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GODERICH STATION

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Mail	7.00 a. m.
Express	9.45 " "
Mixed	12 30 p. m.
"	3.30 " "

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Mixed	10.00 " "
Express	2.00 p. m.
Mixed	5.20 " "
Mail	10.00 " "

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, Nov. 19, 1873.

Political Affairs.

There is a complete lull in political affairs. The new government not having yet announced its policy there is nothing to criticise, but in the absence of such, the scandal organs have resorted to personal abuse of Mr. Mackenzie and his followers, in order to keep their hands in. Their anathemas are specially directed against those who formerly supported Sir John A. Macdonald, but declined to be dragged through the mire any longer and declared their intention to vote against him on the Pacific Railway matter. That such men as Donald A. Smith of Manitoba were actuated by purely conscientious motives no one who knows them will attempt to deny. It has been made public that after Mr. Smith announced his intention in the House, Sir John attacked him in the lobby, shook his fist in his face and used language so foul that his colleague Dr. Tupper was obliged to interfere. An apology was afterwards tendered but so late that its effect was lost. We have heard of John A. acting the part of a rowdy before when in his cups, but this last act of his, towards a most respectable and upright gentleman, who is his senior in years as he is far before him in gentlemanly conduct and feeling, appears to have capped the climax. David Glass too comes in for a large share of abuse. Whatever our opinion of him as a politician may be, we wish there were more David Glasses in the country so far as independence is concerned.

THE WRITS

for the seats vacated by the new Ministers have been issued and the elections will be held the end of this month and the begining of next. The Conservatives are buckling on their armour and intend to give Mr. Cartwright a vigorous opposition in Lennox. Mr. Hooper, treasurer of the county, has been brought out as their candidate. Mr. Cartwright was elected in 1872 by one of the largest majorities in Ontario and we do not suppose it will be any less in 1873. Opposition is also threatened to some of the lower province members, but we have no reason to fear that any of the government will be defeated.

THE APPOINTMENT

of Messrs. Crawford and Tilley as Lieutenant Governors of Ontario and New Brunswick have been gazetted and the former has entered upon the discharge of his duties. Hon. Hugh McDonald has also been gazetted Chief Justice of Nova Scotia. These are the only appointments made by the late government on the eve of its retirement which have appeared as yet in the official *Gazette*. It appears that just before resigning they appointed about one hundred of their friends to office, some of them to offices which do not come into existence till the 1st of January, and others to situations in lighthouses not yet built! They also passed an order in Council increasing the salaries of some of their friends in the Customs department to such an amount as will entail an additional yearly charge on the revenue of $50,000. Could anything be more scandalous. With reference to the appointment of Mr. Tilley he is reported to have stated that he would not accept the Lieutenant Governorship unless his appointment was confirmed by the new government. This shows what *he* thought of the conduct of his colleagues in making appointments after they had lost the confidence of the country. A number of these appointees sat in the House illegally after their commissions were issued (for the scandal organs claim the Crawford and Tilley's commissions are dated in October), and were no doubt prepared to vote confidence in John A. if necessary.

WEST TORONTO

having become vacant, the Conservatives held a caucus last Wednesday and nominated Sir John A. Macdonald as their candidate. This was no doubt done partly as a piece of bravado and partly to quiet the claims of rival local candidates. It is not at all likely Sir John will take the field, but should he do so none of the Reformers of the city are anxious to run Mr. Blake against him.

A BANQUET

was tendered Sir John Macdonald, by a few of his followers in Ottawa, on Thursday last, which, according to the most authentic accounts, was a poor affair. We think the less ado the Tories make over Sir John at present, the better for their own reputation after the disgrace into which he has fallen.

ORGANIZE.

The Tories are organizing all over the country and have openly declared their intention to introduce politics into municipal contests where they have any chance of success. They will appoint municipal officers of their own stripe, and then will follow manipulation of assessment rolls and other devices to gain strength to their party. Reformers must watch them closely and must also organize, for the enemy is unscrupulous and may in some places steal a march unless we also have a proper and efficient organization to counteract their movements. The narrow escape we had from defeat at the late election in this Riding shows the necessity of proper organization, and we trust the lesson then learned will not pass unheeded.

Report of Dominion Penitentiaries for 1872.

This report has come to hand and on glancing over its contents we notice the pleasing fact that the number of convicts in the Ontario Penitentiary at Kingston is steadily decreasing. The following are the numbers confined there on the 31st December in the following years:—

1868	833
1869	713
1870	686
1871	628
1872	549

This diminution is attributed to the abundance of work and also to the beneficial influence of reformatories. The behaviour of the convicts is also improving, corporal punishment having rarely to be resorted to. Rewards for good conduct and for steady industry in the form of remission of sentence or payment for extra time is found to have a good effect. The prisoners are also allowed to have a light outside their cells to read by during the long evenings, a privilege which is greatly prized. The value of the work done by convicts at Kingston during the year was $74,717.59. In consequence of the increase in wages throughout the country, 50 cents a day is now obtained for convict labour instead of 35 cents and 40 cents as formerly.

A penitentiary has been established for the Province of Quebec so that henceforth only Ontario convicts will be sent to Kingston. There is a similar institution for New Brunswick at St. John and for Nova Scotia at Halifax.

The number of convicts confined in all the penitentiaries of the Dominion on the 31st December 1872 was 679, not a very large portion of our population. The maintenance of these costs the country a large sum every year, but we cannot see why they should not be made self supporting as the State prisons are across the lines. The exhibit made by the report is on the whole very favourable, showing that there is comparatively little crime among us.

Not a Coalition.

The scandal organs persist in the assertion that Mr. Mackenzie's Government is a Coalition. The statement is not correct. There are only two members of the cabinet, Messrs. Cartwright and Scott, who were ever anything but professed Liberals. The former renounced all allegiance to Sir John A. Macdonald four years ago and was since elected in opposition to his Government, the latter gave in his adhesion to Mr. Blake in 1871 and was immediately afwards elected by acclamation. If they are Tories no man can change his political name or creed; if they are not Tories there is no Coalition.

ON THE BILL.—A thorough investigation of the Pacific Railway charges is said to be determined on as part of the new Government programme.—*St. John, N. B., Telegraph.*

[No doubt of it, notwithstanding the statement of our local cotem that all the "Grits" want is office.—ED. SIGNAL.]

—The last official *Gazette* contains the names of a number of Customs officials appointed by the late government on the eve of their retirement, among others that of Tom Ferguson to be a collector.

LOCAL NEWS

REMOVAL.—W. R. Squier has removed his law office to Acheson's new block. Entrance on West Street.

SALT SHIPPED.—About 150,000 barrels of salt were shipped from this port to the United States during the consular year endmg 30th September last.

OUR NEW PREMIER.—The last number of the Canadian *Illustrated News* contains a very good portrait of the new Premier, Hon. A. Mackenzie.

GRIP keeps up its reputation. Its political cartoons are capital and its jokes are improving. It is the best comic paper ever published in Canada.

DEER.—Messrs Thomas Wetherald and Jonathan Fritzley of this town went out deer shooting four days last week and returned with eight deer, weighing in the aggregate 1000 lbs. Their hunting ground was in the north of Ashfield.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.—This church which has been closed all summer for repairs will be re-opened on Sunday next. Rev. James Carmichael, M. A. of Montreal will preach, morning and evening.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE.—Rev. F. N. Nugent will deliver a lecture on Temperance, in the Temperance Hall, West Street, on Friday evening, at half past seven o'clock. This is the first of a series of monthly lectures on that subject by the clergymen of the town.

THE MANITOBA passed here on Tuesday morning of last week on her last trip to Lake Superior for the season. The Sault canal was to close yesterday, so that if she was detained she will be obliged to winter on Lake Superior. She has made sixteen trips this season.

BEATTY'S LAKE SUPERIOR LINE.—The new boat *Ontario* for this line was to be launched at Chatham last Saturday. The *Quebec*, the other new boat is well under way. Her planking is completed and it is expected she will be ready for the route early next season.

TOAST TO OUR BRASS BAND.—May the *brass* never get into the faces of the players; may the *horns* they take never intoxicate them; may they always find current *notes* to meet their expenses; may there be no *bars* to their prosperity; may they get no unpractical *crotchets* into their heads; may they always *C* sharp and never *B* flat.

CHANGE OF TIME.—Our time table was changed last week but we neglected to call the attention of our readers editorially to the change of time recently made in the running of two of the trains on the Grand Trunk. The forenoon express now leaves at 9.45 instead of 10 A. M., and the night mail is not due till 10 P. M., instead of 9.45 as formerly. Note the changes and don't lose your passage.

THE BEAUTIFUL SNOW.—Last week about a foot of snow fell in this section, sufficient to make good sleighing and the merry jingle of the sleigh bells might be heard on every side. On Saturday, which was a beautiful day, our town presented quite a lively appearance and business was brisk. Rain which began to fall on Sunday and continued through Monday caused the snow to disappear very rapidly so that now there is neither good sleighing nor wheeling.

UPPER CANADA TRACT AND BOOK SOCIETY.—The Agent of the above society, Rev. Mr. Eastman, visited our town this week and after preaching on Sabbath, held a meeting in St Andrew's Church on Monday night in furtherance of his object. The audience was small, but enjoyed the clear and able address of the Agent. Several of the resident ministers having spoken, a resolution was passed commending Mr. Eastman to the confidence and liberality of the Christian community.

WE do not set ourselves up as being better than our neighbors, but we deem it but right to state that in our contemporary's report of the Assizes in its last issue, no less than eight cases were wrongly reported, the error being of such a character as to mislead. We would not notice the matter were it not that the said journal is in the habit of carping at us, and we would just recommend it to remove the beam from its own eye before it attempts to extract the mote from ours. We give to-day a full and *correct* report of the cases which came before the Assizes.

COOL BURGESS.—Cool and his troupe performed here to good houses on Saturday and Monday evening. He is himself a favourite and on this occasion he was ably assisted by some recent additions to his staff. Charles and Marian Young are unsurpassed in their delineations of Scottish character, and the former is by all odds the best ventriloquist we have ever seen. We do not think there could be a better. Master Cawthorn hits off Dutch character very well. Any one who enjoys a good laugh should attend this entertainment.

A FALSE CHARGE.—Our local cotem. charges us with plagiarism in that we took an extract from the Sarnia *Observer* and passed it off as our own. As the paper in question is not one of our exchanges the charge is without foundation, but we have obtained a copy and find that instead of our words being "nearly the same" as the *Observer's* they are entirely different, though the idea was to be sure the same. Though our cotem. may have no originality about him he does not surely measure other people's corn in his own bushel in that respect. Even were the charge true he should be the last to bring it. Why, he frequently copies our report of Town Council meetings and other local news, simply altering a word here and there. We do not find fault with him for this, if he plagiarised a little more his paper would no doubt be more acceptable to his readers, judging by the stuff that appears in its last issue. Perhaps some of his friends might place a dictionary in the editorial sanctum with advantage.

Fall Assizes.

The following is a full report of the cases which came before this Court:—

Johnson vs. Shanly—Action on Common Counts. Verdict for Piff. by consent for $765.80. Upper for Piff.

Macara vs. Graham—Action on promissory note. Undefended. Verdict for Piff. for $141.38. Piff. in person.

Mustard vs. Carroll—Action on note and covenant. Undefended. Verdict for Piff. for $3720.10. Cameron & Garrow for Piff.

Parsons vs. Gooding—Action on promissory note. Undefended. Verdict for Piff. by consent for $372. Cameron & Garrow for Piff.

Gordon vs. Knowles—Action on promissory note. Undefended. Verdict for Piff. for $342.87. Cameron & Garrow for Piff.

Cobley vs. Moss—Action on promissory note. Verdict for Piff. for $327. Cameron & Garrow for Piff.

Macdonald et al vs. Worden et al—Action for damages for breach of contract and on Common Counts. Referred by consent to Judge Kingsmill of Bruce. Loscombe for Piffs. Cameron & Garrow for Defts.

Worden et al vs. Macdonald et al—Action on Common Counts for a quantity of bark. Disposed of in the same manner as last case. Cameron & Garrow for Piffs. Loscombe for Defts.

Smith vs. Hickinbotham—Seduction. Verdict by consent for Piff. for $400 subject to an agreement entered into between parties. Loscombe for Piff.

Harvey et al vs. Morian—Action on promissory note. No defence. Verdict for Piff. for $415.76. McDonald and Sinclair & Seager for Piffs.

Hilder vs. Clifford—Action on account. No defence. Verdict for Piff. for $250.55. Sinclair & Seager for Piff.

Gordon vs. Waterous et al—Action on account to recover value of a quantity of files furnished defendants. Payment was resisted on the ground that the files were bad and not up to an alleged warrantry. A large number of witnesses were examined from all parts of the country. A jury was dispensed with by consent. Verdict for Piff. for $568.20 with leave to move to set verdict aside. Gordon and Robinson Q. C. for Piff. Hardy for Defts.

Stewart vs. Trow—Action on promissory note. Verdict for Piff. for $608.65. Cameron & Garrow for Piff. Sinclair & Seager for Deft.

Murray vs. Thompson—Action on a bond given by defendant as surety for carrying out an award made against Canada Southern Railway in favour of plaintiff. Plaintiff was nonsuited at close of his case. Bell of Hamilton for Piff. Robinson Q. C., for Deft.

Hodgins vs. Mann—Action on account to recover value of a quantity of oil furnished deft. Verdict for Deft. Robinson, Q. C. for Piff. Sinclair & Seager for Deft.

Watling vs. Hilton—Seduction. Verdict for Piff. by consent for $245. Malcolmson and Sinclair for Piff. Robinson, Q. C. for Deft.

Seymour et al vs. Pigott—Action to recover freight for conveying a cargo of lumber from Georgian Bay to Chatham on Piff's. schooner *Ontario*. The action was for $990 and Deft. paid $687.30 into Court the action being for balance. The case was tried without a jury and keenly contested. Verdict for Deft. Cameron & Garrow for Piffs. Robinson, Q. C. for Deft.

Mabee et al vs. Ross—Action on account. Verdict for Piff. for $200 subject to award of Junior Judge Toms. Benson & Meyer for Piff. Doyle for Deft.

Ross vs. Mabee et al—Action on account. Verdict for Piff for $800 subject to award of Junior Judge Toms. Doyle for Piff. Benson & Meyer for Deft.

Reed vs. Bates et al—Action on a Bond to Piff. as Bailiff of Division Court. Verdict for Piff. for $105.04. Cameron & Garrow for Piff. Squier for Defts.

Staff vs. McCarron et al—Action on Administration Bond. The Piff. was non-suited, with leave to enter verdict for first breach, $300 and for second breach, 20 cents; the whole penalty of the Bond being $600. After the case was opened the jury was dispensed with as the question was one purely of law. Cameron & Garrow attornies for Piff. Robinson, Q. C. counsel. Benson & Meyer, attornies for sureties in Bond, Sinclair counsel—Doyle attorney and counsel for Principal.

McLacklin et al vs. Grewer—Ejectment, to recover possession of a lot in Brussels. Verdict for Piff. Benson & Meyer and Robinson, Q. C. for Piffs. Woods & Fisher and Sinclair for Deft.

McCoy vs. McCoy et al—Action to recover dower on certain lands in the Township of Ashfield. Verdict for Piff for $83. Doyle for Piff. Robinson, Q. C. for Deft.

Knorr vs. Bricker—Action of Trespass and Trover. Verdict for Piff. by consent for $200, subject to award of Messrs. Ely, Geigher and Rock. Sinclair for Piff. Robinson, Q. C. for Deft.

Ward vs. Foster—Action of Trespass and Trover, to recover damages sustained by Piff. through Deft. turning out certain property from a stable which Piff. rented from Deft. through another party. Verdict for Piff. for $50. Benson & Meyer and Robinson, Q. C. for Piff. Holmestead and Doyle for Deft.

Carruthers vs. Wilson—Action to recover price of a horse. Referred to arbitration. Cameron & Garrow for Piff. Sinclair & Seager for Deft.

Anderson vs. Touchburne—Seduction. Settled by parties. Campaigne for Piff. Elliott & Watson for Deft.

Bell vs. Cameron—Action for damages for trying a document against Piff's lot. Settled by parties. Sinclair & Seager for Piff. Doyle for Deft.

Bradford vs. McGrory—Action for damages for unlawful distress. Referred to arbitration. Sinclair & Seager for Piff. Doyle for Deft.

Huffman vs. Whiteford—Seduction. Verdict for Piff. by consent for $300. Malcolmson & Keating for Piff. Sinclair & Seager for Deft.

Treleaven vs. May—Action on note. Settled by parties. Doyle for Piff. Sinclair & Seager for Deft.

Mooney vs. Yeo—Made a Remanet. Sinclair & Seager for Piff. Cameron & Garrow for Deft.

Reynolds vs. McDonald—Made a Remanet. Doyle for Piff. Cameron & Garrow for Deft.

CRIMINAL SIDE.

Queen vs. Hugh Lamont.—The prisoner was indicted for perjury, in having made a false affidavit before Mr. Kerr of Brussels with reference to a Crown lot. Verdict, *Not Guilty*. Davis for Crown. Seager and Robinson, Q. C. for defence.

Queen vs. Wm. John Elliott.—The prisoner, a boy 13 years of age, was indicted for arson, he having set fire to a barn belonging to John Underwood, in the Township of Grey, on 3rd November, inst. The boy's father is dead and his mother is in the States and he has been living with some relations. He told the magistrate that he had been incited to burn the barn by his aunt but there was no evidence to sustain the statement. On being arraigned the prisoner pleaded *guilty* and was sentenced to four years imprisonment in the Reformatory prison, the Judge giving him some good advice for his future guidance. Robinson, Q. C. for the Crown.

Queen vs. Dorothy Ridley.—Murder. The Grand Jury found three true bills in this case. The prisoner, who is of unsound mind, drowned three of her children last May, in the Maitland river, in the Township of Grey. Full particulars of the case appeared in the SIGNAL at the time. She was confined in gaol here for some time and then sent to the Lunatic Asylum at London where she now is. She was not brought up for trial not being in a fit state to come before a Court. The case had, however, to go before the Grand Jury.

Queen vs. Daniel Gamble.—Larceny. No bill.

Queen vs. James Gamble.—Larceny. No bill.

David Milne, who was convicted of perjury at last assizes, appeared for sentence and was bound over in his own recognizance to appear for that purpose when called upon. The case was looked upon as being one of great hardship, the evidence going to show that there was no felonious intent on the part of defendant.

Robert Small was bound over in the sum of $200 on his own recognizance to keep the peace for one year against Margaret Small and all others, and was discharged from gaol.

Our readers are aware that no provision is made for the payment of Crown witnesses unless they are prepared to make affidavit that they are in indigent circumstances. In the Ridley murder case proper representations having been made by the witnesses, and others on their behalf, payment of their expenses was allowed, and they desire to thank the County Attorney and the Grand Jury for the interest they took in their behalf.

The business before the Court closed on Saturday morning.

Brussels.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A young man named John Jeckling came to his death very suddenly last Friday morning, at his home in Morris. He was engaged driving logs, when his foot slipped and his forehead came in contact with the sharp edge of a barral, causing death almost instantaneously. He leaves a wife and a small family.

Stephen.

MILLS.—Messrs. Parsons & Eilbor have completed and have in running order, their new steam saw mill, six miles west of Crediton. It is one of the best and largest mills in the county; manufactures lumber, shingles, lath, staves, &c. We understand it is the intention of some stranger to erect in the same vicinity a mill to manufacture extract of hemlock bark on a large scale.—*Times.*

Manchester.

CHEESE.—Mr. J. Caldwell, of this place, shipped to Clinton, on Friday last, a clearing out lot of 352 boxes of cheese. Mr. C., although he was in operation but three and a half months of the season, turned out over one thousand boxes of cheese from his factory. His business has increased so rapidly since he began, that he finds it necessary to make large additions to his factory, and has in contemplation the erection of a building 30 x 50 feet, two stories high, which he expects to have completed this fall. The patrons of the factory are to meet at Manchester on Wednesday, 9th inst., for the purpose of receiving a statement of the season's work and paying out money for the last sale of cheese.—*Monitor.*

Wroxeter.

OUTRAGE.—On Tuesday the 3rd inst. and every day and night since then, intense excitement has prevailed in Wroxeter. This feeling has been caused by a violation of the person of a little girl aged about eight years old, daughter of a respectable Howick farmer named Birch, residing near Wroxeter. We give the facts just as we heard them. On Monday evening, 3rd inst., the parents of the little one were absent from home. There were only two left in the house the victim and another little girl. During the evening a wretch named James Thompson visited the house, and asked where her parents were. The child gave him the necessary information, and then Thompson told her that he believed the cattle were not safely tied up. The girl proceeded to the stable to see for herself, and while there the villain secured her and committed a shocking violation of her person. The poor creature was horribly outraged, and has since been in a deplorable condition. Thompson is a tall, powerfully built Scotchman of apparently fifty-five or sixty years of age. He has been obtaining work in this section as a general labourer. It is reported that he had to leave the old country for a similar crime, the victim in that case being but thirteen years of age. Meanwhile, the greatest excitement prevails in Wroxeter and vicinity, as the fellow is still at large. Parties are off looking for him, and our opinion is that should the rascal be caught a short shrift and a long rope will be given him by the incensed villagers of Wroxeter, and the farmers of the surrounding county.—*Post*

Hay.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The Council met, pursuant to adjournment, in the Town Hall, on Tuesday, 4th November, 1873. All the members of Council present; the Reeve in the chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved of. Moved by Mr. Carrick, seconded by Mr. Geiger, that by-laws Nos. 60, 61 and 62, as now read the third time, be passed; and that the Reeve and Clerk sign the same, and affix the seal of the Corporation thereto—Carried. Moved by Mr. J. B. Geiger, seconded by Mr. Rannie, that a mistake having been made in regard to village Lot 302, Francistown, at present advertised for sale, for non-payment of taxes, that the Clerk be instructed to communicate with the County Treasurer to have the same taken from his list, and charged to the township—Carried. Moved by Mr. J. B. Geiger, seconded by Mr. Carrick, that the Treasurer be instructed to purchase a dozen of the "Consolidated Tavern and Shop License Act" for the use of the municipality—Carried. Moved by Mr. J. B. Geiger, seconded by Mr. Rannie, that the following accounts be paid, viz.: Alexander McLaren, repairing bridge on Con. 2, $2.31; Louis Walper, 93 loads of gravel, $4.65; John B. Geiger, repairing centre road, $4.75; W. Carrick, 8 pipe plank, &c., $33; John and Henry Kalbfleisch, cedar and plank for culverts, &c., $23—Carried. Moved by Mr. J. B. Geiger, seconded by Mr. Rannie, that with reference to a letter from Wm. Bell, of Clockarmith, just read by the Clerk, in which Mr. Bell asks at the rate of 30 cents per cord for gravel this year, as we have not paid more than 25 cents per cord to other parties, we cannot agree to give him more than others—Carried. Moved by Mr. Rannie, seconded by Mr. P. S. Geiger, that the Reeve be authorized to accept the bonds of H. V. Direstine, the collector for the current year, and to see that the said bonds are good and sufficient and lay them before next meeting of Council, to be approved and disposed of; and that the said collector commence his labors as soon after the 20th inst. as possible—Carried. Moved by Mr. J. B. Geiger, seconded by Mr. P. S. Geiger, that Alex. McLaren be returning officer for east division at the next municipal election, polling to take place in the schoolhouse of Section No. 2; that H. Love, Sr., Clerk, be returning officer for the centre division, polling to take place in the Town Hall, Zurich; and Michael Zeller returning officer at said election for the west division, polling to take place in the schoolhouse of School Section No. 12—Carried. Council adjourned, to meet in the Town Hall, Zurich, on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at 10 A. M.

Clinton.

(From our own Correspondent.)

THE WEATHER during the past week has been of varied character. On Tuesday evening a rather severe snow storm set in which lasted the greater part of the night, and sleighs might be seen ploughing through the mud and snow coaxing the winter to come. On Wednesday night fully six inches of snow fell and sleighing on Thursday and Friday on gravelled roads was excellent. On Friday night it began to thaw and has continued since so that we have little under foot but mud and half melted snow.

WM. O. FOWLER, Esq., of Tuckersmith, has sold his farm and is investing the proceeds in a stave factory and saw mill at Wingham. It is to be regretted that our good citizens should be inclined to leave. Mr. Fowler is a clear headed, energetic business man and with his partner the late foreman and cutter in Mr. Ransford's stave factory will unquestionably do a large business. We congratulate Wingham on getting so good a citizen and staunch a Reformer. More of the last mentioned element would do Wingham no injury.

THE BRITISH AMERICAN ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS hold a vocal and instrumental concert to-night (Monday) in the Town Hall.

PROGRAMME:
PART I.

1 Selection.
2 Opening chorus, Band.
3 Recitation—"Virginia," Mr. Graham.
4 Duet—"Sad hour of parting," Misses Bay and McTavish.—*Bellini.*
5 Song—"Lonely Annie Darling," Miss Holmes.—*Hays.*
6 Reading—"Tam O' Shanter," Major Murray.—*Burns.*
7 Song—"The Brightest Eyes," Miss Bay.—*Carl Bronn.*
8 Intermission—Instrumental Solo.

PART II.

1 Selection—Band.
2 Chorus—"Temperance, our Cause is free," Quartette.
3 Reading—Selection from Aytoun.
4 Duet—"Murmuring Sea," Misses Bay and Rippey.—*Glover.*
5 Song—"Waiting," Miss McTavish.—*Millard.*
6 Reading—Mr. Monroe.—*Hon. Mrs. Norton.*
7 Song—"I cannot sing the Old Songs," Miss Bay.—*Claribel.*
8 Chorus—"Once more a song, Good night," Quartette.
God save the Queen—Band.

It is matter for serious congratulation that a movement to further the purposes of the temperance organization has been made. Great results often arise from small beginnings, and public opinion requires a great deal of educating on this subject. Habit has so firm a hold and vested interests even a firmer one, that even the independence of the pulpit seems afraid to meet the great evil in the land—which wastes more time and money, causes more misery and destroys more souls than all the rest of Satan's agents put together. It may seem rash to make such a sweeping statement without adducing proof, but there is an abundance of it before us every day.

A MAN by the name of Robert Howard while getting on the roof of Mr. Potter's store to rebuild the chimney, stepped on a loose slat at the ridge which gave away, and sliding the length of the roof, he acquired such momentum as to precipitate him into the ditch beyond the sidewalk, a distance of about ten feet from the building, and strange to say no bones were broken although the perpendicular distance to the eaves must be full twenty feet. The ground was covered some inches with snow and water and he had his presence of mind so that he arranged his limbs for the lighting and struck on his right side, his head being within a few inches of a large boulder. He was quite conscious when carried into the store and in an hour's time was able to be taken home.

We may expect comparative immunity in politics until the meeting of parliament again. The re-election of ministers will create some excitement in the several localities where the elections will take place. There seems to be no doubt but all will be returned and if the ministry mature their policy and despatch business as rapidly as the Blake Government did in Ontario after the fall of the Sandfield McDonald Government, the country will have reason to be fully satisfied with the change.

THERE is little doubt but several constituencies are represented in the Dominion parliament by Sir Hugh Allan's money instead of the honest vote of the electors. Should the investigation of the Huntington charges prove this, the ministry would be morally called upon to ask for a dissolution of the House. This although so soon after the general election may become necessary, but would be a great hardship to members and a large expense to the country—the direct result of the refusal of the then Government to pass a good election law.

NEWS has just arrived that a terrible accident happened in the Michigan lumber woods, a tree, probably during the night, falling upon and crushing a shanty with all, or most of the inmates. It it reported that seven of the bodies have arrived at our (Clinton) station this (Monday) evening, all young men who went there in the fall in the vigor of life, with the view of making a little money. We earnestly hope that the rumor may not prove true.

W., G. & B. Railway

THE SOUTHERN EXTENSION OPEN TO KINCARDINE.

DEMONSTRATIONS ALONG THE LINE.

Kincardine, Nov. 12.

The first passenger train on the southern extension of the Wellington, Grey & Bruce Railway arrived to-day at Kincardine at 5 p.m. There was great rejoicing at the different stations as the train proceeded. Among the passengers and officials were Adam Brown, one of the pioneers of this system of railways; G. D. Ferguson, Vice-President; J. M. Fraser, James Watson and J. I. Mackenzie, Directors; W. Hendrie, Contractor, and W. McCullan, Secretary, W. G. & B.; W. K. Muir, General Superintendent, and John Kennedy, Chief Engineer, G. W. R. At Kincardine the train was met by a number of the leading inhabitants headed by R. Baird, Reeve, who welcomed the party to the village.

Disastrous Fire in Mitchell.

THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY STATION BURNED.

Mitchell, Nov. 12.

A fire broke out in the office of the Grand Trunk Station at 2.30 this morning, burning the whole building in a short time, it being frame and very old the loss to the company will not be large. Mr. Pole, the agent, lost $120 which he had left in a drawer, and also some of his household furniture. Our village fathers have not got any means to put out fires, but a by-law has been passed to spend $15,000 for that purpose.

The Hoosac Tunnel is so nearly through that the workmen on each side can hear the drills on the other side of their rock barrier.

International Outrage.

111 PERSONS EXECUTED.

INTENSE EXCITEMENT.

PROBABILITY OF WAR BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

Some time ago the Spanish authorities in Cuba seized a United States vessel, the Virginius, which had on board a number of Cuban insurgents. The captured insurgents were summarily shot, and intelligence has been received that, after a delay of a few days, the captain and crew of the Virginius, numbering 53 persons, were also executed.

Relative to the outrage, the New York *Evening Post* says editorially: "The feeling of our citizens was raised to fever heat by the execution of the four Cuban leaders. It will now rise to the boiling pitch. Cuba and her friends will hereafter need neither money nor men. Have these butchers no fear of the indignation of the civilized world? The report makes the blood cold." The *Express* says: "The execution of Captain Fry will come home to many here, as he was once in the United States navy, which probably has hastened his execution."

The *Commercial* says: "Why should we wait when American citizens are being slaughtered and the American flag dishonored?"

The last Cuban atrocity has been the all-absorbing topic of conservation in all circles in New York, accompanied by a general outburst of horror and indignation. Public opinion in New York will endorse the most decided action on the part of the Government, and, it is believed, that a small army of Cuban recruits could, if necessary, be raised in that city in a very short time.

Orders have been received at the Brooklyn navy yard to get the sloops of war Kearsarge and Juniata ready for sea at once. On Wednesday, under equally pressing orders, the torpedo boat Admiral Porter was launched, and will be made ready for active operations in a few days. It is understood that these war vessels are being got ready for the purpose of placing a fleet in Cuban waters.

Later advices state that every soul on board the captured vessel has been executed, being 111 in all. The most intense excitement prevails and the tone of the press and people of the United States is decidedly warlike.

No reply has yet been received from Madrid in answer to the demand for reparation made on the Spanish Government. Active preparations are being made for war in the United States Navy yards and a number of gunboats have been dispatched to Cuban waters.

The tone of the press of Britain and Canada is favorable to the United States and the cause of humanity.

Should Spain become involved in war she will have enough to do between the Carlist insurrection and a foreign war. The result will probably be the independence of Cuba.

Frightful Accident.

SEVEN MEN KILLED.

A frightful accident occurred about two weeks ago in connection with the mills of Messrs. Murray and Williams, on the north shore of Lake Huron, by which seven men were instantly killed. The particulars may be learned from the following letter from Mr. Murray to his partner in this town:—

BLIND RIVER MILL, Nov. 6th,

MR. JOSEPH WILLIAMS.—We have had a terrible accident here. On Saturday 1st, at nine in the morning, seven men left here with a scow loaded with pork, corn meal and oats. They got up to the portage at the East end of Lake du Borgne, about 12 miles from the mill and unloaded the oats and carried them into the granary and piled them all up at one end, one row wide and very high. They did not unload the barrels. I suppose it was too late. After they had their supper, they made their bed and laid down with their heads to the oats, and sometime during the night the oats fell down and crushed them all to death. The accident must have happened on Saturday night for Louis de Cota was in the granary on Sunday night and left on Monday morning, and brought down word that they had been there and unloaded the oats, but said he could not see the men anywhere. They did not come on Monday, Tuesday was stormy, they could not have come, but Wednesday was fine and when they had not arrived by Wednesday, I knew there must be something wrong, so I started up alone in a canoe and got to the granary at 8 o'clock, and found them buried under the oats, all that could be seen of them was one hand sticking up among the bags of oats. I then lifted some bags and found another man covered up in the blankets, just as he had lain down, he had never been able to stir. I am starting up this morning with men to bring them down. The men killed are Andre Proulx, Thomas O'Connor, Andrew Young, Alexander McKay, William Boyer, Peter Boyer, and Geo. Corbiere. Proulx was married, he leaves a wife and seven or eight little children. He was foreman. O'Connor, Young and McKay, were from Port Albert. The others were residents of Algoma. The young man Young who was killed, is a son of Mr. Richard Young, shoemaker, Port Albert, and formerly lived in Goderich, also a brother to Mr. Charles Young, Printer, who at one time worked in the SIGNAL Office.

Progress of the Town of Winnipeg.

The town of Winnipeg has improved rapidly during the past year, and has equally good prospects for the future. Incorporation of the town is asked for; drainage, gas works, and street lighting, are projected; a new steamboat line, three new mills, three tug boats for the lower river, a foundry, testing coal veins recently discovered on the Souris river, erection of government buildings, establishment of a land office, new customhouse, new post-office, and building a bridge across the river, are all confidently expected. The rapid increase of the population is a feature of interest, amounting to excitement. In October 71, the population only reached 700 souls; in October '72, it had attained 1,500; while in October '73, it more than doubled the preceding year, and reached 3,500. The buildings which were erected last summer were of a better class than formerly, many of them being of brick, a good quality of which is now manufactured. Some 300 in all were erected. The business houses also largely increased, and now comprise sixteen general stores, three furniture stores, a bookstore, three bakeries, two fur-stores, two saddler's shops, two shoemaker shops, three drug stores, two watchmaker shops, a gunsmith's shop, three blacksmith's shops, one carriage factory, and four saw-mills. Our informant says all are doing a good business. The trade by flat-boats amounted, during the season just closed, to about fifty thousand dollars. The site of Winnipeg is apparently designed by nature to be the centre of a large district. It is placed at the junction of two important rivers. What the people of that place chiefly desire now is better and cheaper communication with Ontario.

Great Fire in St. John, N. B.

ST. JOHN, N. B. Nov. 15.—A fire broke out in Messrs. Allan Bro's. iron foundry, Carleton, at 6.30 last evening. The wind was blowing strongly from the north-east, and owing to a defective supply of water, the flames spread with great rapidity. The foundry was entirely destroyed. The loss is estimated at thirty or forty thousand dollars, but the warehouse and building, in which patterns were stored, were saved. The foundry was insured in the Queen's for nearly $9,000. The fire crossed the street, and burned fifteen dwelling houses on Guilford, Union and Winslow streets. The houses destroyed were of the tenement class, occupied by nearly sixty families in all. The losses, as known, are as follows: Queen, $4,300; Liverpool, London and Globe, $4,000; Northern, $1,500. Other offices probably $2,000.

Great Famine in Greenland.

London, Nov. 14.—Intelligence has been received here that a great famine prevails in Greenland, caused by the failure of the fisheries. In one village alone 150 persons have starved to death.

CANADA.

Waggons are now shipped from Galt to New Zealand.

The Bank of Hamilton has opened an agency in Port Elgin.

The Quebec Legislature will meet for business on December 4th.

A cash-box containing about $800 was stolen from the *Mail* office, Toronto, on Friday.

On the 1st of January, 1874, Brampton will be a Town, with a Mayor and Corporation.

Exeter people have subscribed $350 towards celebrating the turning of the first sod of the L. H. & B. Railway there.

Typhoid fever prevails up the river Ottawa. Eight men have returned from the shanties labouring under severe attacks.

Miss Hicks, employed in the tailoring department of Barber Bros. at Streetsville, was nearly burned to death on