BANKRUPTCY NEWS.

The Orders in Bankruptcy against [illegible] are withdrawn, [illegible] Two young men named [illegible] and Wm. Jones, were sent to Goderich on Saturday, for trial by the Police Magistrate of Goderich, on Saturday, for stealing a ride on the G.W.R.

The Brussels people have assured the Guardians of a supply of Allsbrand, since Christmas, for giving liquor to sixty dogs.

On Friday afternoon thirty lunatics, males and twenty females, in charge of the medical superintendent of the asylum in Hamilton, arrived by the regular train from Toronto and were conveyed to the lunatic asylum.

On Thursday evening James Galbraith, of Brantford, committed suicide by hanging himself with a rope. Unfortunately he leaves a family in employment as a hatter, but being of unsteady habits was discharged.

The wheat and barley exports of St. Thomas have been satisfactory, that their shipping is closed at 10 o'clock each evening in accordance with the regulations of the war regulations.

The agricultural samples from Manitoba are deposited in Philadelphia last week, containing wheat, weighing sixty-six to seventy pounds per bushel; oats, barley, peas, flax seed, timothy, hemp seed, and wild hay.

The remains without the return of Mr. Gates, M. P. P., (Ministerialist) of Prince Edward was tried last week, and after three days it was dismissed. A scrutiny of the ballots was then commenced, but was finally adjourned until 18th May next.

In Toronto, last week, a fatal accident happened on Dundas street. A gang of men were engaged in excavating earth when a large quantity fell upon two of them, named Geo. Brown and Robt. Stephens, smothering them before they could get out.

It is only a few months since Mr. W. M. Rogers, of Hawkesbury, received an order for the erection of a large mill in Scotland. A few days ago he was written to by a gentleman on the Island of Jamaica, for estimates as to the cost of furnishing a large saw mill and sending men to put it up complete.

During a storm the other night, one of Mr. Seth Turner's preserving pounds at Mitchell's Bay was carried out and all the fish escaped. The value of the fish lost is about $100. The pound was found about a mile and a half from its anchorage. Another fisherman was also a loser in the same way.

A very severe storm raged on Lake Erie during Thursday. At Oshville the swell on the lake was larger than has been seen for years. The spray was dashed at times completely over the lighthouse, to a height of about seventy feet.

It is rumoured that a project is on foot in London at the head of which are several prominent teetotalers, to organize a limited liability company, with a capital of $5000, in $25 shares, to erect a temperance hotel for young men employed in the city. This is believed to be one of the objects of the lately formed London Temperance League.

It is reported that a rearrangement of the Executive Council of Ontario is about to take place in consequence of Hon. Adam Crooks finding the duties of the Educational Department too heavy to combine with those of the Treasury. It is understood that Hon. R. C. Wood will take the position of Treasurer, and Mr. Clarke, of Wellington, be appointed Secretary, thus increasing the number of the Government to six.

A robbery of $656 was committed early on Thursday morning at the North Grey Hotel, Thornbury. It would appear that the robber, or robbers, broke open the cellar door and from thence made their way to the bar-room, which was overhead, abstracting from the desk $650, and then set fire to the bar. The smoke, however, awoke Mrs. Fletcher, the wife of the proprietor, and the fire was extinguished before it got any great headway.

On Thursday morning an Indian named Picklow, together with his team of horses, were found dead at Gannon's Narrows, five miles from Bobcaygeon. Picklow left the latter place the evening before for the Indian village, loaded with flour and groceries, and it is supposed, while on Pigeon Lake lost his way and broke through the ice, as the horses were found in the water with their heads above the ice, and the man lying on the ice beside them, all frozen stiff. It is supposed he perished while attempting to rescue the horses.

Mr. Curtis Smith, of Stratford, on Wednesday last, while passing through the railway yard on his way home stepped off the main track, upon which an express train was approaching, on to a siding and in front of the yard engine which was making up a train. The noise of the passing train prevented Mr. Smith from hearing the yard engine, which was running at the rate of four miles an hour and struck him, carrying him under the wheels and killing him instantly.

Considerable trouble has occurred lately between the French Canadians and the Oka Indians, near Montreal, and some serious disturbances have taken place. A late telegram from Montreal says, the members of the Protestant Defence Association have resolved to protect the missionaries at Oka with fire-arms. The state of affairs there is not changing for the better.—A telegram from Oka states that Ignace Beauvais and Moses Guskim, two Indians concerned in the broil on Saturday, were arrested on Thursday last.—A number of French Canadians have also been arrested.

Mr. Greenway.

Now the *Free Press* joins in the hue and cry against Mr. Greenway for voting on the side of low tariffs and against increased taxation. In view of its past attitude and utterances the *Free Press* could not consistently attack Mr. Greenway for opposing protection, so it brings to itself a trumped up story to the effect that Mr. Greenway has sold himself to the Ministry for an office—of what sort is not clear. There is a clue to this sudden outburst of hostility to Mr. Greenway in the statement let slip by our contemporary that "as far back as a month ago" the Conservatives of South Huron selected another standard bearer to lead the party at the next election. It would be safe to say that the individual referred to is "my brother Isaac," and that the secret of the spiteful slanders set afloat by the Toronto and London pocket organs of the family is a desire to promote Isaac Carling's prospects by blackening and defaming Mr. Greenway. This is shabby treatment to give a man who fought the party's battles in South Huron at a time when no other man could be found courageous enough to take the field. The conspiracy to oust Mr. Greenway, may, however, fail in its object. It will not, certainly, damage that gentleman's prospects to pursue an Independent course in Parliament and prove by his acts that he is something more than a mere party voting machine.—*London Advertiser.*

The Toronto Opposition organ has a violent and grossly unjust attack upon Mr. Greenway, member for South Huron, wherein it styles "a traitor to all his professions," "a mere chattel of the Administration," and "deserving of the contempt of all honourable men." This is apropos of the vote Mr. Greenway gave last night against Sir John A. Macdonald's motion. Mr. Greenway was elected on an independent ticket, although, in order to swell the record of Conservative gains, he has sometimes been unwarrantably claimed by the Opposition as a supporter. But the attack is really unfair when applied to Mr. Greenway's late vote, which was in accordance with views Mr. Greenway has always held in favor of free trade as opposed to protection, and which he has frequently on public occasions announced to the electors of his constituency.—*Globe* of Friday.

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, London and Detroit.
No. 9 Mixed, 3.00 p. m.,

TRAINS WILL ARRIVE AS FOLLOWS:

No. 8 Mixed, 11.30 a. m., from Stratford.
No. 2 Mail Express, 2.30 p. m., from Toronto, [illegible]
No. 10 Mixed, 7.00 p. m., from Stratford.
No. 4 Express, 10.15 p. m., from Buffalo.

G. & N. W. R.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE G. T. R.

Goderich, leaves	7.00 a. m.	12.30 p. m.
Caledonia, "	11.45 "	7.22 "
Hamilton, arriv	12.30 p. m.	8.20 "
Hamilton, leaves	7.45 a. m.	12.30 "
Caledonia, "	9.23 "	2.05 "
Goderich, arriv.	2.30 p. m.	10.15 "

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Huron Signal.

GODERICH, MARCH 22, 1876.

An Uncalled for Rebuke.

In the Toronto *Mail* of Thursday last the Ottawa correspondent, speaking of the vote upon Sir John A. Macdonald's motion on the tariff debate, speaks as follows:

I would take the earliest opportunity of pointing out to the Conservative electors of South Huron, that Mr. Greenway has proved a traitor to all the professions made to them by him when he was elected by acclamation, and that he stands in the minute a mere chattel of the Administration, deserving the contempt of all honourable men.

When, a year ago, Mr. Thos. Greenway, was unanimously elected by the electors of South Huron the Tory organs far and wide boasted that this Riding had been gained to the Tories, but at the same time the Reform journals accepted the result with freely expressed satisfaction. The cause of the latter feeling was fully explained, Mr. Greenway's remarks on the occasion of his election assuring them that the interests of one party would be as faithfully studied as those of another; that he had to represent his constituency without regard to its parties, and that he should vote upon all measures which came before the House unbiased by party ties. The *Mail* states that Mr. Greenway was elected by the Conservative party and that he gave pledges to them at the time of his election. Now this is false, as Mr. Greenway's statements upon that occasion testify; but the *Mail* not having paid any attention to these statements at the time, it has all along been pleased to look upon our member as belonging to its party.

Mr. Greenway has acted, since his presence in the House, in accordance with the promises made on that day of his election, and with all consistency. Being elected by acclamation, it was incumbent upon him to represent his constituency without respect to party. He was not elected by the Conservative party, the opinion of the Ottawa correspondent aforesaid to the contrary, and he therefore could not conscientiously become "a mere chattel" of the Opposition and ignore his duty to the Reform party which assisted his election. Had he been elected by the rigid party which the *Mail* correspondent apparently speaks for, and been bound by a cast iron pledge to support the leaders of the Opposition in all its erratic policies, he would have ignored the intestets of his supporters in South Huron had he voted in favor of increase in the tariff. Mr. Greenway's action is certainly creditable to him, in view of the needs of his constituency. If his action is "deserving of the contempt of all honorable men"—according to the *Mail* correspondents standard of "honorable men"—we hope Mr. Greenway will continue to earn the contempt of these man who have not the courage to vote according to their convictions but are so yoked to their party as to be at the beck and call of the leaders. This attack upon Mr. Greenway shows a miserable spirit actuating the Tory party. Had an objection been taken to his position on the tariff question there would have been reason for it, but when he is accused of violating pledges which were not made and censured for not voting in direct opposition to the interests of his constituents, the bigoted party spirit is manifest, undisguised and unblushing. The *Mail* occasionally talks of liberalism and professes to admire free thought, but the language of the above quotation would indicate that it is the duty of every professing Conservative member in the House to play the part of "dumb, driven cattle," and sink all conscientious feelings in oblivion. Mr. Greenway, although he made a pledge, is but carrying out the policy which the people wish to see advocated and is endeavoring to keep his word to the best of his ability, the motto being "measures, not men." We are sure that his action has met with general approval; and that the *Mail* has miscalculated as to the effects of its uncalled for censure, is no uncertain conjecture.

ANOTHER division took place in the House upon the tariff question on Wednesday. Sir John A. in the latter part of the previous week, in order to continue the debate, moved an amendment to the motion for resolving the House in a Committee on Supply, and after a lengthy discussion in which very many of the members took part, the amendment was lost on a division of yeas 70, nays 116. Dr. Tupper and others of his ilk made the question a party one, unfortunately for the interests of the country. Mr. Farrow of North Huron, a constituency whose interest in the tariff question is unquestionably with the view taken by the Government, voted with Sir John. Mr. Greenway and Mr. Herton were true to the interests of their constituencies, and opposed the amendment. The vote, however, can hardly be called a party one and a test of the strength of the parties in the House, as many cast their votes in the interest of their constituencies, and without regard to party principles; yet it is to be regretted that the question was made so much of a party one, for in the interest of the country so deeply important a subject should be discussed with unbiased minds. The matter, however, has been settled to the satisfaction of the great majority of the public, and, by the effort on the part of Macdonald and Tupper to incorporate increased protection into the policy of their party, they have not added to their strength.

CONSUMPTION is becoming almost inseparably associated with the United States Government. The examination into the Belknap affair brings to light some more rascality which comes too near the President, for the comfort of that gentleman. Orville Grant, brother of Gen. Grant, has confessed that he has been in the habit of drawing profits from several post tradorships in the same manner as Belknap, but upon a more extensive scale. This he had been carrying on for some years. his brother informing him when posts became vacant so as to give him an opportunity to negotiate with the parties seeking for the tenderships and secure a suitable bonus for the exercise of his influence in their favor. The New York Sun announces that Mrs. Grant accepted a $5,000 gold watch and chain from a candidate for promotion to an office which was given to him at the first opportunity. This latter statement is to be received with caution, but there is evidence of very glaring corruption amongst the officials. The press is doing a good work in exposing the rascality which is so common, although the parties authorized have been a culpable negligence in not making speedy investigations.

THE DEATH of the *Mail's* sincerity, in opposing the Government's policy in the matter of the tariff, is doubtful, judging from a paragraph which appeared in its column last week. In an address to advertising manufacturers we censured for giving advertising patronage to the Globe and not to themselves, in view of the position which the two papers occupy in reverence to the tariff question. It is unfortunate for the *Mail's* arguments that it has thus exposed a mercenary motive which actuated its championship of manufacturers. Had it not been an impulsive act, prompted by the appreciation of its protege, its claim to their warm support would be well founded; but its disgusting haste, in view of the superior inducements which are offered by its great colemporary as an advertising medium, expresses the insincerity of its arguments and makes them but idle words.

MR. BLAKE has introduced an important alteration to the Insolvency Bill. Under the recently adopted act, notice to creditors were only published in the *Gazette*, but Mr. Blake's amendment authorizes the publication of the notices in the local papers. This was a serious mistake in the act as it first stood, as the mercantile and general business classes seldom or ever see the *Gazette*, and the publication of notices of creditors' meetings therein hardly ever came under the notice of the proper parties, and official assignees have been under the necessity of giving notice to creditors by letters or other means. By giving a publication in a local paper, however, this difficulty will be overcome.

THE MAIL of Monday calls Mr. Greenway a traitor, and uses other hard terms to express its dislike of that gentleman. It is evident that Mr. Greenway has proved a traitor to the fond anticipation of our city colemporary, but he has certainly been true to the interests of the constituency which elected him by acclamation. He has evidently voted conscientiously since his election, and not as a mere tool of the Tory party which the *Mail* would have him to be.

LOST IN THE SNOW.

A MISSIONARY, LABORING AMONG THE INDIANS, PERISHES IN A SNOW-STORM IN MANITOBA.

The Ottawa *Free Press* of Monday prints the following letter:

Bow River, Feb. 1, 1876.

Hon. James Ferrier, Montreal.

SIR,—By this mail I forward a letter from Rev. Mr. McDougall, whose mission is on this river, about forty miles from here. I write to inform you of his loss. A week ago yesterday he was coming to this point, so as to be here for the purpose of holding services on Sunday last. On Monday night he left his two sons, who were accompanying him down, saying, "I will ride on to camp." When the sons arrived at the place which they intended occupying for the night, he was not there, nor did he arrive that night. Thinking he had got lost during the night, and strayed toward Morleyville, (his mission), one of his sons rode back, but found he had not been there. They then came down to this port. A number of us (mounted policemen), went out with them to look for him, but without success. He has not since been seen or heard of. During last week the weather was very cold and stormy, so I greatly fear his body will not be found until spring. That he is lost there cannot be the slightest doubt, as no man could remain out even two of the stormy nights such as we had last week without perishing, and it is now nine days since he was last seen. His horse was found without either saddle or bridle. His loss, I know, will be deeply mourned in Canada, where he was so well known, but by none more than we who, although we have only known him personally a short time, have learned to respect him, not only as a clergyman, but as a man who has given up the pleasures of civilization, and the society of many friends, for the sake of propagating the Gospel in the Indian country. I did not know exactly whether to send his letter down since the above occurred, but as he told me it was something in connection with the Sunday school work, I sent it by the first opportunity.

I remain, sir, your obedient servant,
W. T. ANTROBUS, N. W. M. P.

Upon this the *Free Press* comments as follows: "The above letter was read before the congregation of the Dominion Methodist Church by Rev. W. Hunter, the pastor, last evening, and produced a deep impression. It is only one year ago since Mr. Macdougall was here, and preached missionary sermons in the old Metcalfe Street Church. At that time he made a tour of the Maritime Provinces, in company with Mr. John Macdonald, M. P., and Rev. Alexander Sutherland, and everywhere was warmly received. It is about fourteen years ago since he was sent out by the Canadian Conference to labor among the Indians in the North-west, and his labors have certainly been crowned with success. It has often been said that there was not an Indian who would harm George Macdougall—not one, in fact, who would not die for him. His power over the aboriginal tribes is instanced by the fact that he was employed by the Canadian Government to treat with the Crees, Blackfeet, and other tribes. To his influence, perhaps, more than any other man's, the Government are indebted for the peaceable condition of the Indian tribes. The hope has been expressed in some quarters that he may yet be found, but there seems no probability of such a desirable event. Already the news of his loss has been corroborated by a telegram received by Hon. Mr. Laird, the Minister of the Interior. It is probable that he has been lost in the storm, and it is possible that his body may never be found. Accompanying the letter sent to Hon. Mr. Ferrier were two notes from Mr. Macdougall, giving an account of the work of his mission at Morleyville. Mr. Macdougall was about sixty years of age, and has one son engaged as a missionary among the Blackfeet."

Rev. Mr. McDougall is well known to the people of Ontario, and if this report is true many sad regrets will be expressed for him; but the following despatch from Winnipeg, dated Friday last, brings assurance:

The report that the Rev. Mr. Macdougall has been lost on the prairie near Bow River is not credited here. The Saskatchewan mail, now in brings no confirmation of the report.

It is the wife who has the making of a man's home, says an exchange. True, and now and then she makes his wigwam too.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

KNOX CHURCH.—The next monthly social will be held on Tuesday evening, April 4th. Tickets 20 cents.

DUN, WIMAN & CO.'s Mercantile Agency Annual for 1876 is to hand. It contains much valuable information.

SOCIAL.—The regular social for the members of the Y. M. C. A. and their friends will take place on Tuesday evening next, in the rooms.

COLD.—The coldest night of the season was between Friday and Saturday last, when the mercury stood 5° below zero.

REVIVAL SERVICES.—Very successful revival meetings are being conducted in Brock street church. Some fifty young people have already resolved to live a better life.

OUR SERIAL.—We omitted to mention in the proper column that "P. C." of Ben Miller, sent a correct solution to the arithmetical problem; and also an excellent algebraic problem which will appear next week.

CHEAP JOHN has received another large stock of dry goods—be sure and attend his great auction sale on Saturday night next and you will be a regular customer afterwards.—J. C. CURRIE, Auctioneer.

THE JAIL.—This institution is at present well patronized, 23 prisoners being at present incarcerated. Brussels at present holds the palm for superiority in the matter of "true inwardness," Clinton having succumbed to the influence of a relapse into its old condition.

DON'T FORGET to attend the great auction sale of dry goods at Cheap John's store, on Saturday next, as the property must be sold or given away.—J. C. CURRIE, Auctioneer.

ANOTHER PAHS-FUL ACCIDENT.—"Days delight to bark and bite" is getting to be a monotonous saying, and there is an evident desire amongst the canine race to make for themselves another reputation. A well known ball dog, inspired with this feeling, on Wednesday last stuck his head through one of the panes of glass in Mr. Abraham Smith's show window, thereby raising some little commotion.

PERSONAL.—M. C. Cameron, Esq., and J. S. Sinclair, Esq., have been appointed Queen's counsels by the Ontario Government. Both of these gentlemen are deserving of the appointment, possessing excellent qualifications in their profession.

—Rev. Jas. Carmichael, M. A., of Montreal, conducted divine service in St. George's church last Sabbath, with great acceptance, his discourses being of a high order.

—Mr. Samuel Platt has been summoned to Ottawa to be examined before Mr. Farrow's committee upon the condition of the salt trade.

GALT COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.—This institution announces in another column that the girl's department, under the charge of Miss Allen and a complete staff of teachers, is now open for the reception of pupils. A large share of popularity has been acquired by this institution, of which it is really deserving. It is not the simple fact of the association of the name of Rev. J. K. Smith, M.A., with the institute, is satisfactory evidence to the public of its character.

SERMON ON DANCING.—Rev W. C. Henderson, M. A., addressed a very large congregation in North Street Church, upon the subject of "Dancing" on Sunday evening last. He endeavored to prove that dancing was not beneficial to either the spiritual, physical or intellectual man, but on the contrary was injurious, very convincing evidence being cited to prove the assertions. Mr. Henderson presented some very weighty arguments, which will no doubt be pondered with good results by those who listened to the discourse.

SALINE BATHS.—During the winter Mr. E. Hooker has been busy altering and improving his bath house, and on the opening day for the coming season, May 1st, the public will be introduced to a most complete establishment.—Shower baths of fresh water have been added to the previous arrangements, so that after taking a plunge in salt water the bather can purge his body of the particles of salt which always adhere to it. The principal feature of the improvements, however, is a swimming bath 30 x 50 feet and gymnasium, under the supervision of Mr. Jas. Brown, who will instruct novices in the art of swimming. This bath will be open for ladies and gentlemen at stated periods of the day. In the gymnasium the arrangements are complete, trapeze, horizontal and parallel bars, &c., being provided for the purpose of allowing the bathers to develop their muscles. Mr. Hooker deserves great praise for his enterprise, and we have no doubt but that the people of Goderich will show their appreciation of his efforts by patronizing him liberally. The bath will be a great source of attraction to visitors, and be an inducement which will draw many here. Every one should see the scale of prices, and take a season in the baths.

FOR THE CENTENNIAL.—On Tuesday last the last article intended for the centennial exhibition was shipped from this place for Philadelphia. Goderich will make a very fair show, as the following list will show: Messrs. Harrison & Evans send four barrels of what is called "fishery salt" graded from X to XXXX. This salt is of really beautiful quality, the grains of the coarsest being about the size of a marble, of beautiful color and appearance and very solid. Mr. J. Harrison has been offered $10 per ton for this grade in Chicago, where it is used for pork packing purposes and is counted superior to any other in the market—in fact it has no competitor, and it will find very ready sale during the coming season. Mr. Samuel Platt sends two barrels of his excellent dairy salt, put up in different styles of packages. Mr. Harry Smith sends two well made suits of clothes, made from Canadian and English tweeds, the workmanship, quality and price of which will no doubt attract much attention from Uncle Sam's offspring. Out of some twenty or thirty applicants for space at the exhibition, Mr. John Bond, with two or three others, has succeeded in having two specimens of medicines made after his own prescriptions represented at the exhibition. It was necessary that the specimens should pass a rigid examination in order to assure the Canadian Commission that no impure drugs were used in the preparation, and the report was favorable upon the articles presented by Mr. Bond. They are Fulmonic Syrup and Tonic Bitters, and are put up in handsome bottles. E. F. Armstrong & Bros. send one of their fanning mills, a description of which appeared heretofore. Messrs. Knox & Rothwell have sent a side spar, pianobox buggy which is certainly the best finished, lightest and neatest vehicle we have ever seen. It is constructed of well seasoned and exceedingly tough wood, the axles being shod with iron; the painting is very chaste being a combination of blue black, with linings of green and gold; the trimmings are of dark green morrocco, and the rods, hubs and tips of whiffletree are gold plated. The weight of the buggy is about 220 lbs., and is a piece of workmanship that certainly does great credit to the skill and excellent taste of Messrs. Knox & Rothwell. In grains the specimens are few, Mr. John Glen, of Colborne sends a quantity of split peas, manufactured after a process of his own. They form an exceedingly fine specimen, and are much finer in appearance than the split peas usually manufactured in Canada, the husk being taken off quite clean and each pea is split as evenly in two as it is possible to be done and without leaving any broken edges. Mr. P. Carroll, of Colborne, sends as pecimen of narrow fat field peas which it is impossible to excel for size or plumpness, of grain, if they can be equalled. Sheriff Gibbons adds to the list some well developed cobs of field corn of good size. Mr. E. L. Johnson sends, through the Board of Education, photographs of the schools in town, taken in a highly artistic style. Altogether the collection sent from here is creditable to the town.

STRAY.—Mr. Geo. Cattle has received a full county of fold and garden seeds.

ALL-AROUND.—According to the old time custom it is our duty to announce that winter has arrived.

RUNNING AGAIN.—The International salt block is again in full blast, giving employment to a considerable number of men who have been idle for some time past.

BE SURE and call in during the week and inspect Cheap John's new stock of dry goods which are to be sold by public auction commencing next Saturday at 7 o'clock p. m.—J. C. CURRIE, Auctioneer.

TEMPERANCE.—The next mass meeting will be held in Knox Church on Friday evening April 7th, and thereafter on the first Friday of every month. At the next meeting the president will deliver the inaugural address, and a choice programme will be prepared, of which due notice will be given.

HOSE COMPANY.—On Friday last this Co. was re-organized for this year with officers and members as follows:—Capt. R. E. Dancy; 1st Lieut., Ed. Graham; 2d Lieut., Chas. Bates; members, Messrs. B. J. Whitely, A. Hadden, John Pennington, A. Gale, Thos McKenzie, Daniel McCaig; Firemen, Messrs. David Hooker and Wm. Logan.

FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION advertise in another column for members, and we hope every man interested in horticulture will send on the small fee of $1 at once, and secure the best value ever had for that amount. The report alone is well worth twice the money to any one who has an orchard, and besides every member gets a plum tree of a new variety known as the Glass Plum, and said to be one suited to the climate.

A CARD OF THANKS.—At a special meeting of the members of the Y. M. C. Association, a very hearty vote of thanks was tendered to all those who so kindly assisted at the concert which was given in aid of the Association on the 9th inst., also, a special vote of thanks to Dr. Thompson for the excellent entertainment which he so kindly furnished, which proved not only the best treat the public have had the privilege of attending for a long time, but that it also was a financial success. The President and Secretary were appointed to wait upon Dr. Thompson, and give him the above sincere expression of that meeting.—COM.

CHARGE OF STEALING.—On Saturday last Jas. Stiles and Hugh Condie were committed to jail on charges of stealing. On the night of Saturday, 11th March, Mr. Wm. Grey, of Morris, had a span of horses stolen from his stable, and about the same time a pair of horse blankets belonging to Mr. Wm. Brown also disappeared. Stiles was suspected, and was arrested on Tuesday of last week, and subsequently a warrant was issued for the arrest of Condie and he was arrested on Thursday last. At an examination before Wm. Harris, Esq., J. P., Brussels, Stiles was committed for trial on both charges, but Condie was let off on the charge of horse stealing, both pleading guilty to the theft of the horse blankets. The horses which were stolen have since been recovered, having been found running loose on the road.

"DEAN SWIFT."—St. Patrick's Day passed off quietly in Goderich, and but for the occasional sprig of Shamrock pinned to the coats of Hibernians these who were not interested would hardly have been reminded of the recurrence of Ireland's natal day. In the evening, however, a fitting tribute was paid to the anniversary, in the lecture delivered by Rev. Jas. Carmichael, M. A., of Montreal, upon the "Life and Times of Dean Swift." The audience was quite large, notwithstanding the rough night, and paid the closest attention to the lecture throughout and frequently applauding the speaker. Ven. Archdeacon Elwood occupied the chair and introduced Mr. Carmichael in a few appropriate sentences. The lecturer, whose enunciation is tinged with a rich Irish brogue very pleasantly in keeping with the subject and the day, proceeded to describe the condition of society in Swift's time—the days of "good Queen Anne"—which was given to many vices. To judge Swift as a minister of the gospel with ministers of the present day would be unjust, but compared with those of his time—men who gambled, indulged in the popular vices and were at the beck and call of Tory or Whig,—he stood head and shoulders above them. As a poet he was brilliant, notwithstanding that some of his writings were really filthy in expression; but these poems were written to satirize the social vices of the day, and the condition of society created the lash which he laid on with such effect. He was next viewed as a politician. Swift went to London when Marlborough was the idol of the people, their military hero, but the brilliant Irishman, who united himself with the Tory party, soon brought the selfish, grasping Duke low, and by his energy virtually saved the country from the bankruptcy threatened by the needless wars which the Duke was prosecuting for his own benefit. In this role Swift was honest in his endeavors to benefit the people, and his influence became so powerful that he virtually controlled the legislation of the day. The inner character of Swift is seen in his letters to Stella, the spirit of boyishness, mirth and thoughtfulness for others being apparent here and there among his political essays. On his return to Ireland as Dean of St. Patrick, he was pelted by the mob as a Tory, but his influence soon began to be felt, and ten years after Swift was worshipped by the people. It was said by some that he felt himself to be an exile when in Ireland, and although he occasionally spoke in that strain and said that he came to Ireland to "die like a rat in a hole," his desire was so strong to improve the country that he remained notwithstanding that he had plenty of opportunities to leave. He was Ireland's greatest patriot, and many had attempted to imitate him but failed to equal him. Swift abused the people and laid on his lash with no sparing hand, but he worked for the country; and England's legislation was blocked out by him, his views being endorsed by that country. Froude endeavored to imitate Swift, but forfeited the respect of his countrymen. If Swift was living at the present time his pen would have been used in behalf of famine stricken men crying for that which was not the right of the country and which England had not the power to give. The lecturer concluded with a beautiful description of the death scene of the great patriot after being for a few years a victim of insanity. At the conclusion of the lecture a vote of thanks was proposed to the speaker by Mr. J. H. Finlay and seconded by Mr. A. M. Ross, M. P. P., and enthusiastically carried. We have seldom listened with so much pleasure to a lecture as we did to Mr. Carmichael's, and we are assured that he would receive a warm reception should he again favor us with a visit. The proceeds of the lecture are to be devoted to paying off the debt upon St. George's Church, and they amount, we believe, to about $50 after paying all expenses.

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Monday of last week Mr. John Donohoe, 6th con, Goderich Tp., died whilst sitting in a chair. He had been to Bayfield on business on the previous Saturday and felt unwell on returning home and during Sunday. He arose on Monday feeling a little better, but had been setting up a short time when he died with hardly a moment's warning. Heart disease was the cause.

WINGHAM.

A shooting gallery has been started here.

Shop licenses have been fixed at $150, and tavern licenses at $80.

A curling match between Mr. W. J. Hayward's and Mr. B. Wilson's rinks, a few days ago, resulted in a victory for the former by two shots.

The repairs on the Northern Wingham bridge are about completed, portions of the piers and the entire superstructure being renewed. L. J. Brace was contractor, and the work cost $800.

DUNGANNON.

THE CHRISTMAS OR NEW YEAR SERMON.—In allusion to a recent sermon on "Charity," preached here Sabbath, three last, your correspondent inferred it was for the special benefit of newspaper correspondents. In this case, Mr. Editor, "your correspondent" seems to have too much conceit in himself for a Christian, and reminded me of a fly that once found himself in a coach and six going down to London. Smiling out with conceit, said he, "what an important personage am I, that a coach and six should be specially employed to take me down to the city of London."—COM.

NEW PASSAGE.—The Church of England wardens have purchased the house now occupied by Mr. D. Swift, as a parsonage for the minister, Rev. Mr. Bland. Price $1,000.

BASE BALL.—The Dungannon Base Ball Club held their opening meeting on Saturday, March 18th., in the Temperance hall. The meeting was in every way a success. The following officers were elected for the present year: President, D. R. Munro; Vice do, B. Crawford; Secretary, E. Clendenning; Treasurer, R. Lowry. By all appearances our base ball club is determined to have a successful campaign this summer.—COM.

CLINTON.

FINANCIAL.—A balance of $2,387.06 remains in the hands of the town Treasurer after the expenditures of 1875, which is considerably in excess of the balance of last year.

FOR THE CENTENNIAL.—Mr. P. Grant has sent one his Excelsior Hay Forks to Philadelphia.

GOOD CATTLE.—A few days ago Mr. W. Cudmore brought to town eighteen head of young cattle, which, on being weighed, turned the beam at 23,530 lbs. or an average of 1,307 lbs. each. They realized $4.50 per cwt.

BOLD ROBBERY.—One night last week the house of D. R. Menzies, of this town, was entered by a burglar, which, for cool audacity, is seldom beaten. The burglar first tried a rear door, but finding it fastened by a drop over the latch, turned his attention to a window, which he attempted to pry open, but failing, he returned to the door. Procuring a snow shovel, he inserted it beneath the door, prying it over the catch. Once inside, he seems to have taken things pretty easy, as he turned over nearly everything in his search for plunder. Entering Mr. Menzie's bedroom he appropriated that gentleman's watch, and not finding the cash box, which was the object of his visit, he took the key of the store from Mr. Menzie's pocket, and repaired thither, which place he ransacked pretty well, but apparently without obtaining anything, as nothing has yet been missed. On taking his departure he was obliging enough to leave the key in the shop door, where it was found next morning. One person was arrested on suspicion of being the guilty party, but nothing being proved against him, he was discharged.—*New Era.*

BENMILLER.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—The following is the result of a written examination of the pupils of School Section No. 2, Benmiller:—Class V, marks possible 1145—Richard Morrish, 980; Sydney Potter, 757. Class IV, marks possible 780—Mary Cath. Potter, 726; Geo. Stewart, 696; Nettie Gledhill 576. Class III, marks possible 630—Melinda Fisher, 550; William Maedel, 544; Nicholas Morrish, 486; Leo. Stevens, 482; Minnie Maedel, 473; Thos. Heddle, 472. Class II, (third reader), total marks 540—Elizabeth Hartt, 487; Nathan Walters, 460; Ida A. Walters, 456; Abraham Fisher, 455; Mary Stevens, 441; Adelia Fisher and James Stewart, 437. Class I, (second reader), total marks, 390—Samuel Heddle, 469; Nettie Green, 435; Chas. Fisher, 427; Levi Snyder, 426; Hermann Maedel, 408; Jacob Fisher, 397. Class I, jr., total marks, 350—Saml. Greer, 335; David Gledhill, 317; Chas. Oke, 311; Archie Fisher, 291; Bella Stewart, 255. Average No. present during examination, 52.

PREACHING.—The Rev. Jas. Sieveright will henceforth preach, in addition to his week night appointment, once every fourth Sunday, at 6:30 p. m., in the M. E. Church, Benmiller.

BRIDGE BROKEN.—During the freshet which occurred week before last, the first pier of the Benmiller bridge next the village was swept away, and the bridge broke. A cow was crossing on the bridge at the time, and fell with the broken span, but she managed to safely crawl up the sloping platform and escape. This accident will cause great inconvenience.—COM.

SAD BEREAVEMENT.—Within the past six weeks Mr. Ferdinand Weise's family of eight children has been attacked with diptheria, and five of them have died. The other three have recovered. Much sympathy is expressed for the parents in their and bereavement.

SEAFORTH.

SPRING SHOW.—An exhibition of entire stock will take place in Seaforth on Thursday, April 20, at which $130 will be given in prizes.

GOOD CATTLE.—Mr. Robt. Chesney last week shipped some cattle for Buffalo, three of them being two year old heifers weighing 1,100 pounds each, purchased for $39 each. There were 17 other animals averaging in weight 1,150 pounds, and were purchased at an average price of $38 each.

THE CENTENNIAL.—Messrs. Monroe & Hogan send one of their best finished ploughs to Philadelphia; Gray, Young & Sparling send several specimens of salt, as do the International Co., and Mr. Charlesworth sends specimens of flour.

SCHOOL.—For the purpose of building an addition to the town school, the sum of $2,000 is to be drawn from the Municipal Loan Fund.

FARM RENTED.—Mr. Thos. Lapalie has rented his farm to D. D. Wilson, Esq. Mr. L. intends to proceed to Australia.

SUPPER.—The Orangemen of Seaforth intend having an oyster supper at the Commercial Hotel, on the evening of the 30th inst.

THE LAW AND THE BY-LAW.—Some difficulty has been experienced in reference to this by-law, and Mr. Thos Kidd and Mr. Thos. Ryan are appealing against it.—The Council have called a special meeting and amended the by-law, and have also taken the advice of a good lawyer and feel prepared now to meet Messrs. Kidd and Ryan in deadly conflict. The end is not yet.

BRUSSELS.

Susannah Evans lectures in the town hall on April 21st.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated by a dinner at Moore's Hotel.

Wm. Lindsay, a cutter of timber, left Brussels suddenly last week to the grief of several parties to whom he owed money.

Mrs. Ainley, of Brussels, while on a visit to one of her daughters in Michigan week before last, fell upon the ice, breaking one of the bones of her right arm and rupturing a blood vessel. She is recovering.

A fire was discovered in Mr. Thos. English's blacksmith shop, on the morning of the 10th, which was quickly put out. It was found that the boards had been saturated with coal oil, and the deed was evidently the work of an incendiary.

On Tuesday of last week, a Morris farmer brought a load of wheat to Brussels market for sale. The buyers in examining it discovered that two bags containing a choice quality had been placed on the top of the load, and that the remaining bags were of an inferior grade.

Mrs. Hall, wife of Mr. Thomas Hall, of the Brussels House, died suddenly at her residence on Sunday morning. She retired to rest, about 11 o'clock on Saturday night, apparently in her usual state of health and between that time and 8 o'clock on Sunday morning her spirit took its flight. Her death was not unexpected, as she had been failing for some time.—*Post.*

EXETER.

IMPROVEMENT.—Messrs. Dyer, Oke & Howard have purchased the machinery for a new planing mill to be erected on Station street.

ANOTHER.—Dr. Irving of Exeter possesses a bible printed in the year 1556, the oldest it is said in Canada.

BUSINESS.—The shipments from Exeter station for February amounted to 526 tons, the freightage thereon being $1,450. The receipts footed up $560. Passenger receipts $620. Production is not needed here.

[illegible] association has been formed in the village with the following officers: President, Isaac Carling; Vice Presidents, W. Hodgson and Caton Willis; Secretary, Glinn Elliott.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—The receipts at Centralia station, for February, were $423.60.

—A working team belonging to Mr. Jas. Ferguson, lot 6, con. 9, Grey, weighs 2,869 lbs.