to her, and returning the locket which in the strength of his affection he presented her, was picked up on the Square yesterday. Young men who are afflicted with the tender passion should be careful how they dispose of their love notes.

THE SALT WELLS.—The prospects in the salt business are not very promising; prices are far too low to allow of any profit being realized from its manufacture at present. Only three wells will commence operations this season, viz: Mr. Neibergall's block, the International and Hawley's block, the latter being run by Mr McEwan. These blocks will be in operation this week, it is expected.

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT.—This week amongst the deaths is announced that of Alex. Davidson, of Colborne. Deceased was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, about the year 1779, and at the age of 80 emigrated to this country and settled in the Township of Colborne where he has resided ever since, a period of about sixteen years. He was a remarkably active person, working at his trade of mason and attending to the work about the house up to within a short period of his death. Mr. Davidson was a member of Knox's Church, Goderich, during the time he lived here, and was universally respected.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—Mr. Christopher McCrae, a yardsman at the Grand Trunk station met with a sad accident on Tuesday morning. Some of the cars were being shunted on to the switches, and whilst Mr. McCrae was uncoupling a car near the main switch, he got his foot caught in the frog. The train was backing up slowly at the time, and he was thrown down and the car ran over his right leg near the knee almost completely severing it. In falling he managed to throw his body outside of the track, thus preventing more painful injury. He was at once taken to Mr. Hoskers Hotel, and Dr. Cassidy was called and did all in his power to relieve the sufferings of the wounded man. His left leg was badly cut. The patient became worse during the afternoon, and died about three o'clock.

ENTERPRISE.—Two weeks ago we announced the burning of the large implement works of Mr. J. P. Billington, of Dundas, by which the proprietor lost everything in the shape of material and machinery, one set of blacksmith's tools alone being saved. With unparalled energy Mr. Billington set to work on the Monday following to erect temporary buildings, and on the second day afterward (Wednesday) his workmen were hard at work under a new roof making farm implements as usual. Such an instance of enterprise is rarely heard of and deserves to be broadly reported. Mr. Billington had a large number of contracts to fulfil and by this promptness, although the work is being done by hand, he will be enabled to keep his engagements. He has set about rebuilding his shops, but it will take four months to build and put in the machinery at the shortest calculation. Mr. A. Ross, Auburn P. O., is agent for Mr. Billington in this County, and is doing his best to supply the demand for machinery here which this misfortune has rendered difficult to do We wish Mr. Billington the success his energy merits.

JUDGE'S CRIMINAL COURT.—The case of Peter O'Rourk against Stephen Shelly, in which the prisoner was charged with stealing whiffletrees and other articles the property of the complainant, was tried before Judge Toms on Monday last. Mr. Peter O'Rourk was sworn and stated that he lost a set of whiffletrees and a draw bolt and clevis about the 4th of March last; that they were on his sleigh and had been taken off. He identified those produced as the ones he lost, and stated that he was present with the constable when they were found in prisoner's yard. Mr. B. O'Rourk, son of the last witness, also identified the articles produced as the property of his father. Mr. W. F. Gooding, the constable employed in this case, testified to the finding of the articles produced in prisoners yard, excepting the clevis and draw bolt which were in the house. He also stated that Mr. O'Rourk was with him when he so found these articles. He further testified that prisoner was tenant of the premises and that he had a wife and family residing with him and also a nephew named Swaffield. This closed the case for the Crown, and Mr. Davison, who appeared for the prisoner, contended that no case had been made out inasmuch as the evidence did not prove that the prisoner stole the articles, but that they might have been taken by any other party in prisoners house. Mr. Lewis contended that the prisoner, being the tenant, was responsible, but his Worship ruled that the evidence was not sufficient and accordingly discharged the prisoner on this charge. On Saturday next he will be brought up on other charges.

BUILDING OPERATIONS.—The opening of the building season finds contractors well provided with work and with a fair prospect of a continuance of business throughout the summer. A good number of contracts have been drawn out, and work has been commenced on several buildings all of which are intended for dwelling houses. Messrs. Gordon & McBrien have a number of contracts on hand—a handsome brick dwelling for Mr. Alex. McD. Allen, to cost $4,000, a residence for Mr. J. C. Kirkpatrick, of what kind has not yet been decided, and two brick cottages which will cost $2,600 for the building merely; a frame house, and stables for Mr. J. Bruce, near Mr. D. Gordon's house, to cost about $1,800, and a number of smaller jobs such as small dwellings, improvements, &c., Mr. Rich. Bonomy will erect two frame houses on the Bayfield Road for Mr. Robt. Thompson, at a cost of $600 each; frame house for Mr. J. Griffin at a cost of about $500; frame house for himself near the Catholic Church which will cost over a $1,000, and numerous smaller contracts. Mr. Elijah Moore has got the contract for the improvements in Knox's church on which $1,200 are to be expended. Contractors for all kinds of work have been busy the last few weeks hiring men and making all necessary preparations and the demand for labor seems greater than the supply. When the weather has become fairly settled a greater number will decide to build, and everything at present indicates that the approaching season will see a large and creditable addition to the buildings of the town, among which we hope to class a temperance hall and a building on the corner adjoining R. B. Smith's, which property Mr. R. McLean has purchased and intends building upon. Horace Horton, Esq., M. P. purposes building a residence near the English Church.

ENGLAND.—The forthcoming English budget will show the total revenue for the financial year ending March 31st, 1875, to be £92,200,000. This falls £2,414,000 below the revenue of the previous year, but exceeds the estimates by £397,000.

Wilson, McLay, & Co., metal merchants, London, have suspended, owing to difficulties arising from American contracts for rails. The liabilities of the firm are estimated at $1,000,000.

In consequence of the threatening aspect of affairs in Europe, it is rumored that the British Government contemplates the establishment of a conscription at no distant date.

SPAIN.—Advices from Spain state that a force of Carlists have entered the Province of Santander, and will be followed by Don Carlos and the bulk of his army. It is supposed they are trying to penetrate to Castile.

The Carlists have hoisted flags of truce at Etrentra and Oyarzun, and are fraternizing with the Government troops. 100 Carlists have been captured at Manaza.

The prospects of peace are daily becoming more favorable. A large number of Carlist officers have given in submission to Alfonso.

AUSTRIA.—The ceremony of unveiling the monument to the memory of the late Emperor Maximilian took place in Trieste on Saturday, in the presence of the Emperor Francis Joseph, Archdukes, Ministers, and an immense concourse of people.

INDIA.—A Calcutta special states that indications of a seditious and rebellious spirit are rife among the natives in the Mahratta District, and cause some uneasiness.

GERMANY.—A financial crisis is feared in Berlin. Settlements on the Bourse are effected with great difficulty. There have been twenty-eighty failures, and two persons have committed suicide in consequence of financial reverse.

It is reported that eighty ecclesiastics are imprisoned at Posen, and asserted that the Papal delegate who has been acting as Archbishop of Posen since the arrest of his predecessor has also been arrested for contravening the law of Prussia. It is asserted that a measure is to be introduced by the government wholly suspending Papal authority in Prussia until the Pope abandons his pretension to cancel the laws of the Kingdom.

AMERICAN.—The Rev. H. W. Beecher appeared as a witness for his own defence on Thursday. He denies in his evidence that Mrs. Tilton ever sat on his knee, or that there was ever any improper intimacy between them.

George Reynolds, for polgamy, is being tried in court, at Salt Lake city. This is the first indictment and trial under the law of 1862, and will probably be made a test case.

Despatches from Corpus Christi, Texas, report several cases of finding dead bodies of both Americans and Mexicans along the border. In one place two Mexicans were found hanging to a tree, in another two Americans, who had been stabbed, and had been dead but a short time, were found with their horses and arms still near them. A large body of Mexicans is reported as having crossed the Rio Grande, and making for Corpus Christi and Loredo. At the former place business is almost entirely suspended, and no persons are leaving town or coming in. Merchants say that they will order no more goods until these outrages are checked, and they are afforded some protection. The citizens held a meeting yesterday, and requested the Government to furnish immediate relief.

Affairs among the miners on strike, in Pennsylvania, continue a deplorable state. Reports of violence and arson are rife, and a reign of terror exists among peace-loving citizens. The military will be called out to suppress disturbances.

BRAZIL.—The Emperor of Brazil proposes to abdicate in favor of his eldest daughter, the Countess D'Eu. The Emperor, upon his abdication, will make a tour of Europe, after which he will proceed to the United States, where he will make his home.

By-Law No. 4 of 1875,

A BY-LAW for the purpose of purchasing a certain portion of Lands for a public Park in the Town of Goderich, as described in a survey made by Thomas Weatherald, Esq., P. L. S., as follows:—

Commencing at a point on the North side of West Street, said point being due West a distance of one hundred and fifteen and one-half feet from the South East angle of lot five (office reserve) Thence due North thirty-seven degrees West, five hundred and fifty feet more or less to the Northerly boundary of J. C. Kirkpatrick's property—Thence South Westerly following said Northerly boundary, six hundred and sixty-three feet more or less to intersection with the Westerly boundary of J. C. Kirkpatrick's property—Thence due South twelve and a half degrees West (along said Westerly boundary) two hundred feet more or less to the North side of Harbor Street—Thence Easterly following the windings of the North side of Harbor Street six hundred and eighty feet more or less, to the intersection with the North side of West Street—Thence due East along the North side of West Street, thirty nine and a half feet more or less to the place of beginning. The whole containing an area of three acres one rood and twenty-four perches more or less.

And to carry into effect the above recited object it will be necessary for the said Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Goderich to raise the sum of six thousand dollars, of which the sum of one thousand dollars will be paid in cash leaving a balance of five thousand dollars with interest to be provided for; it will require the sum of five hundred dollars together with interest to be raised annually for the period of ten years, by special rate for the payment of said debt and interest, said interest to be at the rate of seven per cent. per annum for the first four years and eight per cent. for the remaining six years.

And whereas the amount of the whole rateable property of the said Municipality, irrespective of any future increase of the same in accordance with the last revised assessment roll of the said Municipality, being for the year 1874, was $1,015,633.

And whereas, the existing debt of the said Municipality is as follows:—Sixty-four thousand dollars principal, and no interest in arrear.

And whereas, for the payment of the said annual sum of five hundred dollars and interest it will require an annual rate for the said period of ten years, of nearly three-fourths of a mill in the dollar in addition to all rates to be levied in each year.

Be it therefore enacted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Goderich, in the County of Huron and Province of Ontario, that it shall be lawful to purchase three acres, one rood and twenty-four perches as hereinbefore particularly described, for the purpose of a public Park, and to pay therefor the sum of six thousand dollars, which shall be payable one thousand dollars in cash when possession of the said lands shall be given, and the balance in ten annual instalments of five hundred dollars each with interest on the unpaid principal for the first four years at seven per cent per annum and eight per cent per annum for the remaining six years, and it shall be lawful for the Mayor of the said Town of Goderich to execute all necessary agreements under the seal of the Corporation for the purchase of the said lands upon the said terms.

And that the said annual instalments of five hundred dollars and interest on the unpaid principal payable in each of the following years during the continuation of the By-law, shall be as follows,—On the first day of May, 1876, the sum of $850; on the first day of May, 1877, the sum of $815; on the first day of May, 1878, the sum of $780; on the first day of May, 1879, the sum of $745; on the first day of May, 1880, the sum of $740; on the first day of May, 1881, the sum of $700; on the first day of May, 1882, the sum of $660; on the first day of May, 1883, the sum of $620; on the first day of May, 1884, the sum of $580; on the first day of May, 1885, the sum of $540.

Said sums to be payable at the office of the Treasurer of the said Town of Goderich.

And be it further enacted that the votes of the ratepayers entitled to vote on said By-law shall be taken on the said proposed By-law at the places at which the last municipal elections were held as follows: Sub-division No. 1 in a shop on lot 124 on Kingston Street James Addison returning officer; Sub-division No. 2 in John Stewart's Auction Room, Kingston Street, John Stewart returning officer; Sub-division No. 3 in the Firemen's Hall, East Street, Stephen Yates, returning officer; Sub-division No. 4 in Pasmore's Waggon Shop, Victoria Street, T. B. VanEvery returning officer; Sub division No. 5 in Gordon's Cabinet Shop, West Street, Daniel Gordon, returning officer; Sub-division No. 6 in McKay's Cabinet Shop, West Street, Eric McKay, returning officer; in Sub-division No 7 in Ellard's Paint Shop, Edward Robertson returning officer, on Monday the 26th day of April next commencing at the hour of nine of the clock in the forenoon and closing at five of the clock in the afternoon of the same day.

TAKE NOTICE.

That the above is a true copy of a proposed By-law which shall be taken into consideration by the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Goderich, after one month from the date of its first publication in the HURON SIGNAL, which first publication was on the 31st day of March 1875.

JAMES THOMSON,
Town Clerk.

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CLINTON AND VICINITY.

From the *New Era*.—On Monday of last week Messrs. Thos. Rathwell, Jas. Stinson, Benj. Stiles, and Miss E. C. Stinson, of Goderich and Stanley townships, started for California, intending, to make that country their future home.

Mr. Arthur Cantelon has sold his farm of 85 acres, being lot 26, con. 8, Goderich Township, to Mr. John Elliott, of the same Township, for $5,000. There is a good two story brick house, large and substantial outbuildings and a large orchard on the place.

We notice that the Rev. Mr. Mills, of Seaforth, has been appointed to the Rectorship of St. Johns, Que., the Rev. Mr. DeBarre of Clinton, having declined. At a vestry meeting of St. Paul's church of this town, held on Monday evening last, it was determined to raise the salary of their pastor from $800 to $1,000, including parsonage.

Mr. John Stapht, of the Tenth, Concession of Hullett, has a ewe which, on the first week of March, gave birth to a lamb, which, when born, weighed 17 pounds. It was a single lamb, and its dam is a common bred ewe.

We regret to learn of the sudden death of Agnes McMillan, eldest daughter of Mr. John McMillan, of Hullett, which took place on Wednesday morning, last. Miss McMillan had been slightly indisposed for some days, but on Tuesday seemed to be very much better. She retired on Tuesday night at the same time as the rest of the family, and about 12 o'clock her father feeling uneasy about her went into her room, when he was horrified at finding her perfectly pulseless, although still conscious. Medical aid was at once secured, but despite all efforts for her relief, she died about 4 o clock. She was perfectly conscious and was able to speak to those around her until within a few minutes of her death. The sympathy of the entire community is with her bereaved parents in this their severe trial. Miss McMillan was an unusually intelligent and promising young lady, and her sad and sudden death will be deeply regretted by many.

Spring Shows.

Spring Shows for the Exhibition of Entire Stock will be held as follows:

Hullett Branch, at Clinton, on Tuesday, April 20.
South Huron, at Brucefield, on Wednesday, April 21.
East Huron at Brussels, on Thursday, April 22.
Stephen and Usborne Branch, at Exeter, on Tuesday, April 13.
West Huron, at Smith's Hill, on Friday, April 16.
East Wawanosh Branch, at Donnybrook, on Thursday, April 15.

Weather Report for March.

Meteorological Office, Goderich, April 1st '75.

Snow fell on 8 days during the month of March, average depth 23 in. Greatest depth of snow on 1st, 8 in. during 24 hrs.

Rain fell on 4 days, 7.05 cubic inches. Greatest depth of rain, 2.05 cubic in.

Greatest velocity of wind during 24 hrs, from 10 p.m. on 16th to 10 p.m. on 17th, 606.2 miles, or 25.2 miles per hr.; least velocity of wind, from 10 p.m. on 12th, to 10 p.m. on 13th, 35.2 miles, or 1.4 miles per hour.

GEORGE N. MACDONALD,
Observer.

G.M. Trueman's Sale Register

April 9, Friday—Lot 18, con. 8, Wawanosh, Farm Stock. Wm. Fowler.
" 10, Saturday—Bayfield con., Goderich, Farm Stock. John Cowan.
" 12, Monday—Shelly's Farm, Bayfield Road, Farm Stock, Wm. Hussey.
" 13, Tuesday—Lot 9, 3rd con., Goderich Farm Stock. Wm. Chisholm.
" 15, Thursday—Lot 24, 4th con., Goderich, Farm Stock. Henry Seeg miller.
" 17, Saturday—Mart, Farm Stock, furniture, &c.
June 11, Friday—At Mart, Real Estate, Fair vs. Taylor, W. R. Squier, Solicitor.

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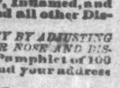

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Sheriff's Sale of Lands.

County of Huron, To Wit: } BY virtue of an Alias Writ of Fieri Facias issued out of Her Majesty's County Court of the County of Huron, and to me directed against the Lands and Tenements of John Baker, Defendant, at the suit of H. A. Massey, Plaintiff I have seized and taken in Execution all the right, title and interest of the said Defendant in and to the North Half of Lot Number Eight in the third concession of the Township of Stephen in the County of Huron. Which Lands and Tenements I shall offer for sale, at my office in the Court House, in the Town of Goderich on Saturday the eighth day of May next at the hour of 12 of the clock, noon.

ROBERT GIBBONS,
Sheriff of Huron.

Sheriff's Office, Goderich, Feb. 1st, 1875.