New Advertisements

Oysters—D. Ferguson.
Notice—Alex. Hunter.
Nötice—Danial Lizars.
Restaurant—Jas. Vivian.
Estray Cow—Alex. Campbell.
Estray Cattle—Jas. Dougherty.
Teacher Wanted—Alex. Malloy.
First Class Boar—Robert Taylor.
Strayed Cattle—John Buchanan.
Musical Evening—Rosa D'Erina.
Notice—Trustees Church of Scotland.

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We shall be glad at all times to receive items of local news, reports of meetings, accidents, or any incident of interest either in the locality where it occurs or to the county at large. Such matter may be sent at the rate of one cent per oz if marked Printer's Copy and not sealed. To ensure publication in any particular issue it should reach the office not later than Monday evening.

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Grand Trunk Railway.

GODERICH STATION

Trains leave as follows.—

Mail	7.00 a. m.
Express	9.45 " "
Mixed	12.30 p. m.
"	3.30 " "

Trains are due as follows.—

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

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, Nov. 23, 1873.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

There are a number of our subscribers both in town and country who are in arrears for their subscriptions. We have to request all such to pay up at once. All our mail subscribers have been notified within the last fortnight, but there should be no necessity for this as the date on the address shows when the subscription expires. We issue our paper regularly and it is mean, nay it is dishonest, to defraud us out of the small amount which is our due, or to keep us waiting for it for months and years. If those who are behind find themselves put to extra expense they will have themselves to blame. A word to the wise is sufficient.

How he Succeeded.

Sir John A. Macdonald has been in power in Canada for nearly twenty years, and it is worth while to inquire how he came to hold on to the reins of office so long. Few political leaders in England have succeeded in holding their places for such a length of time, and in this country where there is not so much stability as in older one, there must be some reason for his unprecedented success. This reason is to be found in the fact that he stole the measures of his opponents and bribed their weak-kneed men. All the more important measures of the last few years have originated with the Reform party and been made popular by them, and when Sir John saw that they would become law in spite of him he adopted them as part of his policy, taking credit to himself for being the originator. Among these measures are Representation by Population, Confederation, the trial of Controverted Elections by Judges and many others we might mention.

Besides adopting his opponents' measures he never hesitated to bribe a member if possible. A keen and shrewd observer of men, he took advantage of circumstances, and if he found a person whose vote would count, in embarrassed circumstances, he held out material inducements for him to come over. If the tempted man fell Sir John gloried in his success, and his path is marked by the political gravestones of those he has seduced from their party allegiance. Let us hope that under the new Government we will see no more of that political dishonesty and corruption which have characterized the reign of Sir John, and that the administration of affairs at Ottawa will be carried on with an honesty and uprightness which have hitherto been comparatively unknown at head quarters.

A Righteous Sentence.

"Boss" Tweed, the notorious New York municipal swindler, has met with his just deserts. Let us hope this is the beginning of a new era in public honesty among our neighbors across the lines. The full particulars of his conviction are contained in the following despatch:—

Tweed has been sentenced to twelve years in the county prison, and pay a fine of $12,750. After Mr. Tremain had moved that the prisoner be sentenced on each separate count in the indictment, there was a death like silence in the court, and Tweed looked greatly flushed. He was told to stand up by Mr. Sharks, Clerk, and asked if he had anything to say why judgment should not be passed upon him? Tweed said he had already pleaded his innocence. Judge Davis then sentenced the prisoner on every four counts, in entire 204 counts in the indictment, one year was inflicted for each four of the first 62, or 12 years imprisonment in the County jail in Ludlow st. He was sentenced to a fine of $250 on every four counts on the entire number, 204, on which he was convicted.

The entire fine amounts in the aggregate to $12,750, and the prisoner stands committed until paid. Tweed received his sentence calmly, and was removed in custody. He is now sixty-six years of age, and if he lives will be 79 years at the expiration of his punishment.

The steamer Asia, for the safety of whose years were entertained, has arrived safely at Detroit.

The International Difficulty.

The difficulty between Spain and the United States, arising from the capture of the *Virginius* and the execution of her crew, is likely to be amicably settled. Negociations are being carried on between Madrid and Washington for that purpose. On Saturday things had rather a warlike appearance, as it was reported that several attempts had been made to assassinate General Sickles the United States Minister at the Spanish capital and that he was wounded, that he had demanded his passports, and other rumours of a like alarming character. On Monday it turned out that these reports were untrue or grossly exaggerated, and calmness was restored. It is suggested that the matter in dispute be referred to arbitration, and the Emperor of Germany is proposed as a suitable person to deal with the question. Under any circumstances the Spanish Government can hardly be held responsible. The character of the *Virginius* was well known, her crew were warned that in entering on the expedition they were doing an unlawful act and were taking their lives in their hands. If they have suffered the extreme penalty for their unlawful acts, on their own heads must rest the responsibility, and though it may be matter for regret that such barbarity was exercised, the general verdict of the world will be "Served them right."

How Support was to be Obtained.

The Winnipeg *Nor' Wester*, a paper which derives its inspiration from Dr. Schultz one of the Manitoba M. P's., in its issue of the 5th November contains a telegram from Ottawa dated 1st November, which reveals a little plot as to how the late Government intended to gain support. They decided to increase the Cabinet by three members, a Solicitor General and two Assistant Secretaries, which offices were to be filled by members from P. E. Island, Manitoba and British Columbia in order to gain support from those provinces. The offer of office was indignantly spurned and most of the members went against the government. The information is no doubt authentic, coming from one of the government supporters. The new members would of course have received regular salaries, which would have entailed an additional outlay of $22,500 per annum. Notwithstanding this, the Prog. Organs make a great fuss about Mr. Blake going into the Cabinet without salary.

Committed for Trial

Our readers are aware that the *Mail* newspaper has taken special delight in publishing statements affecting the character of Horrocks Cocks and C. J. Whellams, Ontario Emigration Agents in England. The latter has entered a criminal action for libel against T. C. Patterson the manager of the *Mail*. He was brought before the Toronto Police Magistrate on Saturday and committed for trial at the next Assizes, bail in the sum of $1000 being accepted. Charles Belford, one of the editors, was also brought up on the information, but on Mr. Patterson's statement that he had nothing to do with the article complained of he was discharged.

Vacant Seats.

The following seats in the Local Legislature are at present or are about to become vacant,—Ottawa, by the elevation of Hon. R. W. Scott to the Privy Council, South Simcoe by the appointment of Mr. Ferguson to a Collectorship, Peel by the death of Mr Coyne, South Leeds by the appointment of Mr. Macdonald to a Junior Judgeship, and South Grenville by the probable appointment of Mr. Fraser to a seat in the Ontario Cabinet. All, with the exception of South Leeds in which the Conservative candidate will be allowed to walk the course in terms of a compromise, are likely to return Reformers.

Lennox Election.

The nomination for Lennox took place at Napanee on Saturday. A number of candidates were proposed. Sir John A. Macdonald was present and made a characteristic speech. There appears to be no doubt that Hon. R. J. Cartwright the new Finance Minister, will be returned by a large majority over his opponent, Mr. Hooper.

A Sorry Leader.

The Toronto *Leader* speaks of Mr. Merrick as the leader of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature. When was Matthew Crooks Cameron deposed? Mr. Merrick, miserable tool as he is, is quite fit to lead the rag tag and bobtail which composes the Opposition in the local house.

Prince Edward Island.

Last Saturday's Canada *Gazette* contains the appointment of Sir Robert Hodgson, at present administering the Government of Prince Edward Island, to be Lieutenant Governor of said Province, *vice* William Francis Robinson, resigned.

—Hon. A. Mackenzie passed through London on Saturday on his way to his constituency, and was entertained at lunch at the Tecumseh House by the Reformers of London. At other points along the line he was greeted with applause and on his arrival at Sarnia was enthusiastically received. His nomination was to take place yesterday and he was to be entertained at a banquet in the evening.

—A despatch from Sackville, New Brunswick, states that the cable steamship *Robert Lowe* was lost off the coast of Nova Scotia, in the storm of the 17th and 18th inst. The captain and part of the crew were drowned. The vessel had just completed the laying of a telegraph cable between Lamanche and Placentia.

Wood. Wood.

Our stock of cordwood is getting low. Those of our subscribers who desire to pay for their paper with wood will please bring it along.

George Tyron, who, with his father, was convicted of murder at the Barrie Assizes and sentenced to be hanged on the 16th December next, has had his sentence commuted to imprisonment for life in the Provincial Penitentiary. The sentence of death is to be carried out in the father's case.

Mr. Savage, of Goderich, has at present under construction, at Kintail, both a flour and a saw mill, which are expected soon to be in operation. Messrs. Grant & Boyd, of Kincardine, have commenced clearing out a site for a new steam saw mill at the northmost creek of Clarkitt street, about a mile south of Amberley.

Sir John Macdonald has stated that he calculated from the first on filling the Senate with his own people in order to cause a dead lock between both Houses in case he went out of power. It is, however well known that this scheme was defeated. Such unscrupulous tactics on the part of the late Premier gives no surprise, and only shows the desperate position in which he is placed.

LOCAL NEWS

Strayed or Stolen.—The Indian Summer of 1873.

New Industry. — The Wingham *Times* speaks of the burning of a charcoal pit as a "new industry for Wingham."

Retired.—Mr. J. M. Leet has retired from the editorial chair of the Wingham *Times* and is succeeded by Mr. A. C. Osborne.

Where is that Dictionary.—Our contemporary talks in its last issue about eating the "leak." Rather a difficult thing to get hold of, let alone to eat.

Appointment.—H. W. C. Meyer, of the firm of Benson & Meyers, Seaforth, has been appointed a Notary Public for Ontario.

Storm Signal. — The storm signal shaft has been erected on the bank quite close to the flag pole. We think it would have been better to put it somewhere else as it takes away from the appearance of the pole.

Peters' Musical Monthly for December is to hand. It contains a number of pieces of very nice music. Now is the time to subscribe for next year, $3 per annum. J. L. Peters & Co. publishers, 599 Broadway, New York.

Oysters.—D. Ferguson has received a supply of fine, fresh oysters which he is selling by the quart or gallon cheap. Restaurants and supper parties supplied at special rates. This is a better way to buy oysters than by the can as you get twice the quantity for the same money.

Shavegrass.—Dodson has one of the best assortments of silverware we have seen for a long time. He always keeps a good stock of this class of goods, which are now very temptingly displayed for the Christmas trade. He has also one of the best stocks of books west of Toronto.

Lynx Shot.—James Brooks, teamster, of this town, shot a very large lynx in the Township of Colborne, on Tuesday of last week. He was out hunting when his dogs pursued the "critter" which took refuge in a hollow log. Brooks came up and despatched the animal with his gun.

Salt at Carronbrook.—A telegram to the daily papers on Saturday last announces that Mr. Joseph Kidd of Carronbrook reached a line of full strength at a depth of 1250 feet, at his salt well there, on Friday. Owing to the proximity of the new mill which will be ready in a day or two and saw dust for fuel, Mr. Kidd will no doubt be able to manufacture salt very cheaply.

Launching.—The steamer Ontario, for Beatty's Lake Simcoe line of Steamers, was successfully launched from Chisholm & Simpson's ship yard at Chatham, last Saturday morning. She is 192 feet long, 24 feet beam, and 13 feet hold; has a splendid upper cabin, 48 state rooms, a pair of condensing engines of the most approved construction, and 480 horse power.

Dangerous Practise.—We observed a number of boys on Saturday last, stationed on Hamilton street, engaged in throwing snow-balls at every horse that passed. This is a dangerous practise and often leads to serious accidents. We hope our boys will abstain from it in future, other lads they may find themselves handed over to Mr. Campaigne's tender mercies, in the big stone house, for a few days.

A Musical Treat.—As will be seen by our advertising columns, Mlle Rosa D'Erina, the great Lyric Star, is to give two performances in Crabb's Hall on Monday and Tuesday evenings next. She is known as Erin's Prima Donna and has a world wide reputation. We are horrible persuaders, but we advise all to go and hear her. They will have a treat such as is seldom offered them in Goderich.

Letter.—We have to call the attention of the public to a letter to be delivered by the Rev. Jas. Carmichael of Montreal, on Irish Music, on next Thursday evening, to commence at 8 o'clock, in Crabb's Hall, in aid of the fund for the improvement of St. George's Church. The lecture will define the beauties of Irish Melody, and will be illustrated vocally by Mrs. Elwood and Mr. and Mrs. Dixie Watson.

Subscribe.—Now is the time to subscribe for the Signal for next year. We will send the Signal to all new subscribers till the end of 1874 for $1.50 in advance. All who want a good local paper should send along their names. We hope to have a large increase in our subscription list for next year, thus enabling us to make the paper better than ever. Send in your names—and your $1.50.

Golden Wedding.—One of these events, which are of such rare occurrence as to be worth special mention, was celebrated in this town on the 18th inst., the parties who had completed the fifth year of wedded bliss being Mr. George Anders and his wife. A large number of relatives and friends assembled to do honour to the occasion, all of whom united in wishing the venerable couple many happy returns of their wedding anniversary.

Overhead Awnings.—A friend suggests that the wooden awnings which nearly every shop on the Square is provided with are unsightly and should not be allowed. We agree that they are an eyesore, and they are prohibited by law in many towns. If protection from the sun is required canvas awnings would answer the purpose much better and are easily rolled up when not required. The Square would look much better without the unsightly *sheds* which now disfigure it. We threw out the hint and hope it may be acted on.

Boy Bitten.—A son of Captain McIntosh, who is employed as a messenger in the Montreal Telegraph office, had his leg severely bitten by a dog belonging to Mr. James Miller, last Thursday. He and a son of Mr. Miller's were playing together when McIntosh took hold of Miller in sport, but the dog thinking it was in earnest, and that he meant to harm him, flew at the former and inflicted a very ugly rash. Dr. McLean was called in and dressed the wound, but it will be some time before the boy will be able to go round again.

Arthur's Illustrated Home Magazine.—In our last issue we omitted to direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement of J. W. Jones, London, in another column. T. S. Arthur is an author of well-known ability, and is the most popular temperance writer in America. His magazine is replete with choice literature. In the January number will be commenced a new and interesting serial—"Window Curtains"—by T. S. Arthur. Subscribe now and get a *real* premium engraving *free*.

The December number of Wood's Household Magazine is to hand and is replete with good reading—entertaining sketches, stories, poems, &c., &c. In addition to a number of good articles are several pretty poems, a charming little Cottage Design, and editorial departments embracing Our Housekeeper, Correspondence, Literary Notices, Laughing Stock, &c., &c. The engraving for this month is entitled "Old Folks." All the above for only one dollar per year—or with chromo Yosemite one dollar and a half. Address, Wood's Household Magazine, Newburgh, N. Y.

Steam Fire Engine.—The Mayor last week negotiated the purchase of a Silsby Rotary Steam Fire Engine with the agent of the manufacturers from Seneca Falls, N. Y., and the purchase was confirmed at the Council meeting on Friday evening. The cost of the engine is $4500, but 500 feet of rubber hose, manufactured specially for the use of the engines and warranted to stand a pressure of 400 lbs to the square inch has been ordered. The whole will cost $5250 delivered here, the manufacturers paying all freight, duty, &c. Of course this is a considerable sum, but our insurance rates will be lowered and the whole cost will be repaid in that way in a short time. The Silsby engine has recently been put through severe tests in Montreal and other places. The town of Berlin has just purchased one, and a large number are in use all over the continent, giving general satisfaction. With this engine and the new tanks our town should be comparatively safe from fire. The new engine is to be delivered within a month from the date of purchase.

Rowdyism.—We trust the authorities will put one or two constables on duty at the Hall on Monday evening next on the occasion of M'lle Rosa D'Erina's concert. The conduct of some of our young men (if they were boys there might be some excuse for them) at public entertainments has become perfectly disgraceful, and unless a few examples are made our town will soon have a very unenviable character. As it is, many are kept away from entertainments as they do not care to be insulted or to witness the displays of rowdyism which there take place. The disgraceful conduct which has lately been manifested must be stamped out.

Curling.—The Goderich Club met at E. Martin's hotel on Tuesday evening, 18th inst., for the purpose of organizing for the season. The treasurer's statement showed that after meeting all liabilities and paying for the lengthening of the rink there remained a small balance on hand. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President—C. E. Humber,
Vice President—H. Cooke,
Secretary & Treasurer—P. Adamson.
Committee—T. Hood, A. Dickson, J. Nairn
Skips—Messrs. Finley, Cooke, Ross, Humber, and Henry Horton.

The fee for membership was fixed at $2.

Coo. Intelligence.—Under the above caption we are charged by our local contemporary with having inserted about a column of local news that appeared in its issue of the previous week. The said local news consisted of a report of some of the cases which had come before the Assize Court, which report we have carefully shaved to be full of errors. The charge is made in such a way as to lead the public to infer that we took the news from its columns. We beg to state that we gain our information from more authentic sources. We leave it to the public to judge as to the correctness, falseness and freshness of our news. But what about the remainder of the cases which were tried at the Court? Our would be enterprising friend has given no report of them, though the sittings of the Court closed nearly a fortnight ago. He should not talk about *old news*.

Temperance Meeting.—The first of the monthly lectures in connection with the Sons of Temperance was delivered in the Temperance Hall on Friday evening last. There was a good audience, and the usual attention of the disorderly spirit which is so often seen on public occasions spoke highly for the cause. Rev. Mr. Graham was called to the chair. Rev. Mr. Nugent delivered an able and interesting address. He holds that a prohibitory liquor law would be premature, as the laws at present possessed in regard to the trade are not enforced. This portion of his lecture was objected to by some of the congregation, and ably criticised by the following speaker, Rev. Mr. Ben.n, who was strongly in favor of a prohibitory law. Mr. Graham skilfully endeavoured to reconcile the Rev. gentleman, showing that there was little practical difference between them. A vote of thanks was carried to the lecturer, the benediction was pronounced and the meeting closed.

Re-Opening of St George's Church.

THE SERVICES LAST SABBATH.

St George's Episcopal Church in this town, which has been closed all summer for alterations and repairs, was reopened for Divine service on Sabbath last. The church was filled with a large and fashionable congregation who evidently took an interest in the services. The following clergy officiated on the occasion, Rev. Canon Bagwell, Rector of Goderich, Rev. S. B. Kellock, Rector of Clinton, and Rev. Jas. Carmichael, of Montreal. The morning service was read by Rev. Mr. Kellock, the lessons and the Communion service by Rev. Canon Elwood, and the Epistle by Rev. J. Carmichael who also preached. Special hymns were selected for the occasion, being Evelyn xxxv, commencing at the 5th verse, and the first part of the 4th chapter of John's Gospel. The Anthem was taken from the "Creation" and "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord." Before the sermon the 100th hymn was sung. Mr. Carmichael preached an appropriate sermon, taking for his text Psalm CIV, verse 23, "Man goeth forth unto his work, and to his labour, until the evening."

The preacher said that the vestas from which his text was taken was full of exquisite painting. It is one of glory to God for the works of creation. The psalmist sees God's glory in the phenomena of nature, in the earth and its foundations, and in the mighty ocean. Yet the grand description of his praise is kept back, and that for a special purpose. The crowning act of God's creation was a man who goeth forth in the morning to his work and labour until the evening.

All nature is fulfilling its destiny and the grave is not at the end of that destiny. There will be a last chorus of the song of the field, a last beat of the waves on the sea shore and a last glimmer of the sun ere man's work is ended. Yet man does not cease to exist at death. Death is not a cessation of life but a change of form. On the labour of man's life depends the nature of his future, and his eternal happiness can only be secured through the redemption purchased by the blood of Christ. The faith which will make immortal man eternally happy is that which fills his daily life. The well doing and the ill doing of our duty create eternal echoes which will be heard throughout our future. The heavens shall fade away but man is immortal, having the spark of God within him.

Of all the labour to which man goeth forth none is nobler than proclaiming a Saviour's love. It is a higher employment than that of kings and senators or those who occupy high worldly positions. The fact that there may be a few unworthy persons in the ministry does not take away from this truth. Some who deny the immortality of the soul may say that there is nothing to be gained by such work, as man perishes like the brutes and there is an end of him; but if the tendency of the work is to raise man above the brutes, to make him moral and intelligent even for this world, the work is good. Thank God the day is past when it can be said that men no doubt but the laborer is worthy of his hire. To the shame of the church be it said her ministers as a rule are so poorly paid that they only exist.

The figure of the psalmist is intensified by the fact that the labour of the faithful minister is continuous. The hard worker in another calling may have seasons of rest, but the work of the faithful minister never ceases, he wants to work on till the last.

God's mercy in this respect has been great to this congregation. For close on 25 years the same manly form has proclaimed to them the Gospel. While the theological world has witnessed great changes he has not changed. His preaching now is an echo of that of a quarter of a century ago. They could have no doubt as to what God's message was, or what the life of His ambassador should be. He (the speaker) owed him much, for it was his precepts and example made him what he was. To-day the sheaves were being gathered home. Some of the fruit of his labours appears to-day. As an old friend he urged them not to slacken in their work, not to rest till all their work on this house of God was accomplished. The House of God could not be made too beautiful. As the senior church of this western country it should set an example, and he hoped it might yet be the Cathedral church and centre of a new diocese. This event was not only possible but probable. Let this mother church set an example to all the rest. He understood $400 was yet due for the improvements made. He thought it would be paid off at once so that they could thank God that their church was free of debt.

The above is an imperfect synopsis of what was an eloquent and able sermon, and one which contained much food for reflection.

The musical part of the service was very efficiently rendered, the *Te Deum* and *Jubilate* being very beautiful.

In the evening the Rev. J. Carmichael again preached to an overflowing congregation.

The church edifice has been very much improved by the overhauling it has received. A chancel and vestry have been added in rear, a new ceiling put in, the whole interior of the church re-painted and decorated and a number of additional pews added. The chancel has been appropriately furnished by the ladies, and a memorial window to the late Charles Widder placed in it by Mrs. Widder and Mrs. Dyett. A hot air furnance now heats the building, and when some improvements are made on the exterior it will be in all respects a comfortable and commodious church. We understand about $4000 have been expended in improvements during the last three years, most of which is paid.

The Yellow Fever Epidemic at Shreveport.

LETTER FROM A GODERICH BOY.

R. Gibbons, Esq., our worthy Sheriff, has handed us the following letter from his son, who is conductor on a railway running into Shreveport. It gives an interesting account of the yellow fever epidemic which has scourged that part of the country:—

Dallas, Nov. 2d, 1873.

Dear C——,—Yours from Toronto received last week, was glad to hear you were all well at home. I think we have passed through all danger as far as the yellow fever is concerned; it seems to have exhausted itself both in Marshall and Shreveport. There are only a few cases now in either place and only two or three deaths per day. Our trains will commence running through to Shreveport to-morrow, the medical faculty being of the opinion that we can safely go in day-light but they do not deem it prudent to lay over there all night.

You in the north have no idea what a terrible epidemic this has been. Shreveport had a population of 7000, of whom 3000 left the city on the first appearance of the fever, of the 4000 who remained 800 have died and about 1500 have recovered. Just fancy one-half of the population sick and all at the same time. I suppose not less than 25 have died whose names were unknown. It is terrible to think of persons dying in a civilized country whose only obituary notice is published in three words, *Unknown, yellow fever*. But if you understood the nature of the disease you would not be so much surprised to think that 25 died so in Shreveport. Half an hour after you are taken sick with yellow fever you are perfectly helpless and very often delirious. It commences with a chill and terrible headache and pains in your limbs. The treatment of doctors and nurses is very different, but as a general thing they all commence with a mustard bath, if they can get perspiration to start they consider the patient out of danger with careful nursing. If they do not get the perspiration to start and chills keep coming on, black vomit commences, after which they soon die. It is a very rare thing for a patient to recover after having black vomit. You will no doubt wonder very much why I stayed here during such a terrible plague, but I have never felt alarmed. Last spring when I was at Hearne we had nearly a month's steady rain and all old citizens prophesied we would have yellow fever both on account of the wet and periodical return of the fever. They seem to imagine it rages as an epidemic once every six years; it was here in 1853 and 1867. You can see they were just right. I began then to prepare for it by taking liver regulator and as I had been unusually well all summer did not fear a bilious attack, this being the commencement of the fever. As soon as the fever was pronounced epidemic trains stopped running to Shreveport, so to a certain extent we were isolated, but we continued to run to Marshall long after it appeared there. Twice I came out in the middle of the night with all the officers of the road who got scared when there was an unusual number of deaths in Marshall. The town has been almost completely deserted for a month. With a population of 4000 not more than 400 remained, so there was not much material for the fever to work on. We have only lost one brakeman, one engineer, one agent, one baggage man, one express messenger, one telegraph operator, and our wood agent. One conductor and one express messenger who had it recovered. Persons running on the road did not seem to be so liable as those living constantly in one place. We have had two or three heavy white frosts and the danger is considered about over. I think another good north wind, or as we call them here "Norther," will fix it. Tell Charley if he still intends coming to Texas is still he safe to start right away. I cannot say much about the road as everything is at sixes and sevens here but do not think there will be much trouble finding a job, but it is a hard country to railroad in, and we have a mighty hard road. With the country panic and fever epidemic, business has been knocked endways. The Construction Company, our mainstay, have suspended work altogether and we cannot tell when they will resume. It will seem curious to you to think we wear just as heavy clothing here as we could in Canada. I am wearing a flannel shirt and drawers, and last winter when the thermometer was 28 below zero—our blood is so thin we have got to protect ourselves with warm clothing. I cannot think of anything more to-night, so will conclude with kind love to all.

W. H. GIBBONS.

Town Council.

The Council met on Friday evening last, the Mayor in the Chair. Present, The Deputy Reeve and Councillors Small, Watson, Robertson, Sloan, Campbell, Doyle, Gordon, Mackay, W. G. Smith, A. Smith, Clifford and Passmore.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The following documents were submitted.—

Account of Town Clerk, Selecting Jurors, $15. Ordered to be paid.

Account of R. Thompson as follows,—

"Corporation of the Town of Goderich,

To Robert Thompson Dr.

Nov. 5, 1873. To 1 Waggon badly burnt and damaged (so as to be unsalerably) by a Riotus assembly, congregated contrary to a By-Law of said Corporation of the Town of Goderich and which said Riotus assembly the said corporation took no pains, neither did they attempt to disperse said unlawful and Riotus assembly, although the said corporate body was fully aware and cognizant of said unlawful and riotous assembly. Amt. $35.00."

Considerable merriment was caused by the reading of the above claim which was ordered to be fyled.

Report of Finance Committee recommending payment of the following accounts,—*Star* office, advertising, $5.25; Geo. Graham, work, $29.90; T. J. Moorhouse, Stationery, $18 13.

Moved by Mr. Small seconded by Mr. Watson that $4 be taken off G. Graham's acct. Lost.

The report was then adopted.

Agreement with Silsby Manufacturing Co. for a Steam Fire Engine. The agreement was sustained.

Moved by Mr. Robertson seconded by Mr. Small that Messrs. Runciman, Salkeld and Humber be requested to act in conjunction with the council to test the engine when it arrives. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Detlor seconded by Mr. Mackay that the Fire Committee with the addition of the Mayor and Mr. Small, be authorized to provide a proper place to keep the new engine. Carried.

By-law No. 10 of 1873, to grant a bonus of $5000 to a Summer Hotel, was read a first time, and the vote of the ratepayers ordered to be taken on the same on the day of the Municipal elections.

By-law No. 11 of 1873, appointing returning officers and polling places for the ensuing municipal elections was passed through its various stages and became law. All the old returning officers were re-appointed.

Mr. Hillier was heard with reference to the opening of the Maitland Road through the Ransford property.

Moved by Mr. Small seconded by Mr. Mackay that the necessary steps be taken to open up said road four rods wide, to the Mill Road. Carried.

Mr. Passmore called the attention of the Council to the destitute circumstances of Mrs. McDonald and Norman McDonald. Their cases were referred to Mr. Passmore and the Mayor.

Mr. Robertson called the attention of the Council to a plan got up by Mr. Small regarding a change in the plan of the harbour. The Mayor was instructed to write to Mr. Page regarding said proposed change.

The Council then adjourned.

Hullett.

Council Meeting.—A meeting of the municipal Council of the township of Hullett, was held at Londesborough, on the 17th inst. All the members present. Moved by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mr. Monteith, that the following accounts be paid, viz.: J. Walker, 75c for plank for culvert; J. Martin, $4.20 for gravel; A. Bay, $14.50 for surveying, making plans, &c, for bridge on Con. 7; Mrs Whiteley, $6.15 for gravel; J. Williams, $6.88 for funeral expenses for S. Jones; Reeve, $17.38 for expenses to London, Seaforth and Goderich, and signing debentures; and Treasurer, 83 for expenses to Goderich and signing debentures—Carried. Moved by Mr. Monteith, seconded by Mr. Stephenson, that the annual meeting for the nomination of Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors be held at Londesborough in Brundon's wagon shop, on the day fixed by law, and in case of more than the necessary number of candidates being proposed, that the election for the west electoral division be held at the same place as nomination, and for the east electoral division at Kinburn in Williams' wagon shop, on the day fixed by law, and that J. Braithwaite be returning officer for west electoral division, and R. Thompson for the east division; and that a by-law be prepared and passed to confirm the same—Carried. Moved by Mr. Stephenson, that Dr. Taylor's account, $33, for medical attendance on Tolliver, an indigent person, now deceased, be paid—Carried. Moved by Mr. Monteith, seconded by Mr. Warwick, that Wm. McKenzie, an old man in indigent circumstances, be granted $20, to be placed in the hands of S. Millin—Carried. The Council then adjourned, to meet again at Londesborough, on Monday, the 15th December next, at 10 o'clock.

Jas. Braithwaite, Clerk.

West Wawanosh

Council Meeting.—The Council met 15th Nov., pursuant to adjournment. All the members present. The Reeve in the Chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

John Bowers N E½ 18, con 5, applied to council to be removed from School Section No. 2 and attached to No. 3.

Moved by D. McIlwain seconded by C. Durnin, that Mr. Bower's request be granted, the proper notices having been posted up and no objections lodged. Carried.

Moved by D. McIlwain seconded by E. Gaunt and Carried

That the Reeve sign the following cheques:—Thomas Fenlon for laying 7 rods of crossway on sideline between 21 and 22 con. 7, 7.00, the balance of 50 cents per rod to be paid when job is finished to satisfaction of Council; T. Fenlon cutting hill on side line between 24 and 25 Con. 7, 17.00; Jessie Grummet, reparing scraper, 1.75; Johnstone Orr, (part payment) filling pond hole on 2nd and 3rd con. line, 31.50; Thomas Todd, plank and gravel, 8.09; Martin O'Laughlin, culvert on 12th con., 15.50; W. Hunter, for cutting hill at river and grading on 4 and 5 con. line, from subscription list 23.00, from Tp. funds 31.41, a balance of 85.00 on job and 75cts extra for moving tools to stand till job is inspected; Chas. Girvin, paid for advertising in *Gazette* and Signal, that this Township with others will apply to be annexed to South Riding for registration purposes, 3.00; Chas. Wilson, culvert on 4 con. line 24; Henry & John Phillips, cutting hill 8 and 9 con. 25.78; James Gaunt, repairing Dickies bridge N. Boundary, 18.00 being half the amount of job, County of Bruce to pay other half; John Girvin, covering bridge W. Boundary, 10.00; Clerk, selecting jurors, 3.00; Clerk, pathmasters overseers, 2.00; Reeve, selecting jurors, 2.00; Assessor, selecting jurors, 2.00; John Webb, cutting hill 12 con. (part), 40.00; Charles Green, attending corn-sal and latting jobs, 31.00; E. Gaunt, do, 31.00; D. McIlwain do 31.00, C. Durnin do 31.00; Wm. McKinnon do 29.00; John Cameron, care of Hall and firewood, 10.00; John Wilson, covering crossway between 21 and 22, con. 10, 12.37.

Moved by C. Durnin seconded by Wm. Kinahan, that this Council now adjourn to meet as a Court of Revision, to Statute or at call of Reeve if necessary. Carried.

ROBERT MURRAY,
Tp. Clerk.

Clinton.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Rumours are all at that the L. H. & B. R. R. has come to a stand still on account of the stormy meeting of the Great Western R. R. shareholders lately held in London (Eng.), and the reluctance of shareholders to sanction any more extension railway feeders. This will not, however, stop the building of the L. H. & B. R. R., as that is a scheme entirely independent of the G. W. Railway Co., or of any other railway company, should such a necessity arise. The line runs through one of the finest portions of Ontario, and in case the G. W. Co. fails to perform their agreement, there would be very little trouble in providing capital sufficient to put on the necessary amount of rolling stock. The idea that, because the G. W. Co. might refuse to put on the rolling stock, the road will not be built, has emanated from a member of 500,000 of bonuses and $100,000 subscribed stock in a position to be made at once available, and which if not now used would be lost forever for the same purpose, the enterprise of the business men in the city of London will most assuredly see and seriously consider before they allow a scheme which is thoroughly matured and on a perfectly sound basis to fall through for the want of $50,000 to provide the necessary rolling stock in case the G. W. R. Co. should refuse to run the road. The city of London alone could take stock sufficient for the purpose and make it an independent road and provide for interchange of traffic, and there can be no question but it would pay. The W. G. & B. Co. would like nothing better than to see this scheme fall through and which they thought they had killed at one time. Hamilton would just as soon see all the traffic of the north rolling in to herself as see London getting any of it, and there can be no doubt but the business men of London are able to see that point just as well as the business men of Hamilton. There is no doubt but the London, Huron and Bruce Railway will be built, and we are in a position to state the above as a fact.

Politics are very quiet pending the return of Ministers and the announcement of their policy on the meeting of Parliament, but there seems on the part of the Conservatives a quiet determination to organize and steal a march on the Reformers. There is little doubt but this idea, if not originating in, has been fostered by the result of the late election in South Huron. Reformers need not rest with the idea that they are secure from attack or defeat, for the most untiring diligence will be used by our opponents to compass the end in view, return to office and vast official patronage. No one can accuse Sir John of not being true to his party, but it seems to me that there is a point beyond which there is neither honesty, political morality nor statesmanship. Did ever Sir John make a move without an object in view? We presume no person doubts on this question, and we may presume again that the appointments made after he knew he had last control of the House were not made without an object and that object to assist him to return to power again. It would be a gloomy day for Canada to see Sir John at the helm of state again, and no stone should be left unturned to get the whole truth in connection with the selling of Canada's interests to buy up wholesale her people. The true policy of the Government would be an immediate dissolution and a general election. The *people* would then be represented in the House and not *Sir Hugh Allan's money*. It is idle to think that Sir John will have no influence in the House since his fall. There are probably very few in the House whom he has once favoured that he will not find the weak point in, and he understands political human nature better than he, hence the necessity of an immediate general election and the returning of men to Parliament who are the true representatives of the people.

Clinton will rejoice this winter in a skating rink. Arrangements have been made with the Band for their attendance fortnightly. The few young gentlemen who have exerted themselves to provide an entertainment both useful and agreeable for the young people of Clinton, and I suppose the old, too, deserve considerable credit. Doubtless some funny scenes may be expected during which some young gentleman may have reason to complain of how very cold a hole in one's pants may be after a fall on the ice, &c.

The sleighing is excellent and weather very mild. Wood is coming into town in abundance, and hay and straw are much more plentiful and cheaper.

CANADA.

Egmondville is talking of confederating with Seaforth.

The Wingham curlers have resolved to build a covered rink.

Iron smelting works are about to be established at St. Thomas.

Hon. E. Blake is to speak at Kincardine on the 5th of December.

Hon. J. G. Currie has been appointed Solicitor for the Welland canal vice J. C. Rykert.

The *Register* records the decease of Mr. Daniel Hecker of Ancaster, at the good old age of 102 years.

Mr. Samuel Crick, of Tuckersmith, a short time ago, sold a span of horses for the large sum of $700.

The wages of the Ottawa Valley lumbermen are this year from $5 to $7 per month less than last year.

A new cheese factory will be started next spring on Lot 4, Con. 1, Tamberry, by A. Robertson & Co.

Large quantities of deer are being slain in the townships to the north of Brockville since snow has fallen.

The Prince Edward Island railway will open for traffic between Charlottetown and Summerside next May.

It is understood that the local legislature will not be called together before January, when the session will be unbroken by an adjournment.

Two former members of the *Mail* staff have entered suits in the Division Court against that organ for non-payment of salaries.

One of the ministers of Napanee, on Sunday last, reproved members of his congregation for chewing tobacco in church, and spitting all over the floor.

On account of the scarcity of fuel this season, the merchants of Barrie, as well as those of many other towns and villages, have dispensed with the inspection system.

Upon being relieved from official responsibility ex-Governor General Howland, and Mrs. Howland, start on an extended tour through the United States.

Dr. J. Emery Coleraine, a French doctor, of Montreal, is out in the French papers in opposition to vaccination which he