The new school building in Guelph is to be heated by steam.

Wm. Marks was killed near Kingston on Saturday by the fall of a sand pit. He has house now from on Monday morning.

Now that the Royal Albert bridge subway has been abandoned, it is proposed to dig a tunnel under the river.

Rev. Mr. Bennie, of Chatham, has preached his farewell sermon, and will leave for New Guinea about 15th of April.

Early on Monday morning a brakeman named Alex. White, a resident of London, was killed at Chatham while coupling cars on the Great Western.

The Grand Jury at the assizes in Ottawa have brought in a true bill against Mr. Merritt, M. P. P., for indecent assault upon the little girl Mills.

A number of Methodist Ministers of London position a wish to be taxed like other people, so as to give them an unquestioned right to discuss public matters, especially the liquor traffic.

The merchants of Walkerton, at a meeting held on the 22nd ult., unanimously agreed to take American silver only at a discount of 20 per cent, on and after the 15th of April.

William Henry Smith, who lies under sentence of death for the murder of Wm. Finlay, of Sombra, in Lambton jail, has made a statement charging Mrs. Finlay with the commission of the deed.

William Ross, of Devizes, while attending to his work on a saw-mill on Friday, had both jaws broken by coming in contact with a plank that slipped from its position.

A young man named Geo. Barnet, moulder by trade and residing in London, accidentally fell off a train coming from St. Thomas to that city on Thursday night, sustaining injuries about the head that resulted in death.

In the Nova Scotia House of Assembly on Saturday a resolution passed unanimously to petition the Dominion Government to continue the subsidy of $82,000, which according to the Act of 1869, expires next year.

One of the roughs of Seaforth kicked a Mr. Calagan in the abdomen, the other night. He was seriously injured. Mayor Armitage fined the assailant (Geo. Holland by name) $11.

The body of a man, identified to be that of Peter Doyle, a late resident of Merriton, who has been missing upwards of four months, was found on Saturday in the paper mill level. Doyle was given to strong drink.

On Monday, as Thomas O'Connor, an old and respected resident of Colebrook was leading a horse to water, the horse in playing kicked him in the side, which proved fatal. He got up, walked to the house, and expired ten minutes afterwards.

Whilst Mr. Duncan Carmichael, senr., was chopping in the woods near West Lorne, on Wednesday last, the tree he was felling lodged on another, and bounded back. It fell on Mr. Carmichael, and he was so seriously crushed that he died within two hours after.

A sad accident took place at St. Thomas on Friday forenoon. As Thomas Heard, son of John Heard, was inside a large brick oven which they were building, he was nearly crushed to death by the top of the oven falling in on him. He was got out in about ten minutes. His recovery is doubtful.

The death of the Rev. Mr. McDougall and the recovery of the body is confirmed by a telegram received at Winnepeg, from Helena, Montana. He was lost in a storm about January 25th, and his body recovered two weeks afterwards. The first news of his loss reached Ontario through Montana, not Manitoba.

An *Advertiser* reporter, London, was assaulted on Saturday night last by roughs whilst on his way home, and but for timely assistance would have been seriously injured. As it was, he was kicked and bruised considerably, and the janitor of the City Hall, who came to his aid, was knocked down and kicked in the face during the scuffle. Two of the party have been arrested.

A most cold blooded murder was committed on Thursday night about seven miles from Watford at the house of Michael Monaghan, whose house was broken into and whose brother Patriot was shot and killed. The two brothers are bachelors, and their house is kept by their sister, Mrs. Ann McGuire, and it is supposed that the murderers went there with the intention of robbing it. An inquest was held on Friday afternoon and Michael Monaghan testified as follows:—"I was asleep last night about 11 o'clock, when I heard the outside door knocked in; then I saw a light in the kitchen, and as Patrick had risen and taken the gun down and was coming into the kitchen to meet them, I heard two shots fired; I got up and went to meet him, asking him if he had shot them; he said no, but they had shot him. Patrick and I slept in the same room, but not in the same bed. I got up as soon as Patrick, but I was looking for a pistol, so he came into the kitchen before me. I did not see the parties when came in, but Patrick told me there were dressed in black clothes, and one wore moccasins, and one had on striped pants; did not see which way they went after they left; I then went into the loft after he was shot; we had about $300 in the house; am sure two shots were fired; heard the reports distinctly, and Patrick told me they missed him the first time; he did not say whether they had a pistol or a rifle." A verdict of wilful murder was returned against parties unknown. No trace of the murderers.

### PORTER HILL.

COUGHS and colds are very prevalent here.

GRANGE.—There is a talk of establishing a grange here. Its would be members talk of exterminating all storekeepers and middlemen.

FARM BUILDINGS.—T. Harrison has got contracts to the value of about $3,000, on farm buildings. He will employ men or twelve men during the season, and several teams.

HEAVY BULL.—A short time ago Mr. John McDougall sold a thorough-bred Durham bull, which weighed 2220 lbs.

DOGS.—Mr. R. Russell has got through the work of assessing. Goderich Township is credited with being possessed of 410 dogs and 23 bitches. One farm is possessed of five dogs.—COM.

### BLYTH.

TEMPERANCE CONVENTION.—The sixth session of the District Lodge, I.O.G.T. of the South and West Ridings of Huron, was held in Blyth, on Thursday, March 30th, Bro. James Beattie, of Seaforth, D. C. T., presiding. The following lodges were represented: Goderich, Maple Leaf, Huron, Saline, Maitland, Lesburn, North Star, and Holmesville, all reporting a considerable increased membership since last session. A short session was held in the morning, when the lodge adjourned for dinner. In the afternoon session, after a good deal of routine business had been gone through, among other resolutions the following were adopted:—"That this Lodge do petition the County Council to submit a by-law to the people for the purpose of having the Dunkin Act passed in the County of Huron;" Also: "That we communicate with all sister lodges in the County, asking them to meet with us in a general convention with a view to ascertaining, as far as possible, the views of the temperance people of the County, with reference to making the temperance party a distinct political party, as the best means to secure Prohibition." Throughout the discussions, there was a more decided interest shown in the promotion of the temperance cause than ever before. In the evening, a Grand Concert was held in aid of the temperance lodge at Blyth, at which there was a very large attendance, persons from Goderich, Seaforth, Londesboro, and other places taking part, the audience showing their appreciation of the programme by frequent [illegible] next session of the District will be held in Goderich, on the 2nd Thursday in June next.


**Grand Trunk Railway!**

TRAINS WILL LEAVE GODERICH AS FOLLOWS:

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

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No. 8 Mixed, 11.30 a.m., from Stratford.
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No. 10 Mixed, 7.00 p. m., from Stratford.
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| Hamilton, leaves | 7:45 a. m. | 12:50 | |
| Caledonia, " | 9:23 " | 2:55 | |
| Goderich, arriv. | 2:30 p. m. | 10:15 | |


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# Huron Signal.

GODERICH, APRIL 5, 1876.

## The Salt Interests.

Mr. Farrow's committee to investigate the salt interests rested from its labors, after having examined three witnesses, in the early part of last week, We had anticipated that more witnesses would be examined, and some representing our largest manufacturers, but in this we are disappointed, and the members of the House, when the committee's report is laid before them, will have but a meagre representation of the opinions of the salt manufacturers upon this question to influence them, unless Mr. Farrow has secured evidence by other means than through his committee. As it is the evidence adduced is so limited as to give the investigation a hollow character, and it is to be regretted that some of the more extensive manufacturers were not examined.

Both of the witnesses representing the manufacturers, Mr. S. Platt, of Goderich, and Mr. Gray, of Seaforth, were of opinion that the trade should be protected from foreign competition, and a duty of $2 per ton was proposed as sufficient to meet the end desired.—In Western Ontario, according to the testimony, the trade was controlled by our manufacturers, but beyond Toronto the competition from the United States was too great for them and they were forced to leave to their competitors a market wherein was disposed from 25,000 to 30,000 barrels of salt at the rate of $1.10 per bbl. Again, in the maritime provinces Liverpool salt controlled the market, that brand being used by the fishermen there who get it at a very low figure, it being brought to them in the shape of ballast by vessels from England.

Mr. Platt was called before the committee on the depression in trade, and gave evidence on the salt interests in substance as follows:—

"He said during six years he had made 200,000 barrels of salt per annum, and during the last two years 150,000 barrels; his wages reached $6,000 per annum; a capital of $20,000 was required to erect works of sufficient capacity to produce a hundred barrels of salt daily; about half his refined salt was sent to the States, for which he obtained six dollars per ton, American currency; his wages were the same as are paid by salt manufacturers at Saginaw; he desired to obtain reciprocity with the Americans; a ton of Cheshire salt cost seventeen shillings at Quebec, and it cost six dollars to deliver a ton of Goderich salt at Montreal; a duty of $2 per ton on imported salt would be required to enable Goderich salt to be profitably sold throughout the Province of Quebec; thought an interchange of salt for coal could be effected between Ontario and Nova Scotia; the farmers would not object to pay a higher price for salt, which an increased duty would render necessary; he would be willing, in return for a duty placed on salt, to have a duty on coal; Canadian salt was the best in the market, and would be purchased for pork-packing if it were even a dollar per ton above its present price; if a duty of $2 per ton were placed on salt, Ontario would develope a remunerative trade in fish with the Maritime Provinces."

Here we have a specimen of the selfish spirit which crops out in the discussion of the protection question, and also a few untenable statements. The prices in Canada are not so remunerative as they once were, but this is in a great measure owing to the great competition at home and not alone to outside competition. The production is too great for the demand, and what is wanted is a larger market such as the Western States offers, which fact is readily confessed on all sides; but lacking this, some wish to levy a tax upon the consumers in order to extend the business at home. Every one regrets the fact that many of our salt blocks are lying idle, but would it be fair to deprive consumers east of Toronto of the opportunity of buying salt at the rate of $1.10 per barrel and force them to pay a higher figure to Canadian producers, or to tax the fishermen of the maritime provinces with the heavy freightage between this point and the mouth of the St. Lawrence, and leave them to depend upon the supply here, which would be much more expensive than that which they draw from England? These fishermen would feel the burden more than we would feel the duty upon coal which has been proposed in order to encourage a reciprocal trade with Nova Scotia. Our supply of coal at present comes from Pennsylvania and Ohio and is laid down here at very low rates. When we consider the cost of transporting this article from Nova Scotia, how would it affect those of our salt manufacturers who consume very large quantities of coal in their business? That kind of protection would be fatal to itself. We have not the means of carrying salt so conveniently and cheaply by vessels, as the producers in England do to the maritime provinces, and to carry by rail would be out of the question.

Protection has already proved a failure as regards the salt interests. Shortly after the discovery of salt here, a protective tariff of twenty-five cents per barrel was imposed, and the result was that wells were sunk in all directions, over-production and "cutting under prices" ensued and the majority of the wells have become idle. The competition was too keen, and that unanimity, which is so beneficial to the salt manufacturers of the United States, was lacking, to the detriment of the trade. Were the producers here to unite, as we have frequently said before, the game of commercial "cut-throat" would be no longer studied and Canadian manufacturers could "carry the war into Africa" and compete in the American market with much better success than at present.

After all his efforts to make a stir in the House and earn some notoriety, Mr. Tait has [illegible] the inconsistencies which distinguish the policy of John A. and his party. Protection has been advocated by Mr. Farrow to the fullest extent of the policy of his leader, and yet this same gentleman, in discussing the question of reducing the duty upon coal oil, said that the tax virtually fell upon the poor consumer, and voted for the reduction. In this instance we agree with his arguments, but let him apply that reasoning to his advocacy of the duty on salt and shape his actions accordingly.

LAST WEEK a motion was offered in the Dominion Parliament with the object of obtaining a better observance of the sabbath day by securing an entire cessation of labor on all public works, canals, railways, &c., under the control of the Government. A lengthened discussion took place, the Premier stating that local authorities had the regulations regarding the observance of Sabbath vested in them, and mentioned some of the difficulties in enforcing justly a strict observance of the day, although the policy of the Government was favorable to it. One of the members called upon his colleagues to amend their own ways, and set an example to the public by their own conduct. He had often visited the House on Sunday, and found the legislative chamber and club open and members busy plying their pens, whilst the servants were prevented from attending divine service through being compelled to wait upon the members. The motion was withdrawn. This discussion will have good effect, in arresting any tendency towards laxity in the observance of Sunday. On all works under the direct management of the Government, the day is observed properly, excepting all cases of necessity. On the principal lines of railway and the canals there may be more work done on Sunday than necessity demands, but it would be wrong for many plain reasons to stop work upon them altogether. In order to prevent such precedents from leading to forgetfulness of the proper observance of the day, local authorities should be vigilant in the endeavor to preserve a wholesome respect for the Sabbath.

PROPHET BROWN has again miscalculated, and the dissolution of the Earth which was predicted to take place on Saturday, failed to make connection according to the time table. The world is still the appreciated, or otherwise, abode of humanity possessed of the same variety of natures which characterized its inhabitants previous to the 1st of April; they eat and sleep, rise up and lie down, toil for pelf and subsistence, and are no more like the spiritual beings which were to rise from the ashes of destruction than the "old Adam" which is in them will permit. Old earth performs her diurnal rotations and pursues her annual course uninterruptedly, and all nature looks as serene, disagreeable or attractive, according to circumstances, as of yore. The prophecy has proved an "All Fool's Day" joke, instead of a terrible Last Day reality, and the vain man, or scoundrel, who professed to peer into the future and discover the exact date of the consummation of the earth's career, lives to be laughed at and to bring scorn and ridicule to his religion. If he is more fool than knave, the credulous few who are his followers would be well rid of him. There are some who believe those predictions so implicitly that they become the victims of sharpers and lay themselves open to pecuniary loss; and it is quite probable that the real author of their misfortunes is benefitted through the results of his prophecies. It is to be hoped that in this instance none have been duped, but if there have been such these prophets should receive the justice which is meted out to swindlers.

THE "STEEL RAIL" purchase, which was the subject of many a disgusting tirade directed against Hon. A. Mackenzie by the Tory press, has been fully and overwhelmingly endorsed by the Dominion Parliament. Mackenzie Bowell on Friday moved a vote of censure upon the Government for purchasing the rails, on the ground that the action was unwise, unconstitutional and caused much loss to the country. The old charges which were harped through the country at the time the question was so prominently before the country, were ably met, and it was shown that the contracts were submitted to the House and accepted, thus refuting the charge of unconstitutionality; and it was proved that the rails were purchased at a very low rate. Sir John A. took no part in the discussion, having absented himself from the House during the day, and his colleague was left a task from which the Opposition leader wisely excused himself. Upon the vote being taken on Mr. Bowell's motion, the division was as follows:—Yeas 54, nays 124, leaving a majority of 70 for the Government. The charges made against the Government in connection with this matter have been exceedingly extravagant and causeless, and the minority which has expressed its belief in them because it hates the Government has reason to feel deep humility at the result of this division.

MR. DECOSMOS, one of the British Columbia M. P.s, in the House last week moved his resolutions in favor of the immediate construction of the Pacific Railway according to the terms of the late Government's agreement with British Columbia. He stated that the people of his Province were exceedingly dissatisfied at the delay of the scheme, and would be inclined to secede from the union if their demands were not granted. Much to the surprise of the Government members, the Opposition members opposed the motion and acquiesced in the opinion that the scheme was impracticable at the present time. At the last session the tone of the latter was very different, and the Government was abused soundly for not at once carrying out the work of running a line of railway through a vast wilderness to connect ourselves with a colony possessing about 10,000 inhabitants, and cut off the union with a fearful debt. They found, however, that this was a bad policy to advocate, and, therefore, when Mr. DeCosmos' motion was put to the House it was voted down on a division of yeas 6, nays 154. Two of the British Columbia members voted with the majority.

## Town Council.

Council assembled Friday evening last the Mayor in the chair and members all present except the Deputy Reeve and councillor Smith.

The clerk stated that Mr. J. R. Miller had taken declaration of office and qualification as councillor for St. Andrews Ward in the place of H. W. Ball.

Communication from Horace Horton M. P., that the Minister of Public Works has not yet had time to attend to the matter of the Docks but will cause the same to be attended to soon, received.

Communication from Mr. John Stewart asking that value of allowance for road through lots of his be set off against his taxes due. Mr. Garrow stated that there was a suit pending to settle the matter and in the meantime he (Mr. Garrow) would guarantee that no loss would be incurred by the set off asked. On motion the matter was left with Mr. Garrow with power to act.

Communication from International Salt Co., asking to have road opened from their Works along the east side of Mr. Bingham's garden so as to open a shorter route to the wharf. Referred to Public Works Board. Report of the Fire committee that they have ordered couplings for hose amounting to $20.60; they also recommend that some means be used by which hose can be hung up full length to allow air pass through so as to prevent hose from rotting; that an additional $20 be granted to the Hose Co. as they need two more men; that twelve belts and pouches and four branches and two water proof coats for branchmen be purchased, and also suggesting that means be devised to form a [illegible] moved seconded by Mr. Garrow that P. W. committee be requested to report the probable cost of fixing the old Engine house so that the Steamer can be kept there. The balance of Fire report was sent to P. W. committee.

Report of the Street Inspector that expenses thus far this season only amount to about $1.25; he advised that a gravel screen be purchased so as to screen at the pit. After speaking generally the Inspector closes his report thus: "Allow me to urge the necessity of giving foot pedestrians some better way to get up and down the Harbor Hill without having to lick dust or find themselves anchored in mud. The steam boats that call into port during summer season generally remain a few hours to give passengers an opportunity to see the town and replenish their travelling necessaries; but when they reach Craigs old corner and see a wall to the right and left with clouds of dust rolling between they become alarmed and return to the vessel with all they ever brought."—Report received and filed for future reference.

Communication from John Connor asking remission of taxes paid by him to County Treasurer, he having been assessed both on resident and non resident roll, sent to Finance.

Com. from Trustees of the Sons of Temperance stating that in the year 1870 the trustees of the Mechanics Institute donated to the Council along with lot 85 a sum of money about $200 on condition that they would build a Hall on said lot and having failed to do so and as the Trustees are about building a Hall they ask Council, who hold said money in trust, to pay same over to them—sent to Finance.

Mr. Small enquired what had been done regarding lot given by Canada Co. to the Mechanics' Institute near Main's Hotel, and after some explanation it was referred to Finance to report fully, adding Messrs. A. Watson and Sloan to that Committee. Accounts of G. Cattle $10.93, Proudfoot and Pennington $6.48, H. Cook $22.50, all for charity, were sent to Finance.

The Auditors report of 1875 was read and an abstract of same can be seen in another column.

Mr. Campbell stated that he held a communication in his hand from the late lessee of the Market, refusing to pay abalance due from him to the town. After discussion the Treasurer was ordered to enter the account for suit at once. The Mayor thought something should be done to regulate the Docks and asked leave to write Mr. Horton to obtain leave from the Government to do what is needed for the coming season, granted.

Clerk stated that the night constable had not been able to attend to duties lately on account of an injury he received on duty and asked if the salary paid the substitute be deducted from his salary. It was decided not to make any charge against Mr. Reed's salary.

Council then adjourned.

### SEAFORTH.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—A meeting of the Seaforth Teachers' Institute will be held on Saturday, April 8, at 1 o'clock p. m., in the school house.

THE DEBATE.—A debate between three members of the Seaforth and St. Mary's Literary Societies took place in the latter place on the 25th ult. The subject was—"Resolved that a Prohibitory Liquor Law would not be beneficial to Canada." St. Marys was pronounced victorious by the chairman, although it was freely admitted that the Seaforth debaters, Messrs. M. P. Hayes, Dr. Vercoe and John McMillan, had the best of the argument. A return bebate takes place here on the 21st inst.

THIEF CAUGHT.—It will be remembered that last fall Mr. Robt. Govenlock had a number of cattle stolen from his field. He traced the cattle and found that they had been sold to a butcher in Shakespeare, and he also found the heads of the cattle in Toronto. He learned that a man, corresponding in appearance with the man who sold the cattle to the Shakespeare butcher, was staying at an hotel in Monckton, in the township of Logan. He had the man arrested a few days ago and took him to Stratford, where he was identified by several parties as the man who sold the cattle. The evidence against him was sufficiently conclusive to justify the magistrate in committing him for trial.

AN OLD SETTLER GONE.—Mrs. Hays relict of the late Robt. Hays, Esq., J. P. of McKillop, has gone to her rest. She died at the age of 76 years. She was much respected.—COM.

APPOINTMENT.—Mr. Edward Cash has been appointed one of the License Commissioners for the South Riding, instead of Mr. John Beattie, who was the nominee of the meeting called by Mr. Bishop himself, and Mr. Bishop wrote to Mr. Beattie stating that he had recommended him to the Government. However, there are wheels within wheels, and Mr. Bishop has seen fit to recommend the nomination of two men from the time he went down to see him at his residence and no doubt the latter recommendation was stronger than the former. Some men have axes to grind.—COM.

KILLED.—Mr. Munro, of Tuckersmith, was killed last week by a runaway while on his way from Clinton.—COM.

### EXETER.

IMPROVEMENTS.—Messrs. Jas. Pick and Wm. Bissett and Jas. Swenerton are making preparations for the speedy erection of three grain storehouses.

SENSIBLE.—Exeter encourages home manufacture. Mr. Jos. Smith has constructed a hose cart for the fire brigade, thereby relieving the village from purchasing in the United States.

CARELESSNESS.—A few days since, a business man in town received a registered letter at this office containing eighteen dollars on account. It bore no date, name or other mark, by which it might be known to the receiver where or who it was from.

DIVISION GRANGE.—Prince Albert Division Grange met at the Central Hotel, Exeter, on the 25th ult., and transacted a good deal of business. A bout eighty representatives were present from the Lumley, Elimville, Thames Road, Rodgerville and Tuckersmith Granges.—*Times.*

### BAYFIELD.

THE CEMETERY.—Bayfield has long been notorious for those "who be in power" having little respect for the living, but now they show less for the dead. There are trustees and directors for the cemetery here, and it is a standing disgrace to every one of them, no matter who they may be, that, "God's acre" is in such a state as it now presents. Money, it is known, they have on hand, and yet the fences are broken down, gates left open and cattle and horses allowed to roam at will, knocking down grave stones and breaking iron fences round same. It is high time that those who have the slightest respect for their departed relations should make these trustees do something in the matter, for what is being done with the money in the meantime? and the graves of our friends and relations being trampled on by cattle and horses, and valuable iron fences round lots, broken down. Surely the people here will have the pluck to force this matter, as few care to order valuable headstones when they are liable (by the carelessness of the magnates of this incorporated village) to be broken down by cattle and horses roaming at large through the cemetery.—COM.

## Local News.

### ABOUT TOWN.

FARM SOLD.—Lot 11, in 2d con., S. D. Colborne, has been sold by the Maloy estate to Mr. Jacob Weber, of Waterloo, for $3,800.

A BIG PILE.—The grand Trunk Railway have purchased and stored at this station, during the winter, 1,000 cords of wood—just one half of the amount contracted for.

NEW PREMISES.—Mr. Samuel Platt is busy erecting a new building, in which to prosecute the manufacture of fine salt, alongside of his saw mill, so as to utilize the single water-power to run the two works.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—The regular public quarterly examinations of the various departments of the Central school will take place on Tuesday afternoon next, and commencing at 1:30. We hope there will be a good turn out of visitors.

SENTENCED.—On Friday Jos. Stiles and Hugh Condie received sentence on the charge of stealing a pair of horse blankets from Mr. Wm. Brown, of Gray, the Judge giving each nine months imprisonment in the Central Prison.

HARBOR NOTES.—Mr. H. Marlton is busy repairing the *H. N. Foxman*, by putting down a new deck and repairing the rail. The Hawley salt block is again in operation, making the fourth block now at work.—Mr. Attrill's engine is in operation, and the work of drilling has commenced.

ACCIDENT.—Last week Mary Kore, of the 6th con., Ashfield, while engaged at work in the residence of Mr. Jas. Tomlinson, tripped by catching her foot in carpet, and fell against a pantry door, inflicting a painful wound above the left eye. Dr. Cassidy stitched and dressed the wound, which is mending.

POSTPONED.—The social which was announced to take place in Knox church on Tuesday night last, has been indefinitely postponed, owing to the continuance of the week night prayer meeting. The temperance mass meeting announced for next Friday evening is also postponed for the same reason.

PERSONAL.—Mr. W. G. Robertson, manager of the International Salt Works, has returned to town much improved by his sojourn in Toronto.

—J. S. Sinclair, Esq., Q. C., has accepted the appointment to the position of County Judge of Wentworth, and we believe his appointment will be gazetted about May 1st. Whilst regretting that the town will lose so good a citizen, we must express our admiration of the wisdom of the selection. Mr. Sinclair is well qualified for the position, his lengthy experience in the pursuit of his profession furnishing an important qualification, and we feel sure he will do justice to the high position.

—Warren Rock, Q. C., of London, will perform the duties of Crown Counsel at the Huron Assizes, Goderich.

—Mr. J. R. Miller, I.P.S., has been communicating with the Minister of Education, Hon. Adam Crooks, and the latter gentleman has arranged to meet the Huron Teachers' Association at its next session in Clinton, in May next.

THE REVIVAL.—Very successful meetings were held during the past week in North Street Methodist church, and a great deal of good is apparently being effected. The special prayer meetings in Knox Church have been exceedingly well attended, notwithstanding the rough weather. Rev. Mr. Mitchell, of Mitchell, conducted the services during the latter part of the week, in conjunction with the pastors, with great acceptance.

SUSANNAH EVANS.—This lady will deliver a lecture, in North Street Methodist church, on Monday evening next, upon the Subject, "New York; its Fashions and Foibles," which is considered one of her best efforts. Col. Ross, M. P. P., will occupy the chair. We are satisfied that there will be a good attendance, the admission fee, 20 cents, being small and the attraction very great. Owing to certain unavoidable circumstances, Miss Evans will be unable to reach Goderich before Monday and she will be unable to address the Sabbath School children as previously announced.

NEW BUSINESS.—Mr. Jas. Vivian, having decided to go out of the hotel business, is making arrangements for converting his bar-room into a restaurant connected with well furnished ice cream parlors. The rooms will be furnished in a most tasteful manner, judging from the plans, and no pains will be spared to make the place attractive. Mr. Vivian has secured the service of a first class baker and confectioner from Boston, and will soon commence the manufacture of fancy cakes, bread, candies, &c., and furnish and prepare dinners, wedding breakfasts, or refreshments for parties. We have no doubt that Mr. Vivian will meet with great success.

SCHOOL BOARD.—The regular meeting of the Board took place on Monday evening, the chairman, Messrs. Ferguson, Pasmore, Simmons, Swanson and Elliott being present. Mr. J. R. Miller, principal, reported the attendance at Central School for the month of March as 758, 401 being boys and 357 girls—average attendance 549. The report of visiting committee was read, recommending certain improvements and showing that the schools were well kept and progressing favorably. On motion Miss McQuarrie was engaged to teach in St. David's ward school, Miss Hardy's engagement for the first quarter having ceased; and Miss Williams, on the recommendation of the above report, was engaged for one year. Accounts were read as follows: M. C. Cameron, drawing contract, $5; H. W. Ball, printing, $9.47; John Walker, repairs, $2.75; Allan & Dickson, advertising, $1; David Reed, 100 cords wood, at $2.47 per cord. These accounts were ordered to be paid, with the exception of the last item. Mr. Swanson moved, seconded by Mr. Elliott, that the account be paid; and Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Pasmore, that the contingent committee inspect the wood and see that the quality was according to contract. On a vote being taken, the chairman negatived the motion. Another effort was made to settle the question, Messrs. Ferguson and Pasmore asking for a committee of the whole to examine the school, and an amendment to pay the bill being made, resulting in a dead lock. The Board then adjourned.

FALSE PRETENCES.—On Monday last a rather peculiar case was tried before Judge Toms. Wm. Hunter was charged, at the instance of Mr. Fred. Seegmiller with obtaining goods under false pretences, and the evidence brought forward showed the following facts:—A short time ago Hunter opened negotiations with Mr. Seegmiller for the purchase of eleven acres of land belonging to the latter, and representing that he had sold a farm in the County of Perth and was in possession of $1300 which he said was deposited in the Montreal Bank. He decided to buy the land, offering $800 therefor, which terms were satisfactory to Mr. Seegmiller, who had the necessary papers made out for the transfer, which was to be made on Saturday last. Whilst these negotiations were going on Hunter ordered a considerable quantity of groceries, promising to pay for them when he paid for the land. On Saturday Hunter failed to put in an appearance at the time appointed for the settlement of the bargain, and Mr. Seegmiller, beginning to feel suspicious, hunted him up and reminded him of his appointment. Hunter stated that he had forgotten the appointment, and at once volunteered to go to the bank and settle the matter. On arriving there he could not show his deposit receipts for the $1,300 which he said he deposited a year ago; and a search proved that he had deposited no money there. A plea of insanity was set up by the defendant's counsel Mr. B. L. Doyle, but there is "a method in his insanity," which gave the impression that he resembled Humpty Dumpty in his characteristic of being "more knave than fool." The case was adjourned until the 10th inst., when the judge will give his decision.

THE ENTREMILLES.—Fuel is being laid in at this salt block, preparatory to the resumption of active operations in a few days.

HAT STORE.—Mr. Troy Savage has opened out a stock of hats, caps and gents' furnishings in one of the handsome stores in Blake's new block.

CHANCERY COURT opened yesterday before the Honorable Vice-Chancellor Blake. The Toronto bar is represented by Jas. McLennan, Esq., Q. C., and J. A. Boyd, Esq. As we go to press the first case has not been finished. A full report will appear in our next issue.

RAILWAY HOLIDAYS.—In reply to numerous enquires Mr. J. R. Miller requests to state that there has been no change made in the school law with reference to Easter holidays. The schools will close on Tuesday, 11th April, and open on the 19th.

SPRING.—"Come, gentle spring, ethereal mildness come" is now the prevailing sentiment, and with the memory of the fearful weather we have experienced during the past winter the unmanaic ones will, poll, "and if you're coming, don't be long about it." The usual signs of the advent of the happy season are present, the singing of birds, the swollen streams, muddy streets and lastly the beautiful displays of spring goods in the shop windows. Messrs. Crabb's and Doyle's establishment makes an unusually fine show of dress goods, silks, shawls, and spring goods of every kind, which are worthy of high commendation and inspection by the public. A special feature of gentlemen's furnishings is exhibited, success with which fact our spring coat makes one of the following:

If you wish, dear reader, to be
In the good world and make an
Give your donate and with a few
Go to Crabb & Anderson's.

The services of Mr. D. McCosham as cutter, have been secured, and good orders may expect to receive every satisfaction in carrying orders at this store.

THE SEQUEL.—In another column will be found an account of an exciting affair which occurred in Zurich last week. The principals of the story are H. W. Zent and his wife. The latter in 1873 sued for divorce but failed in her plea, and the court gave to the father the guardianship of the boy, the offspring of the unfortunate couple, after which the mother put forth every effort to recover possession of the boy, who is sincerely attached to his father. In order to escape the woman's persistent efforts, the father came to Zurich, the item in another column giving the second chapter in the story. One day last week the woman, who professes to have secured a divorce in 1875, came to Goderich and had a warrant issued for the arrest of Zent on a charge of assault upon herself and aggravated assault upon the hotel keeper, Mr Mills, at Zurich. Constables Reid and Gooding were commissioned to make the arrest, and on arriving at their destination performed their duty. A large crowd of sympathisers with the husband offered to interfere, and a serious disturbance was anticipated; but the prisoner requested the crowd to permit the officers to do their duty. This quieted the crowd, and the constables arrived in Goderich on Friday with their prisoner, the child accompanying their party. A preliminary hearing of the case was had on Saturday before C. Crabb, Esq., and the case was remanded until Monday. The mother was on hand, in company with a rough looking specimen of humanity whom she said was married to her in June last, watching for a chance to secure the boy. At the instance of the woman through her counsel, Mr. Crabb directed an order to Mr. Campbell, jailor, where at the earnest request of Zent had kindly agreed to take charge of the child during the father's incarceration, ordering him to give the child to the mother whom he held to be the rightful guardian. Knowing that a Justice of the Peace had no such authority as was thus assumed, Mr. Campaigne refused to give the child out of his possession. On Monday the case was again brought on, and after the examination of several witnesses the charge of assault upon the woman was dismissed, and the prisoner was committed for trial on the charge of aggravated assault upon Mr. Mills. Mr. Crabb refused, in the court to accept bail on the request of the prisoner's counsel, Mr. M. C. Cameron; but after the court adjourned he consented. However, Zent wished for a speedy trial before the Judge and refused to secure bail, and his trial will come off speedily. The woman failed to put in an appearance at the court on Monday, and with her husband or paramour, left by the noon train, in order to escape being arrested on a charge of attempting to kidnap; and so this little episode ends so far as she is concerned for the present. She is evidently a desperate woman, as she carried a revolver, and whilst struggling with Zent for the possession of the child at Mill's hotel, endeavored to shoot him but failed fortunately. Much sympathy is expressed with the husband, who was evidently only subjected to this treatment so that the child might be separated from him and the unscrupulous mother get possession of him.

### LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—Exeter has a surplus of $1,969.99.

—Maple sugar socials are now in season.

—Lucknow is again calling for a bank agency.

—The Odd Fellows of Lucknow are to celebrate the anniversary of their order on the 26th inst., by an oyster supper.

—Centralia is to have a new grain warehouse, two stories high and 36x30 feet. Messrs. S. Woodhall and C. Walker are the owners.

—M. W. Lewis, of Stephen, has a lamb which, when dropped, weighed eighteen pounds.

—The Duncan farm, situated near Bayfield, was sold a few days ago for $5,420, Mr. Jos. Richardson being the purchaser.

—The German Methodists have been holding revival meetings in Dashwood, for some time past, and are meeting with great success.

—The salary for the Huron License Inspectors is to be $500 per annum, out of which they will have to pay their own travelling expenses.

—Committees have been appointed to collect subscriptions towards indemnifying Mr. Chas. Mason, for the loss of his two valuable horses.

—Diptheria has made its appearance in Stanley, the first victim being Mr. Bartley, of the Bayfield road, who died after a few days' illness.

—At a spelling match held recently between the scholars of Bluevale and No. 9 Wawanosh school, the latter came off victorious, although Bluevale carried off three of the four prizes awarded.

—Huber Bros., a few days ago, at their mill, in Londesboro, cut six large logs into inch lumber in thirteen minutes, which would be on an average of about 250 logs in 10 hours.

—Regrets are expressed that the postal authorities have not seen fit to have mails carried by the L. H. & B. R., instead of by stage, to the offices along the line of the new railway. They have committed a mistake, certainly.

—The citizens of Gorrie, a few evenings ago, entertained Messrs. H. Pearce and J. Y. Howe, agent and baggage master respectively of the T. G. & B. Railway at that place, as a complimentary supper.

—About a fortnight ago Mr. Peter Keffer sawed fifty cords of wood in five hours and a half on the farm of Mr. Geo. Ransom, lot 15, con. 6, Grey. The wood which was dry, was piled and measured.

—Five young men in Stephen, a few days ago, commencing at 9 a. m., sawed with a machine eighty logs into stovewood; also erected a frame building (roofing it as well), 16x26 feet, quitting at 5 o'clock p. m. Send them to the Centennial.

—A pine saw log was brought to the Londesboro mill the other day. It was the second length from the stump, measured 5 feet 3 inches in diameter at the small end, and is 14 feet in length. It will cut 1904 ft of inch lumber, and is equal in weight to 2910 feet of lumber.

—On the 23rd March, Mr. James Nichols, of Morris, was missed from his home, and, after considerable search, was found on the following morning drowned. It is supposed he committed suicide, as he had been in a desponding state of mind ever since the death of his daughter a short time ago.

W.—On Wednesday last Mr. John Broadfoot, of Morris, sold a fine young two-year old colt for $145 cash.

—On Saturday, 25th March, Mr. Robert Johns, of Tuckersmith, died aged 73 years. It will be remembered that the deceased suffered, about four weeks ago, from an apoplectic stroke, which has finally resulted in his death. Mr. Johns came to this country from England about 40 years ago, and after residing in different portions of Ontario for a few years, he finally settled in Tuckersmith, when it was nearly all bush, where he resided till his death.

—The residence and furniture of Mr. Marshall Peel, of Henfryn, were totally destroyed by fire on Monday night, (27th ult.,) soon after 11 o'clock. Messrs. R. C. K. Davies and Alfred B. Smith roused the inhabitants of the village, and in trying to force an entrance, the former gentleman got pretty well singed about the head and face. Mr. Peel and family were away from home at the time. Sympathy is felt for Mr. Peel by his neighbours for such a severe loss, as everything was burned, every effort to save being futile, the river close by being frozen solid. Cause not known.

—The following is an exact copy of one of the applications for the position of teacher in the Aylmer