THE REPORTER COUNTY NEWS.

INTERESTING LETTERS FROM OUR STAFF OF CORRESPONDENTS

A Budget of News and Gossip. Personal Intelligence.—A Little of Everything Well Mixed Up.

SOPERTON.

MONDAY, Feb. 24.—The roads are impassable on account of the recent snow storm.

Norman Gilbert met with a serious accident while cutting wood. The axe slipped inflicting a severe wound in his foot. It is doing nicely.

S. M. Ransom has returned after a trip northward.

Messrs. Connell and Nicholson have returned from an extended visit to Casselman.

We notice a black team visits the Corners frequently.

Miss Sexton, teacher, spent Sunday in Soperton.

F. Chant has returned to Uncle Sam's domains.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bolton, Ottawa, were the guests of Mrs. J. Barlow.

Visitors:—Master Harry Williams at R. T. Taber's; F. Ferguson, from Nova Scotia, and J. E. Knapp of Plum Hollow, at F. Bolin's; Miss Katie Bolin, of Plum Hollow, visiting friends here and at Lyndhurst. Miss Dillon of Athens at S. M. Ransom's.

DULSEMAIN.

MONDAY, Feb. 24.—Miss Sophia McCready and Mr. T. Wallace were married last Wednesday. We extend congratulations.

Messrs. Leacock and Steacy of Eastons' Corners were the guests of Herb Leacock and wife last week.

The roads are in a very bad condition.

Those that got their wood home are to be congratulated, as it is now almost impossible to do teaming.

A large horse barn belonging to Mr. Herb Horton, in which he had seven horses, collapsed with the weight of snow on Sunday night, Feb. 16th. The horses escaped injury, but the entire building is a complete wreck.

We are glad to see Mrs. Cyrus Cross around again.

E. G. Haskins has sold out his store business at Lansdowne to Mr. H. Horton and will move back onto the farm.

Mr. N. McCready will still be retained to wait on the customers in his pleasant, brisk style.

FRANKVILLE.

TUESDAY, Feb. 25.—Messrs. Jones & Rabb commenced their butter factory on Monday last.

Mr. C. B. Tallman of Lyndhurst spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Jennie Brown, who has been spending the past four weeks in Lyndhurst and Morton, returned home on Saturday last.

The annual missionary meeting was held in the Methodist church on Monday evening. The Rev's Pimlott of Addison and Puyser of Delta were present and gave addresses on missionary work.

Miss Livingston of Athens was the guest of Miss Laura Mitchell on Sunday last.

The Rev. J. Lawson of North Augusta will give a lecture in the Methodist church on Saturday evening next under the auspices of the Epworth League. Subject, "[illegible] Church to the Young." [illegible] will also preach at [illegible] on Sunday evening, when there will be a special collection taken up for the fund.

FARMER'S

SATURDAY, Feb. 22.—There hasn't been any traffic between this place and Howe Island of late.

Miss G. Shimnick of Brockville was in town last week.

The demand for hay and grain in this section is still on the increase.

An old fashioned shake down took place at Mr. E. Flood's last week.

Our quiet little village has at present thirty-four marriageable young ladies.

John Shea passed through town en route for Gananoque with a large load of rat roofing.

Mr. T. Donavin and B. Gavin of this place are about to open a fine hotel at Bull Frog Bay.

An enjoyable time was spent at the residence of Mr. A. H. Leacock on Monday night last, where a large number of young people gathered and a sumptuous supper was prepared for the occasion. Music was furnished by Messrs. Gavin, Lappen and Leacock.

The water raised about four feet in the locks on Friday with the high winds. Lock-master Loman reports considerable damage done along the shores, such as wharfs going adrift, boat houses blown over, and marsh hay stacks floating down the locks.

WEXFORD.

SATURDAY, Feb. 22.—Miss Eliza Gavin of Warburton is visiting friends in town.

Browsing cows is a thing of the past since the late snow storm.

Mr. T. Flood purchased a very fine saw whet last week.

T. Flood has secured the contract of furnishing wood for the Junetown cheese factory for the coming season.

The Flood Bros. are now busily engaged getting material ready for to erect a large barn the coming spring.

Mr. R. Dixey has the contract of building a large dock at Fly Creek Junction.

Robbers broke into the home of Mr. Geo. Leeder last week and walked away with a quantity of bed clothing and a fine seal skin coat belonging to T. Flood.

The deepening of Fly Creek below Garden island will give a large number of the laboring class employment. As yet it is not known who gets the contract.

Mr. Jas. Burns and lady of Toledo registered at J. Flood's on Friday last.

Mr. E. Foster and lady of Charleston passed through town on Tuesday last.

Phil Leeder and lady returned from the blue berry hills on Tuesday. Phil is looking hale and hearty.

Hay and grain is getting scarce in this section, and but very few cattle are able to crow at present.

About fifty old people invaded the residence of Mr. John Flood on Tuesday night and held an old fashioned surprise party, which proved very pleasant to all concerned.

CHANTRY.

MONDAY, Feb. 24.—Mr. H. C. Smith is on the sick list.

The grim reaper has again visited this neighborhood. This time he took one in the very prime of life—William Irwin, son of John Irwin, blacksmith. Mr. Irwin was a very promising young man, about twenty-nine years of age. He followed the occupation of cheese-maker. For about a year he had been ailing, and during the past summer was unable to work, but was confined to his bed only two weeks. The funeral took place in the church here on the 22nd, and in spite of the almost impassable condition of the roads the church was filled with mourning friends and sympathising neighbors. The Rev. G. Poyser preached a very able sermon.

Miss Annie Bulford of Athens is visiting friends here.

PLUM HOLLOW.

MONDAY, Feb. 24.—Snow is very deep and roads almost impassable for hauling loads.

The young people of this place drove to Frankville last Tuesday night to the home of Misses Addie and Olive Jackson, where they spent a very enjoyable evening in playing games of various kinds. They so thoroughly enjoyed themselves that no one thought to look at the time until the wee, small hours had arrived. There is talk of another party in the near future.

It is with regret that we learn of the death of William Irwin at his home near Chantry. Plum Hollow will join in the sympathy so generally extended to the bereaved family, as deceased was well and favorably known here, having worked in the cheese factory for two years.

LYNDHURST

MONDAY, Feb. 17.—A grand carnival was held on the skating rink of this place on Wednesday night of last week. We were pleased to see so many from Athens and Delta, as well as from the country round about. We were also pleased that one of our young men carried away the prize for fast skating. The maskers did their part well. They were dressed as follows:

ATHENS.
M. Pierce, City Dude.
M. Edgar, Esquimo.
W. Parish, Irish Duke.

DELTA.
N. Topping, Clown.
H. Hazelton, Irish Duke.
J. Phillips, Clown.
N. Hill, Farmer.
H. Jackson, City Dude.
S. Mott, Chinaman.
Miss G. Stevenson, Nurse.
Our young baker, Tramp.

LYNDHURST
Mrs. J. Thompson, Young Widow.
Miss J. Thompson, Nun.
Miss L. Berney, Flower Girl.
Miss Lena Berney, Snow-flake.
Miss Georgie Pennock, Sailor's daughter.
Miss May Grothier, Nun.
Miss Emma Stringer, Ghost.
Miss J. Roddick, Sister of Charity.
Miss Lizzie Roddick, College Girl.
Miss Ethel Young, Snowflake.
Miss E. Purn, Moonlight.
Miss M. Purn, Red Riding Hood.
Miss L. Jarvis, Starlight.
Miss Minnie Roddick, Autumn.
A Sweet, Midnight Thief.
Link Witherell, Irish Bummer.
P. Nixon, Irish Farmer.
A Nixon, Town Boy.
H. Wing, Irish Philosopher.

After spending a very pleasant evening the band played God Save the Queen, and all retired to their respective homes.

Mr. M. P. Stringer, the proprietor of this rink, will hold another carnival in the near future, at which he assures us all a pleasant time.

TOLEDO.

MONDAY, Feb. 24.—Mr. A. Chamberlain gave a short visit to his old home here a few days ago.

After a term of a little over five weeks the special services in the Methodist church have closed. During all this time the pastor, Rev. Mr. Stillwell, has conducted the services with no assistance, except from Miss Crummy of Frankville, who preached three times during the services.

We understand that the Baptists intend to start revival meetings shortly

How would the proposed mail route via Athens have worked during the recent storm?

Mr. Harvey Dunham visited his father and friends here last week.

Miss Carrie Sweet of Portland has been visiting friends here.

The boys built a rink but had only one night's skating.

Miss E. Stratton of Ottawa has been visiting her relatives in this village and vicinity.

A few of the young people of this place spent a very enjoyable time at the home of Mrs. Clark on Saturday evening.

Foster's ball was rather slimly attended, owing, we suppose, to bad roads.

Mr. Frank Fowler is home again.

The Presbyterians, we are glad to learn, have the debt entirely cleared off their church.

Misses Mason and Birdsell have been carrying on special services in the town hall. It is our earnest hope that they may be the means of great good being done in Toledo.

Miss Brown and Miss Bulford, who have been employed for the past four months by our merchant tailor, R. H. Percival, have returned home for a short time during the slack season.

It was with deep sorrow that we heard of the death of Mrs. S. S. Cornell of Athens, who, being the relict of the late Dr. S. S. Cornell of this place, had resided here the greater part of her life. Mrs. Cornell was always held in deep respect by us as a neighbor and friend. The people of Toledo and vicinity extend to the bereaved family their warmest sympathy.

Paid the Kisses.

The Cornwall Standard says:—That Cornwall Girls have a knack of getting there, was evidenced the other day, when a young lady walked into a Pitt St. store and after selecting a piece of cloth, asked what it was worth "Four kisses per yard" said the smart clerk. The young lady stood abashed for a moment and replied that she would take four yards. The cloth was cut off, nicely wrapped up and handed to the fair purchaser, who received it with a smile and said: "Send the bill around to my grandmother; she will settle it." And the clerk went out in the back yard and kicked himself.

LOCAL SUMMARY.

ATHENS AND NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES BRIEFLY WRITTEN UP.

Events as Seen by Our Knight of the Pencil.—Locs Announcement Boiled Right Down.

—The assessor is abroad in the village.

The regular monthly meeting of the village council will be held on Monday evening next.

Mr. D. J. Moore of the Brockville Business College has secured a position as traveller for a Montreal house.

—For several days past the Brockville & Westport railway company have had a large gang of extra workmen employed shoveling snow.

Impoverished blood causes that tired feeling. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood and gives vigor and vitality.

Mr. Benj. Scott of Lake Eloida has purchased the Chas. F. Kerr property near the B. & W. station and will take possession in a short time.

Mr. S. Boyce has sold his property on Wellington street to Mr. E. Larguay and has purchased the fine Parish property on Main street, now occupied by Mr. Wm. Mott.

At the meeting of the Epworth League last evening a cordial vote of thanks was extended to Messrs. Fred Pierce and N. D. McVeigh for their kindness in allowing the delegates to the late convention the free use of their 'buses.

Mrs. C. A. Niblock having signified her desire to continue taking care of the Methodist church (a duty performed by her late husband), the young men of the Epworth League have very thoughtfully and kindly volunteered to attend to keeping the walks clear of snow, carrying in wood, and ringing the bell.

The B. & W. trains are again running on schedule time, after fighting to a victorious finish one of the worst storms the road has ever had to deal with. The fact that the energetic superintendent was able to keep this line comparatively open while a total blockade prevailed on many of the older roads is an assurance that the traveling public need fear no ordinary storm.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Mr. Charles Taber, of New York, second son of Mrs. S. A. Taplin, Athens, to Miss Nellie Chapman, daughter of Mr. John Chapman, North Augusta. The ceremony takes place to-day at the home of the bride. Mr. Taber spent the early part of this week in Athens and was kept busy receiving the welcomes and congratulations of friends.

Here is a pointer for local horsemen from a Detroit man who is said to have discovered an effectual way in which to prevent snow from "balling up" in the horses hoofs. He took two ounces of glycerine and applied it equally to the hoofs of the horse and found that after a two hours drive through the snow there was no difficulty whatever about keeping his flyer free from packing snow in the hoofs.

"The purity question is one of great absorbing interest, equalled only by the legalized liquor traffic, and like it, occupying at the present time the attention of humanitarians all over our country and in all lands. Impurity and intemperance go hand in hand in producing so many of the evils which are cursing mankind. One is largely dependant upon the other, and without the one the other would be largely shorn of its power for evil. They are both equally the enemy of the home." Joshua Levering.

The new engine in Bullis' saw mill was tested yesterday and found to work very satisfactorily. The work of placing the engine in position and making the necessary connections is in charge of Arza N. Sherman, and the test was in every way satisfactory both to Mr. Bullis and himself. Mr. Bullis expects to commence sawing out the logs piled in the yard in a couple of days. He will also be prepared to do all kinds of custom sawing, planing, matching, and ripping lumber on short notice.

The first accident on the B. & W. track for some time occurred one afternoon last week. Mr. B. F. Blancher of Addison was coming to Saunders' mill with a few bags of grain, driving a spirited young horse When at King's Crossing he saw the train approaching, but as the horse was restive he concluded to try and cross the track in advance of the train. When directly on the track the cutter upset and the horse breaking loose ran away with the shafts of the cutter attached to him, fetching up in the mill shed. Mr. Blancher tried to drag the cutter from the track but had to jump to one side and allow the train to demolish the vehicle and scatter the grain along the track.

Residents along the streets leading from Victoria to the B. & W. station were somewhat surprised to see the "Chief" and a prominent citizen wending their way towards a vacant lot up towards Sundown street on Friday afternoon last. The aforesaid prominent citizen carried a formidable looking snow shovel and the onlookers were puzzled to know what was in the wind. On reaching the vicinity of the vacant lot, the snow shovel was seen to drop into the snow at a place where the residents of that vicinity had longed for a sidewalk, but had never never seen anything better than mud or snow to walk on. Excitement ran high in the neighborhood, and every available window in the vicinity had its quota of interested onlookers, and many heaved a sigh, fearing that the "Chief" had found a new interpretation of the snow by-law which would oblige both sides of the streets to be cleared of snow, whether there was a plank walk there or not. After several attacks on the drifts, which rivaled in force the efforts of the snow plow on the B. & W., a halt was called. A plank had been found, which clearly established in the chief's mind, at least, that he was right in his contention. The citizen, however, as strenuously held that the evidence was not sufficient and it was finally decided to call on ex-candidate for Mayor Rockwood to act as referee. After a calm and impartial survey of the premises the referee decided that the snow in front of that particular lot did not come under the provisions of the by-law, and poured balm on the heaving waters by suggesting that all bets be declared off.

Several district news letters are unavoidably held over until next week.

Miss McNally of Brockville is in Athens this week, the guest of Mrs. A. E. McLean.

Miss Jeanie Waldie returned to her home in Kingston last Monday after a visit of several weeks in Athens, during which she made a host of friends.

President Cleveland has signed the act extending until 1898 the time for the completion of the railway bridge across the St. Lawrence river in St. Lawrence county, N. Y.

On account of funds accumulating quickly, will lend money on real estate at the very lowest rate—$12,000 on hand now. Mortgages also purchased. —JOHN CAWLEY, Athens, Ont.

On Sunday morning in the Methodist church the pastor read the excellent doctrinal sermon delivered by Rev. E. B. Ryckman, M. A., D. D., at the conference held in Smith's Falls last summer, and distributed printed copies thereof to members.

The parishioners of Rev. J. J. Kelly will regret to learn that the rev. gentleman is still very ill. On Sunday Dr. S. S. Cornell was summoned to his bedside, and on his recommendation two nuns, experienced nurses, will this week attend him.

—Geo. P. Wight, Esq., J. P., was in the village yesterday. Generally the Squire comes to settle trouble and make people happy. This time, however, the Squire reports that there is no trouble in the country at all to be settled.

—Saunders' mill is being taxed these days to its utmost capacity to do the work required of it. Every man and every piece of machinery about the place is kept on the move all day long, and the crowds of customers all meet with prompt attention and complete satisfaction.

—It is rumored that some individuals who were fined nearly a year ago for illegal fishing are now trying to have their fines remitted. Probably if they can make the Government understand that they acted "in a moment of weakness" they may get their money back. Everything comes back these days.

The carnival on the Crystal Palace Rink on Friday night last was well attended by skaters and some very pretty costumes were worn. Owing to the illness of Mr. Niblock, whose house is close to the rink, the Citizens' Band declined to play on the rink. The attendance of spectators was not as large as usual.

The Addison mail bag went astray on Saturday last, and its contents included among other valuables the copies of the Athens Reporter for subscribers at Greenbush, Rockspring and Addison. The mail clerk claims to have thrown the bag (as usual) from the moving train at Bell's Crossing, but the mail caarier, who was in waiting, did not see the bag leave the train and as a diligent search up and down the track failed to discover it, it presumed that the air suction drew it is into the gear of the car and that it has been carried—no one appears to know where.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gardiner residing at Lyn, Ont., recently celebrated their golden wedding. Mr. Gardiner is sixty-nine and Mrs. Gardiner is sixty-eight years of age. Of their family there are living three sons, two daughters, ten grandchildren and one great grandchild. Excepting Rev. Mr. Perley and Mrs. Perley and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Booth none were present but the members of their own family. Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner, who are enjoying a long earned rest in their beautiful residence, to which they removed from their farm about twelve years ago, received some valuable presents and many congratulations and wishes for long life and happiness.

Death of Crafton A. Niblock.

The Reporter briefly announced last week the very serious illness of Mr. Niblock. It is our sad duty to-day to chronicle his death, which occurred early on Saturday morning last at the age of 60 years.

Mr. Niblock was born in Elizabethtown, where his father carried on a carriage and blacksmith shop on the Stone road about a mile and a half north of the Tin Cap. Here Crafton learned the trade of a carriage maker and married a Miss Darling, by whom he had several children. His wife dying, he married Miss Kelly and removed to the village of Athens where he has resided for over twenty years, the last fifteen being spent in the employ of D. Fisher. Mr. Niblock had the faculty of making friends and retaining them, and we have yet to hear of his having a single enemy. For the last few years he has been a member of the Methodist church and his funeral on Monday last was largely attended. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Hagar.

Mechanics' Institute.

A full attendance of the officers of the Athens Mechanics' Institute at the library rooms last (Tuesday) evening showed that something of more than usual interest had called them together. Rev. Wm. Wright, the president, occupied the chair and briefly stated the object of the meeting to be a consideration of the advisability of petitioning the village council to assume control of the library and make it a free, public library and reading room. There were over $800 worth of books on the shelves and he thought the expense of running the reading room and library would not exceed $125 per year, and he thought further that the benefit to the citizens of Athens by the free use of the valuable library and the establishing of a reading room would justify the council in making the outlay. Enquiry elicited the fact that financially the Institute was in good shape, having something over $40 on hand after paying all claims and having purchasing $100 worth of books during the year. A long discussion ensued in which W. G. Parish, Joseph Thompson, H. H. Arnold, I. C. Alguire, J. P. Lamb, G. W. Beach, B. W. Loverin, Rev's Hagar and Cameron and Principal Mills took part. While all agreed that it would be a grand thing for the citizens of Athens to have free access to the library and a reading room, it was a question of finance with which they feared the village council would not feel inclined to deal. However, a motion to petition the council to assume the library was carried, coupled with a rider, that if the committee failed to interest the council to do as requested, they be solicited for a small grant in aid of the running expenses of the Institute.

Flour has gone up 40c on the barrel.

The council of Rear Yonge & Escott will meet in the township hall on Monday, March 2, at 1.30 p.m., for the appointment of road overseers, fence viewers, &c. for the present year.

Several new and second-hand cutters of latest styles for sale at a bargain, or will exchange for hard maple cord or stove wood. Apply to WILLARD ASSELTINE, Wm. Layng's old stand, Athens.

—Last week the school trustees of the Charleston school section furnished the school with new desks and seats. The old-fashioned awkward concerns that served as desks have all been thrown out and replaced by furniture that will be comfortable for the pupils.

The local lodge of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends are making preparations to hold in their hall, Central Block, at the earliest date possible (probably during the second week in March) a public concert and sugar social. Look for particulars later.

The directors of Unionville fair will meet for revision of the prize list on Wednesday next, March 4th, at 10 a.m. Any person wishing any changes or additions to the prize list should be present or send their requests to the Secretary at once.

It is hardly right to say that the use of bad language is justifiable, but if a person is driven by dire necessity to travel two or three miles over the roads as they are at present, and he gets home without swearing, why then we can safely say that he is in good training and fit to tackle the spring house cleaning and the taking down and putting up of stovepipes.

—In some parts of the village the snow by-law was a trifle late in making itself felt. Had the law been enacted a few weeks earlier perhaps the folks would have cleaned their walks down to the boards. As it is now the foundation of snow makes an icy superstructure that requires skilful pedestrianism to get over safely. However, the by-law is a good one and ought to be observed. Just wait till next winter and then see how the child will grow that Riley stood Godfather for before the Council.

Paper at Merrickville.

A Mr. Kave has decided to start a weekly newspaper at Merrickville, and the NEWS is informed that his plant has arrived in that village already. Merrickville should be able to support a good live weekly paper.

Direct Shipment of Cheese.

The farmers in the vicinity of Lansdowne have been agitating for a change in the system of selling their cheese. At the annual meeting of the patrons of Sand Bay cheese factory Mr. Herbert Horton moved that the patrons present place themselves on record as being in favar of sending their cheese direct to the Old country. The resolution also favored having a man sent to England to look after the farmers' interest. Other factories were asked to co-operate in the scheme.

As a result of the action of Sand Bay farmers, two meetings were held in the town hall at Lansdowne. A large majority of the farmers were anxious for a change. Some were in for ten or twelve factories joining together and sending a man to England. Others thought it would be best to ask the Dominion Government to send an agent, his appointment to be submitted to a board appointed by the farmers and a commission charged to defray expenses of agent. On Feb. 8th the farmers held another meeting Mr. Geo. Taylor M. P., Mr. Carroll, lawyer of Gananoque and other public men were present, Mr Taylor gave an address in which he told the farmers it would be dangerous to depart from the established way. He pointed out that the profits of middle men by reason of competition, were very small, To prove the latter point, he refered to us to himself in the grain buying business, which he has carried on so long without any profit. Someone suggested that the Government handle the cheese in the same way it proposes to handle dressed meat. The secretary handed Mr. Taylor a petition that was being circulated. It was in line with the dressed meat scheme. But he would not entertain the idea.

Five or six factories have signified their willingness to put up the needful to send a man out to look over the ground. Another meeting will be held on 22nd when it is expected enough factories will be ready to carry out the the scheme to evade the middlemen.—COM.

—There was a meeting at Delta on Friday evening last. We are bound to believe this to be a fact because we know it, and also because the Brockville Recorder and the Brockville Times both agree that there was a meeting. Beyond this point of agreement, however, our esteemed contemporaries of Grit and Tory persuasion do not seem to have wandered. They were at that meeting (at least they say they were) and each of them tells a different story about what was said and done. According to the Recorder, Mr. Bain M. P., on the question of the credit due on oleomargarine legislation, fairly wiped the floor, rhetorically speaking, with his opponent, while on the other hand the Times says that Geo. Taylor M. P, just waltzed into the ring, rhetorically speaking, and knocked out Mr. Bain on the oleo margarine question in less than three-eighths of a round, and then was ready to challenge him to a discussion of the cheese branding subject. Now, inasmush as we cannot vouch for the truth of either of these reports, we will try in our own modest truthful manner to tell briefly just what did occur that night. To begin with, there was a large gathering of people from many parts of this riding A good chairman was chosen in the person of Mr. John E. Brown of Delta. Mr. Bain, with his subject well prepared, argued his points with good effect. Mr. Taylor, not so well prepared, replied. Then Mr. Bain closed the discussion. At the close of the meeting cheers were given for the Queen and the speakers.

As to the subject itself, i. e. "who was entitled to the credit of certain legislation," it was not worth speaking of. However, the meeting was enthusiastic and amusing, and from the manner in which each of the disputants strove to make his opponent "eat the leek" we would suggest that it would be a good plan for the Agricultural Society of Bastard & Burgess to call them back and have them deliver a joint discussion on "leeks as a palatable article of food."

S. S. Convention.

The annual Sunday school convention of Leeds and Grenville, will be held at Easton's Corners on Friday of this week, and a number of able addresses will be delivered and papers read. Rev. T. C. Brown, of Smith's Falls will deliver an address in the evening.

Wedding at Soperton.

At "Willow Bank," the home of Thos. Sheffield, jr., Soperton, a very pretty wedding took place on Tuesday morning at 9.30 o'clock, when his sister, Angie (daughter of the late W. J. Sheffield), was united in marriage to Mr. Wesley Barber of Athens. The bride was supported by her cousin, Miss Maggie Frye, and the groom was assisted through the trying ordeal by his brother, C. W. Barber of Elgin. The nearest relatives of both parties witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Wm. Wright of Athens. The bride and her cousin looked charming in pretty travelling costumes of grey cloth. After the ceremony, the company repaired to the spacious dining-hall where a sumptuous wedding breakfast was partaken of, immediately after which the happy young couple, accompanied by the bridesmaid and groomsman, left amid showers of rice. They drove to Brockville where Mr. and Mrs. Barber left on the 3.30 train for Montreal. The many presents which the bride received shows the high esteem in which she is held.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Barber extend congratulations and wishes for a joyous and prosperous life.

BIRTHS.

CORNELL.—At Athens on the 22nd inst. the wife of Dr. S. S. Cornell of a daughter.

DIED.

PATTERSON.—At her mother's residence, Reid St., Athens, on Wednesday, Feb. 26th, Miss Nellie Patterson, in the 18th year of her age. Funeral on Friday next at 10.30 a. m. at the Methodist church.

CASH.—$8000.00 worth of crockery china and glassware at Bankrupt prices Sale continues for a short time only —T. W. Dennis, Tea Store and China Hall, Brockville, Ont., nearly opposite the Revere house.

STAND BY MANITOBA.

SAID AN ERONEOUS MASS MEETING OF TORONTO CITIZENS.

Speeches by Members of Parliament and Others Against the Remedial Bill in Massey Hall—The Adoption of a Petition to Parliament and Its Text.

Five thousand three hundred persons crowded Massey Hall, Toronto, Saturday night to protest against the Remedial Bill for Manitoba. Fully one thousand persons failed to gain admission. Never since the visit of Mr. Laurier, 12 months ago, has there been so much interest shown on the part of the citizens to be present at a political meeting. The great significance of Saturday evening's gathering is in the fact that amongst the hundreds of persons on the platform and the thousands in the body and galleries of the vast hall were men of all political parties.

Supporting ex-Mayor Clarke, the chairman, were both Liberal and Conservative members of Parliament, Mr. D'Alton McCarthy, Q.C., M.P.; members of the Ontario Legislature, prominent professional and business men and a very large number of prominent Orangemen.

A series of strong resolutions was unanimously passed and a petition embodying their gist and the sense of the meeting was adopted to the Dominion Government.

A notable incident of the meeting was the groans and hisses evoked when letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Mr. Cockburn, M.P., and Mr. Coatsworth, M.P.

Mr. Mulock, M.P. (Liberal), North York, and Mr. T. D. Craig, M.P. (Conservative), East Durham, moved and seconded the first resolution.

The second resolution was moved by Mr. D'Alton McCarthy, Q.C., M.P. (Third Party), and was seconded by Mr. Joseph Martin, M.P. (Liberal), Winnipeg, Man.

Mr. Clark Wallace, M.P. (Conservative), West York, moved the third resolution, which was seconded by Mr. J. K. Kerr, Mr. W. F. Maclean, M.P. (Conservative), East Yorke, also spoke in favor of this resolution.

Dr. Sproule, M.P. (Conservative), East Grey, moved the concluding resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Thomas Crawford, M.PP. (Conservative), West Toronto, as follows:

"Resolved, that the following petition be signed by the people and transmitted to the Canadian Government, and that our fellow citizens throughout Canada, regardless of creed, class or differences, be urged to make similar representations to the Government without delay, and thus co-operate in order to avert what otherwise would threaten to be a national disaster:—

This mass meeting of the citizens of Toronto, which cannot be unrepresentative of the Province of Ontario, respectfully asks the Parliament of Canada to express to those who are forcing the Manitoba Remedial Bill upon Canada, our desire for a continuance of British connection and Confederation. We are anxious for the increase of the glorious, inspiring and unifying impulse of patriotism, and for a better mutual understanding between the elements which, if welded together, will create a nation; but, while we are sincerely loyal to Great Britain and the constitution, we desire to be true to ourselves.

The Remedial Bill we consider unnecessary, unjust and imprudent. Under the circumstances it will benefit no one and injure all. It is in variance with the principle of provincial autonomy and of a united and harmonious citizenship; an intrusion (whether carried or defeated) into the home and heart life of the Dominion; destructive of the national ideal; a bone of contention and a source of weakness to us all, no matter of what race or creed.

We ask you in our united names appended, with a Canadian voice given to each of the many names, to appeal to whatever force has made this measure a possibility, to stay its hand.

We extend our hand in peace, brotherhood and affection, saying that such an opportunity—surrounded as it is with contentions and aggravated by importunities—never before was offered to unite the provinces of Confederation. If it is refused, such an opportunity may never offer itself again. That the contest, if persisted in, may be final, we do not deny; if it is avoided by those whom we have been led to believe instigated it, we will have reason to thank God and open our arms more widely, more eagerly than ever before to embrace all our fellow-citizens as brothers.

That in the past we may not have been without error is immaterial; that now we are sincere, reasonable and within our rights, should be enough to make our position tenable, and our proffer of unquestioned fraternity important to all, individually, as well as to the welfare of Confederation, and to those "splendidly isolated isles" of which we are so proud and to the empire of which Canada claims to be no unimportant part.

The resolutions were all carried unanimously, and it was getting on to midnight before the gathering broke up.

Storms on the Black Sea have caused great loss of life and property. Seven steamers and eighteen sailing vessels have foundered, and it is believed that more than 100 persons have perished.

A despatch from Fortune Bay, Nfld., to a Halifax paper, tells of a family of eight persons on the verge of starvation. The children's hands had been tied behind their backs to prevent them from eating their own flesh.

The Legislatures of the States of New York and New Jersey are after the new coal combines, declaring it to be an enemy to the public. The Attorney-General is directed to take action for the protection of consumers.

An entire company of Alsatians, belonging to the sixty-ninth German Infantry of the line, is garrison at Treves, Rhenish Prussia, deserted in a body, and marched across the frontier, in company order, wearing full regimentals. The men were immediately disarmed, but were allowed their freedom.

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Worth 60 cents.
Ladies' Tweed Slippers, 2 pair for ..... .25
Ladies' Carpet Slippers ..... .20
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Regular prices 1.50 to $2.00.
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POLITICS DOMINION.

The bill to provide for the marking of cheese was introduced in Parliament by Mr. Foster.

Mr. McKean, who resigned his seat in Parliament to make room for Sir Charles Tupper, has been appointed a Senator.

Mr. Foster has given notice in the House of a resolution authorizing a loan of $3,000,000 to put the defences of the country in shape.

It has been announced in the House that the Government intends on March 3rd to move the second reading of the remedial bill, which, with the consent of the leader of the Opposition, will be debated from day to day.

Hon. David Mills has drawn the attention of the Government to the fact that a lot of old maps in the library of Parliament at Ottawa furnish good evidence for the British side of the Venezuelan boundary dispute. His suggestion that copies of these maps be made for the Imperial Government was adopted by the Ministry.

TRANSPORTATION.

The city of Brantford has brought an action against the Grand Trunk Railway to restrain them from moving the car shops to London, and to recover the bonus of $35,000 granted to the railway by the city.

The street railways of Cleveland have consolidated their interests. Mr. H. A. Everett of the Toronto Street Railway Company is one of the directors of the new concern, which represents $25,000,000 capital. An agitation for 3-cent fares is thus, it is said, squelched, and six for a quarter will be the lowest.

It is said that the Government has under consideration an application from the Canada Pacific Railway Company to buy back about 12,000,000 acres of land, which the company has still unsold. The company wants the Government to allow a rate of $2 per acre for these lands. If the Government decides to purchase 12,000,000 acres from the Canadian Pacific it will involve a complete modification of the financial relations between the Government

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SALE REGISTER.

Charles Pennock, Phillipsville, will sell on the Chas. Davison farm on Tuesday, March 3rd, 16 choice cows, heifers, bull, calves, colt agricultural machinery wagons, buggies, cutters, grates and smoke stack for sugar arch &c, R. G. Murphy, auctioneer.

Chas. E. Howe, having leased his farm, will sell on Wednesday, March 4 all his farm stock and implements, including 11 good milch cows, 10 heifers, good farm horse, binder and other farm machinery, vehicles, sugar utensils, etc. Sale at 1 p. m. D. Dowsley, auctioneer.

John J. Rodgers, executor of the late T. J. Rodgers, will sell at the farm of deceased, near Portland, on Saturday, Feb. 29, a lot of chattels, including 10 cows, 3 heifers, 3 horses, 1 colt, Massey binder and other farm machinery, vehicles, etc. D. C. Haley, auctioneer.

Mrs. J. Steacey, has leased her farm for a term of years and will sell at her farm, near Elbe Mills, on Tuesday, March 3rd, the whole of her farm stock, implements, etc., including 27 cows, 3 heifers, 5 pigs, 2 horses, farm machinery, vehicles, harness, platform scales, etc. Sale at 1 p.m. G. W. Brown, auctioneer.

Mr. W. A. Lewis, as solicitor for the parties interested, last week issued posters advertising to be sold by auction on the premises the chattels and real estate of Goodson J. Alford (insolvent), of the township of Bastard, on March 5th; and on Thursday, March 19th, two parcels of real estate in the same township, a part of the estate of the late Wright Patrick Davison, sale to take place at Delta. W. H. Derant, auctioneer.

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week the Coon Bros. of Elgin advertise to conduct an auction sale of their stock of druggists' sundries, patent medicines, drugs, and chemicals. As this is to be a clearing sale, no doubt great bargains may be expected. Sales afternoons and evenings of both days. R. G. Murphy, auctioneer.