Huron Signal.

GODERICH, MAY 2, 1877.

Reform Meetings.

Two very successful meetings of Reformers were held last week for the purposes of organization, one at Bruce-field for the South Riding and one at Dungannon for the West Riding. Notwithstanding the press of farm work at this season, the attendance at both meetings was very large and the greatest unanimity and enthusiasm prevailed. The meeting at Bruucefield took place on Tuesday, and the following officers were appointed:—President, D. D. Wilson, Goderich; Vice-President, George Anderson, Varna; Secretary, Dr. Stewart, Bruucefield.

The meeting at Dungannon took place on Wednesday, when the officers elected were: President, Chas. Girvin, Esq., Nile; Vice-President, George McKay, Esq., Wingham; Secretary, Dr. Steele, Blyth; Treasurer, B. Clendenning, Esq., Dungannon.

Steps were taken to securely organize for the electoral contest of 1878, so that the political reputation of the county be fully sustained. As the Conservatives have taken precautions to have the assessment rolls of this year (from which the voters' lists to be used in the contest of 1878 will be made) fully examined and all the possible Conservative votes put thereon as well as all doubtful Refrom votes noted against the time of revising the lists, our Associations should also see to this matter as soon as possible, as the present time is very important.

SIR JOHN at last summer's 'bun-feads,' when everything was *coleur de rose* and gullible and willing hearers were before him and none to deny his most reckless statements, was a different man from the Sir John of the past session of Parliament. "A woman's heart wrapped in a lion's hide" was he then, but now his blister has left him, and his frequent rebuffs and rebukes of late have taught him more surely than ever that his star is waning. In the presence of those whom he so boldly accused last summer, he now holds his peace as to the accusations then made, which fact has shaken the confidence which many reposed in him on the strength of his statements. This course was half expected of him, but in order to prove more convincingly than this silence the falsity of his (Sir John's) statements, it is expected that Mr. Mackenzie at next session will move for a committee to investigate the charges which were made against him and his Government at these picnics. In justice to the Premier such an nvestigation is desirable.

THE report of the Committee on Privileges in the case of the charge preferred against Speaker Anglin, was, by pre-arrangement, presented to the House just as the session was closing and was therefore not read or considered. The report exonerated Mr. Anglin from any intentional wrong in his connection with the post office printing, but pronounced the same unparliamentary and a violation of the independence of parliament. This decision will affect a considerable number of seats in the House. In presenting the report at such a time, it was done so that the House, so near the close of the session, might be saved the trouble of electing a new Speaker, it being a foregone conclusion that the report would be accepted. Mr. Anglin, it is understood, will appeal to his constituents for re-election and thus satisfy all the demands of the law.

SIR JOHN'S rebuke at the hands of the Secret Service Committee and the House is keenly felt by his servile henchmen, and his newspapers are busy circulating a little squib styled the "Minority report," in which he is fully exonerated from any blame in his peculiar manipulation of the Secret Service funds. It is amusing to see the frigidity of the comfort taken from this article. Its unenthusiastic admirers regard with supreme disdain the just condemnation of their leader by the majority of the people, and instituting a little caucus they proceed to whitewash their idol as they best know how. So frequent has become this latter performance that Sir John must feel that he needs to be "saved from his friends," whom he surely feels are "putting it on too thick."

A JOKING Tory last week, when one of the Government engineers stated that a defective chimney threatened to smoke Mr. Mackenzie out of his office in the building, advised with some vehemence that the chimney be left as it is if the defect would have the effect of driving the Premier out. Smoking out would be a slow process. The Tory party knows and has tried a better plan and all it has to do is to call up its mob, fire the building and roast the Premier out.

THE MAIL says Mr. Mackenzie's reply to Dr. Tupper's speech on the Pacific Railway was "the most reckless and weakly effort that has characterized his parliamentary life." Far be it from us to question that organ's ability to pass such a judgment, but we may be permitted to say the expression is too intensely strong since it has been repeated so often of late that in the present instance it must express the most superlative kind of superlativeness.

Licenses for West Huron.

The following licenses were granted at the meetings of the Commissioners for West Huron last week.

HOTEL LICENSES.

Goderich Town—Frederick West, Wm. Cox, Edward Hosker, Wm. Snell, John C. Martin, Martin & Bailey and John Johnston.

Colborne — Anthony Allan, Henry Marin, Wm. Lasham, Geo. Hilton, Isaac Martin and J. J. Wright.

Ashfield—Alex Young, John Martin and Anthony Black.

Hullett—John Bell, Jas Quigley, Mrs. Eliza McCartney.

Wawanosh—John Locheed, Thos. McLaughlin, Robt. Barnby.

Turnberry—Andrew Bell.

Wingham—Joseph Matell, Mrs. J. McCutcheon, Gilbert McKay, Robt. P. Simmons, Hodgins & McIntosh and John Dinsley.

Blyth—Robt. Cook, Wm. Shane and Robt. Pollock.

Clinton—Jas. Moore, Isaac Rattenbury, Peter McLaren, Thos. Lane, J. W. Ross, Samuel Pike and Chas. Cole.

BREWERS' LICENSE.

Colborne—Chas. Wells.

SHOP LICENSES.

Goderich Town — W. D. Shannon, Henry Cook and Geo. Grant.

Wingham—Joseph Young, Elliott & Talbott.

Blyth—John A. McDonald.

Clinton—Nicholas Robson, Sheppard & Cooper.

The Commissioners have witheld several hotel licenses—two in Goderich, one in Colborne and one in Ashfield—because of irregularities in the manner of conducting the houses. Although the houses are well furnished and properly appointed, the commissioners, in view of the fact of known irregularities in their management came to this conclusion, and will withold the licenses until such times as sufficient assurances are given of more satisfactory management in future. The parties have been notified to this effect.

Licenses for South Huron.

The following is a list of those who were applicants for Liquor licenses in the district of South Huron, showing those to whom licenses were granted and to whom refused:—

HOTEL LICENSES.

Bayfield.—Granted—J. Morgan, J. Johnston, R. Elliott, J. Stark. Refused—H. W. McCann.

Exeter.—Granted—J. Ow, J. Hawkshaw, A. Walper, R. Christie, Wm. Hawkshaw. Refused—J. Owens.

Hay.—Granted—J. Wilson, C. Pursley, N. Dalebert, J. Pearce, H. Orth, H. Roth. Refused—G. Wagner, J. Dunlop.

Seaforth.—Granted—A. Davidson, T. Stephens, J. Bridham, T. Foster, J. Weir, R. Hayes. Refused—S. Powell, J. McBride, R. Dawson.

Stanley.—Granted—J. Turner, R. J. Turner, H. Shaffer, W. R. Hodgins. Refused—O. Sopwell.

Stephen.—Granted—W. Cunningham, W. G. Moffat, J. Cane, A. W. Carroll, R. Spence, J. A. Cameron, C. Ryan, D. Corman. Refused—W. Baker, W. Holt, J. Pratt, W. Fletcher, M. Neville.

Tuckersmith.—Granted—J. Cox, C. Dill, David Story. Refused—J. Daley, W. VanEsmond, W. Kyle.

Usborne.—Granted—J. Cave, N. White, J. W. Cuthbert. Refused—C. Wilson, J. Davis.

SHOP LICENSES.

Bayfield.—Granted—R. Morrison, T. G. Marks.

Exeter.—Granted—I. Carling, G. A. Baxter.

Seaforth.—Granted—T. D. Ryan, T. Kidd, A. Davidson.

Tuckersmith.—Granted — G. & H. Jackson.

Town Council.

The regular meeting was held on Friday evening, the Mayor in the chair and all members present.

Communication from Messrs. Davison & Johnston on behalf of Mr. G. H. Parsons, threatening an action against the corporation for damage done to Mr. Parsons' house through defect in drain on West Street.

Mr. Watson explained that he was under the impression the drain referred to was built by the ratepayers of West Street, and therefore, not being a corporation drain the threatened action would fall to the ground. He said that a petition had some time ago been presented to the Council requesting that this drain be fixed at the expense of the town, and that the Council offered to do what was necessary at the expense of the residents benefitted by such drain, as the drain was only intended to benefit them in draining their cellars.

Mr. Garrow wished the matter to be referred to the Mayor for the purpose of obtaining legal advice.

Mr. Sloan thought the Board of Works could do all that was required in the matter. Referred to the Mayor and Board of Works.

Communication from Mr. R. Ransford, requesting Council to wait for the return of Mr. H. Ransford who will attend to the matter of the road asked for through his property. Laid over to next meeting.

Communication from Mr. S. Reed asking Council to pay him for lighting lamps.

Mr. Watson explained that when Mr. Reed was engaged at first this was not a part of his regular duty and that he was paid for the balance of that year at the rate of 75 cents a week, with the understanding that the matter would be considered by Council in making the next yearly engagement; this had not been done and the matter now rested with the Council to act as seemed right.

On motion of Mr. Garrow it was ordered that the account be paid at the same rate as before.

Communication from Mr. Joseph Williams offering to dispose of a safe worth $200 to the town for $100, it being too large for him. Referred to the Mayor.

Communication from Mr. John Morris asking for return of a bond on which his name appears as security for collector of taxes.—Clerk ordered to reply that it is not customary to give up such bonds.

Petition of Isaac Cassady and others asking Council to gravel Hincks Street and level the sidewalks, was sent to the Board of Works.

Petition from merchants and others on the Square asking for a grant towards watering the streets in the business part of the town.

Mr. Garrow thought the town should contribute towards the watering of streets.

Mr. McKay thought a special tax should be levied on property owners and others along the streets so watered to compel all such to contribute towards the expense.

Mr. Watson was willing that the town should contribute one-third the expense.

After some further discussion the Clerk was ordered to draw a by-law by which the town will pay one-third the expense and the balance to be paid by those desiring such watering, who are to sign a petition for that purpose. On motion the Board of Works was ordered to make all necessary arrangements with Mr. Polley.

Report of the Street Inspector giving items of expenditure for past month was received.

Report of Finance Committee recommending payment of sundry accounts, adopted.

Report of Public Works Committee, that necessary notices were issued in the matter of the road required through the Ransford property, and recommending that Mr. Hilliard be required to pay all expenses connected with same in case he does not proceed with the building of the mill—Adopted.

Applications were read from Messrs. Chas. Payne, Thos. Sturdy, John Reeves and Frank Locke for the office of nightwatchman.

The Clerk read the by-law for such appointment, and Council went into committee with Mr. F. W. Johnston in the chair. Mr. Seegmiller moved, seconded by Mr. T. Johnston, that Thos. Sturdy be appointed.

Mr. Seymour moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Sloan, that F. Locke be appointed. The amendment carried by the following vote:—Yea—Messrs. Hutchison, McKenzie, Watson, Seymour, Bingham, Sloan, Savage, Garrow and the Mayor—9. Nay—Messrs. Martin, Dancy, T. Johnston, Mitchell, McKay, Seegmiller and F. W. Johnston—7.

Mr. Sloan moved, seconded by Mr. Martin, that the salary be $400 a year.

Mr. Mitchell moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. T. Johnston, that the salary be $350. The amendment was lost by the following vote:—Yea—Messrs. Dancy, T. Johnston and Mitchell. Nay—Messrs. Martin, Hutchison, McKenzie, Watson, Seymour, Bingham, McKay, Seegmiller, Sloan, Savage, Garrow and the Mayor.

The Mayor then resumed the chair, and the by-law was read a third time and passed.

The following accounts were sent to Finance:—F. Marsh for trees planted in front of his property and grown over three years $2; W. Reed for meals and lodging to paupers, &c., $11; A. C. Simmons for printing, &c., $24.50; S. Platt for wood $4.50.

Mr. Hutchison asked that the wharves be cleaned off. Referred to Board of Works with power to act. The Board of Works was also ordered to have the fence and gates around the Park fixed at once.

Mr. Savage asked that Messrs. F. Jordan and G. Cattle be placed on the Health Committee. Mr. Sloan asked to have Mr. J. Bonds name also placed there.

Mr. Savage said that parties had complained to him of the "goose nuisance," and wanted steps taken to have them kept off the public streets.

Council then adjourned to Friday evening next.

At Grand's sale in Toronto on Wednesday, fifty two horses and eleven teams were disposed of for an aggregate of $12,820, or an average of $173.25 each. Prices ranged from $55 to $875, the latter being paid for the trotting horse, Grey Eddie,

PUBLIC MEETING.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM AMONGST THE RATEPAYERS.

AID TO MANUFACTURERS.

$100,000 IN BAITS.

HOWEVER,——

On Thursday evening last a very successful public meeting took place in the Council Chamber, to discuss the matter of encouraging manufactories to this place. The Mayor was present, but with the foresight born of experience, and in order to secure the favorable opinions of that individual, Mr. Cornelius Jones was called to the chair. He at once announced, in due form the object of the meeting, and said that the object was a very important one. When he was Mayor he did all in his power to encourage manufactories to locate here, but it now seemed as though the councillors were afraid to do anything of themselves, but referred everything to the people. He was pleased to see such a large gathering, and he hoped the meeting would be unanimous in their deliberations. His remarks on the question of the evening he reserved in *statu quo* until later in the evening.

Mr. John Forward then presented a resolution, with a very long preamble, the gist of which was that it was very desirable to raise a sum of money (say $100,000) to be divided into bonuses for the establishment of factories. He explained that he named the above amount because now was the time to make Goderich a city—it might be too late a few years hence. (Boy in the gallery—Well let us wait until it is too late, and the town may then of itself have grown a city). I don't mean that it will retrogress, but if we do not make this vote now, we, the present generation, will not live to see this place a city, and our offspring will call us narrow-minded and niggardly. (Cheers).

Mr. Ericibus Thomson—Mr. Chairman, I have great pleasure in seconding the motion.

Mr. H. Rotund said he had pleasure in seconding the motion (he did not notice that Mr. Thomson had already done so, of which fact the chairman informed him, whereupon Mr. R. grew exceedingly wrathy). He had come to this meeting as an interested citizen, but not to be insulted. This was a free country, and a man could say what he wished. The meeting was a "hole in the corner" affair, and was got together for the simple purpose of letting some people spread themselves. He wouldn't give his support to the motion.

Mr. Henry Sweet said the previous speaker was too wrathy. Such meetings as these should be characterized by perfect harmony. A person who would lose his temper as Mr. Rotund did, should keep away from public meetings. He would like to know what stake that gentleman had in the town—he did'nt pay any taxes (cheers and cries of "fight," "order" and "put him out").

Order having been restored, Mr. A. Skimmings said the meeting had got away from the point (Voice—Don't ye fall again it, or ye'll hurt yerself). Acrimony was a bad thing and did not help our town. Manufactures were nice things, and helped a town very much, that is if the factories were large. He would go the "whole hog" to carry out the scheme proposed. His friend at his right had just whispered to him that a pea-nut factory would be a very nice thing, and he therefore moved that the Town Clerk write at once and get a man to run such an establishment. (Laughter).

Mr. Ericibus Thomson- Mr. chairman, I have great pleasure in seconding that motion.

The chairman said the motion was out of order, whereupon Mr. S. said he knew a thing or two. (Voice—What's the price of beans, then?). He knew the motion was in order, and he was going to carry it, too. The motion was allowed to remain on the table.

Mr. Wm. Sensible said times were hard, taxes were high and provisions were very costly, and it was out of the question to discuss an addition to our taxes. He thought, too, the bonus system was harmful because it did not induce a natural growth of business.

Mr. Frank Sharp contended that those best able to pay taxes were the greatest injury to the town. They growled about taxation, and discouraged public benefits because it affected their pockets. He was willing to submit to a heavier tax, and would like to see the rich man's property rated at its full value as was that of the poor man.

Mr. Geo. Cutten said the previous speaker lived in a glass house, and had just incautiously throw a stone. Mr. Sharp was a usurer worth $20,000, but he only paid $4 a year taxes upon his small dwelling-house. If he (Mr. Sharp) wanted to see the town go on he should invest his money in manufactures, and not let it out at 24 % interest.

Mr. Sharp wanted to know if it was dishonorable to make money by "accommodating" people. He would like to know if it was not better to do that than to live on one's wife as did Mr. Cutten. (Cries of "order, order").

Mr. Thos. Sanguine said the $100,000 could be divided into ten bonuses, which when invested would bring about 300 workmen with their families to the town. They would earn from $1 to $2.50 per day, or about $425 set afloat in the town per day for the benefit of tradesmen and others. And this would be but a small proportion—there would be the shipping of manufactured goods, the receiving of raw material, the movement of capital in the various businesses, a general increase in our trade, and gradually the place would draw to it other manufactories. The town could not help but be a city. It must grow, and thus the outlay in the first instance would be returned with excellent interest.

Mr. Fred. Slight went in for double the amount. He thought we should not stick at trifles. The Summer Hotel Co. had failed to complete its buildings, and he thought the town should buy it out and turn it into a dairy or an art gallery. (Cheers).

Some of the gentlemen present thought among the schemes worthy of aid waterworks, better drainage, gas, a button factory on the beach, a rolling mill at Hilliard's dam (where the noise of the dam would drown the noises of the mill), paper mills, &c., were the most acceptable. The hour getting late it was agreed that the meeting be adjourned, which was done by the chairman who declared it adjourned *sine die*, to meet at the call of the Mayor.

Our reporter was absent in the country last week, and he undertook to write the above report of the meeting which was to have been held on Thursday evening, but he has since learned that no meeting took place. The hall was not lit, the doors were locked and no crowd assembled, consequently the proposition and the Mayor's proclamation are respectively dead and unfruitful

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Ottawa, April 23.

Charges against Hon. Isaac Burpee (Reformer) and Mr. Geo. Moffat (Conservative) of offending against the Independence of Parliament, in being interested with Government contracts in connection with the Intercolonial Railway, were referred to the committee on privileges. Both gentlemen denied the alleged connection with contracts.

Mr. Mackenzie in an able speech replied to Dr. Tupper's want of confidence motion. He pointed out that every effort had been made to carry out the Pacific Railway with economy and despatch, but the action of his predecessors in office had rendered it utterly impossible for him to carry out his views expressed in 1871 as to the time and mode of building the road in their entirety, as the national obligations incurred by the Government had to be respected. It was unreasonable to speak of extravagance in regard to the purchase of the rails, but credit should be given for the economy which prompted their purchase at a time when all deemed it a favorable opportunity to buy. He might reply to the Opposition in a like manner with many illustrations of the late Government's extravagance, but he would simply mention as an instance in point that when he came into office he found that Mr. Tupperville had been supplying the Intercolonial with spikes at ninepence farthing per lb., while the present Government got a very great saving thereon by buying them for fifty-four dollars. The discussion was continued till after midnight, when the House adjourned.

Ottawa, April 24.

The debate on Dr. Tupper's motion of censure regarding the Pacific Railway was continued, and on division it was defeated by a vote of 99 to 104, Mr. Greenway voting with the Government.

Ottawa, April 25.

Motions were adopted to have the committee on Provinces consider whether Messrs. Thos. Workman and T. C. A. Desjardins of Montreal had not vacated their seats in the House through connection with certain contracts with the Government. Both gentlemen protested that the motions were unwarranted.

Mr. Cartwright moved that the House go into Committee on Thursday next to consider the following resolution: Resolved, that it is expedient to provide that the sum of £50,000 stg., second preference bonds, now held by the Government of Canada, part of a certain sum of £283,000 stg., of second preference bonds issued by the Northern Railway Company of Canada, shall hold equal rank and priority with other bonds of the same character in any arrangement that may be authorized by an Act passed during this Session; and, further, that the sum of £50,000 sterling, part of a certain sum of £190,000 sterling of third preference bonds, issued by the said company, and now held by the Government of Canada, together with the interest thereon, be extinguished on the following conditions: That the said company shall, within the same period, pay the Government of Canada the sum of $27,456.67 in satisfaction of the sums improperly applied by that company out of the moneys payable to the Government of Canada, and also assign the mortgage now held by the said company on the Conchiching Hotel for moneys advanced thereon. He explained that the Government held two claims against the company for £383,000, part of it in second and third preference bonds.—The motion carried.

Among the supplementary estimates was the item of $32,000 to Goderich Harbor. This sum is to meet the expense of last year, however.

Ottawa, April 26.

The resolution regarding the Northern Railway was adopted in committee, and a bill based thereon was passed through the several stages.

The Tariff Bill was discussed. Several members suggested a bounty given on sugar refined in the country, but Mr. Cartwright pointed out that this would increase the burdens of the people. An amendment to reduce the tariff on nails to one cent per pound was defeated, and the bill was read a third time after adding a provision for the remission of the duty on tubing actually imported for use in constructing boilers.

Mr. Mackenzie's bill to further secure the Independence of Parliament was read a second time. It provides for the relief of members who have incurred the heavy monetary penalty imposed by the existing act, and better defines the offences of members which are punishable, besides relieving from the apparent injustices the members who have lately been proceeded against. The Opposition offered but a shallow objection to the bill, confessing that some such measure was needed but not seeing their way clear to endorsing the present one. On a division the bill was sustained by a vote of 92 to 45.

Ottawa, April 27.

The House was occupied principally in discussing the supplementary estimates. Among the items passed was $8,000 to pay the expenses of a proposed visit of the Governor-General to Manitoba this summer.

Ottawa, April 28.

After the transaction of some general business, and the assenting to the bills which had been passed during the sessions, the House was prorogued by His Excellency the Governor-General.

Legal Notes.

THEFT.—William Weatherly, of Seaforth, was committed to jail by Mayor Coleman on Friday on a charge of stealing $10 from John Woods, hotel-keeper of that place, on the previous night. Prisoner confessed to taking the money from Woods' pocket-book, and when captured by Constable Dunlop gave up the full amount. He declares that he was drunk, and crazed by excessive use of liquor.

THE ZURICH AFFAIR — On Saturday, John Woods and Joshua Reesor appeared befor Judge Toms, to answer to the charge of indecently assaulting Louisa Smith. The prosecution not being ready to prosecute the case, by reason of only three of the seven witnesses required being subpoenaed. The case was sent to the Sessions, both prisoners being admitted to bail. The prosecutrix will be brought up on Saturday to answer to the charge of improper conduct in the streets.

ELECTION CASE. — Judge Toms last week gave judgment in the disputed election case in Stephen. The appeal was to set aside the elections of the Reeve and Councillors, on the ground of irregularities under the ballot act. The election of Wm. Baker was set aside, the costs to be paid by him and the returning officer. The cases against the other members of the council were discharged, the returning officer to pay costs. Messrs. Garrow and B. V. Elliott for plffs., M. C. Cameron, Esq., Q. C., for defts.

NILE.

CROPS.—The fall wheat in this vicinity looks remarkably well. The farmers are getting well through with their sowing.

PERSONAL.—Mr. G. Sheppard started for Muskoka on Saturday last. He intends to rise the country and take up land, if it suits him.

TEMPERANCE.—The following officers have been elected for the ensuing quarter for Nile Lodge of Good Templars:—Bro. R. E. Brown, Pres.; Sis. J. Dodd, V. Pres.; Bro. C. Girvin, Sec.; Bro. C. Dodd, Treas.; Bro. C. Knights, Lect.; Bro. W. Jones, Coun.; Bro. S. G. Pentland, Chap.; Bro. S. Sheppard, F. S.; Sis. H. Cantelon, A. S.; Bro. J. Dustow, Mar.; Bro. B. Dodd, Guard; Bro. Wm. Pentland, Sent.; Bro. W. Bailie, P. Pres.

EDUCATIONAL.—The following are the marks obtained in the monthly examinations for April, of Nile Public School:—VI Form, marks possible, 825—A. P. Sheppard 762, H. Pentland 736. V Form, marks possible, 700—E. Bailie 624, M. Bailie 547, J. Pentland 336. IV Form, (senr.) marks possible, 550—M. Glen 440, J. Sheppard 395, M. Kirkpatrick 376; (junr.) R. Bailie 435, G. Pentland 383, E. Shepherd 378, W. May 337, W. McWhiney 301. III Form, marks possible 375—W. McIlwain 344, D. McIlwain 333, S. Ryan 326, H. Dodd 317, W. Jackman 282, C. Bailie 306, M. Smylie 214. II Form, marks possible 350—J. Elliott 304, L. Dodd 304, S. Jackman 302, P. Black 299, T. Hogan 235, E. Carr 230, E. Carr 229, S. Hardy 193, E. McCracken 181. II Book (sen), marks possible 190—W. Echlin 177, M. McIlwain 172, E. McWhinney 168. II Book (junr), marks possible 115—F. Hardy 105, G. Smylie 104, A. Echlin 97, S. Smith 96. I Book (sen)—1st M. Curran, 2d S. McWhiney, 3d M. Shields, 4th R. Black, 5th S. Bailie, 6th E. Girvin. I Book (junr)—1st T. Sheppard, 2d J. McNight, 3d E. Gardner.

The Quebec City Council is in trouble over the condition of the city finances. On Friday night, after the reading of a series of resolutions of censure adopted at a public meeting in St. Roch's, the Council Chamber was invaded by a mob, who completely wrecked the furniture and afterwards broke the windows of the building. The men of "B" Battery were ordered out, but took no steps to quell the riot.

War News.

The daily news from Europe is being watched with intense interest, now that Russia and Turkey have actually entered into war. The startling news that England had become involved in the trouble and was moving in conjunction with Austria to prevent the advance of the Russians caused a great sensation on Saturday, and although the report was generally doubted yet the absence of denial rather confirmed it. Dispatches announce that an army corps of 30,000 or 40,000, under command of Lord Napier, has been ordered to the East, and the fleet has also been ordered to Alexandria. These preparations rather confirm the report so far as England is concerned, although she has issued the formal declaration of neutrality. It is said Austria and Russia contemplate an agreement whereby Bosnia will be ceded to the former. France is making preparations for war, and Greece is awaiting the first opportunity to declare war against Turkey. Italy has declared her intention to remain neutral, and in Germany the Government has voted supplies for extra military expenses. Hungary sympathizes with Turkey, whilst Bosnia, Montenegro and Servia are favoring the Russian cause. The report that Persia had united with Russia is denied by a despatch from Persa.

In the meantime the opposing powers are marching to their positions on the Danube which will be the battle field for a time. The Russians have progressed steadily, and their line along the banks of the river from Ismaila to Galatz is possibly completed by this time. On the other hand the Turks are reported to have crossed the river at Silistria, and are prepared to check the advance of the enemy. In Asia Minor the Russians suffered two severe defeats at Batoum, but their progress has apparently not been stayed. The telegrams are very conflicting, but we present a few of the more important and reliable ones.

The Turkish budget shows a deficit of £12,000,000 sterling.

Prince Chakhowsky, commander of the 11th Russian corps, occupied Galatz and Braila on Friday. The 36th division has occupied Ismail and Kilia.

The Turkish forces are very weak at the camp of Dubrawa. Four hundred men have died within two months. At Trebinjo there is a garrison of 2,000 healthy men and 800 sick. About half of the troops are Asiatics who fall very rapidly.

Hobart Pasha is unable to come down the Danube on account of torpedoes. He returns to Constantinople via Varna.

A special from Orsowa states that the Russians are extensively fortifying Galatz and putting together small gunboats, which were brought to that place in sections.

Abdul Kerim, telegraphing Osman Pasha, states that the Russians will probably endeavor to force the Danube at Peni and Ismail.

A London dispatch says that advices through Turkish sources from Asia Minor report that the battle at Batoum between the Turks and Russians raged through the whole of Friday. The Russians commanded by the Grand Duke Michael were severely repulsed. The Turks under Gassan Pasha suffered slight losses but the Russians lost heavily. The Russians resumed the attack next night and were again defeated and driven across the frontier.

Telegrams from Trieste report that the Russians seized three Austrian Lloyd's steamers for carrying contraband of war, and Austria has remonstrated.

The *Herald's* St. Petersburg correspondent states that intense enthusiasm prevails throughout the Czars dominion. Russia has 300,000 men on the Danube, and 125,000 men in the Caucausus, while the opposing forces of the Turks are 100,000 along the Danube, and 50,000 or less in Asia Minor. Both sides exhibit weakness in skilled Generals, and the position in Roumania is unfortunate.

EXETER.

The vote on the market question last week was in the negative by a majority of 10. The proposition was that the village should build a market house on a plot in rear of Mace's store, which plot was offered as a gift by some gentleman of this village.

Fall wheat is looking well in this vicinity.

Court of Revision for the village meets on 25th May.

Exeter North workmen work from 6:30 a. m. to 6 p. m. each day, except Saturdays, when they quit at 3 p. m.

A cricket club has been fosmed with the following officers: Dr. Hyndman, Pres; I. Carling, Esq., Vice-Pres.; A. H. Malloch, Sec. Treas.; Glinn Elliott, Captain.

CLINTON.

Mr. John Mooney has purchased from Mr. R. Emerson the trotting stallion Young Pocoro.

Mr. Henry Steep has sold 40 acres of land, being ½ of lot 4, 9th con., Goderich township, to Mr. Jas. Midland for the sum of $2,800, which is considered a very good figure.

A great loss has been sustained by Mr. Humphrey Snell, in the death of four of his best sheep, and the severe injury of several others, which will likely cause their death, by being worried by dogs. It is to be hoped the dogs that caused the loss will be discovered and destroyed, and their owners compelled to foot the bill.

The stallion Earl Granville, belonging to Mr. T. J. Bell, of Londesboro, and which we announced last week as out of danger, died in town on Saturday last. The horse was an unusually fine one; indeed it was considered one of the best of its age in the Dominion, and had only been imported from Scotland last year, and the loss of it at the present time is one that will be severely felt by its owner. It was valued at $3,000 and was uninsured.

On April 20th, Mr. Wm. Walters, of Tuckersmith, was found dead in a pig pen. During the day he had been engaged around the barn cleaning up, and failing to return at tea time, search was made for him, when he was found as above stated, where it is supposed he had been at work and dropped dead from natural causes, as he had been for years suffering severely from asthma. He was 80 years of age.

On April 21st, Mr. J. Foster met with an accident which may yet cost him his life. He was employed in the salt refinery at Stapleton and while replacing a belt on a pully that had run off, his shirt was caught by a key, and he was instantly drawn up by the machinery and forced against a beam. Two small boys, sons of Mr Cross, seeing his dangerous position, with rare presence of mind, at once stopped the engine, when he was relieved. It was found that a rib had been broken and some internal injuries inflicted, from which he suffers and is in a precarious state at present.

We were informed, a few days ago, of a person who has so strong a belief in the fulfilment of the prophecy of Scripture, in relation to the times of trouble that should precede the second coming of our Saviour, that he made a three-years' contract for flour some time since, when it was only worth about $5.50, wholesale. The stipulations of the contract are, that he should have a barrel of flour every month for $5.50, with a penalty of $10 forfeiture if either party failed to fulfil his part of the agreement. Whatever truth there may be in his belief, we cannot tell, but we do say he is enjoying the benefit of cheap flour.

The body of Ruben Warner, an old man who has been missing since Sunday, the 15th ult., was found in Port Stanley harbor, on Sunday. He is supposed to have committed suicide while laboring under supposed financial difficulties. His scarf was found tied around his neck and a stone is supposed to have been attached to one end of it, as a loop was found on it.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

ENGLISH SPARROW.—One of these birds was noticed fluttering about the Court House a few days ago.

GARDENS.—The shipments of fruit last week were: Second, Gibbons & Co., 10 cases; Williams & Murray, one case.

HAYS.—During last week the shipments of salt were: W. Stitt, 10 tons land salt; International Co., 10 tons do.; Jas. Story, 10 tons do.

LEFT PORT.—The first vessel to leave Goderich this season was the steam barge *Mary Robertson*, which left for Kincardine on Monday morning.

MOORHOUSE is offering to retail the whole of his large stock of wall papers, comprising over 30,000 rolls at wholesale rates for cash. Call and see patterns.

PERSONAL.—Mr. B. Seymour started, on Thursday last, for Texas, where in company with a party of friends he intends travelling through the more remote portions of that far off country, for pleasure and physical benefit. We wish him a pleasant trip.

—Horace Horton, Esq., M. P., returned home from Ottawa on Saturday, the session of Parliament closing on that day.

—Rev. W. C. Henderson, M. A., left yesterday for Cobourg to act as an examiner in the Theological department of Couburg Theological College at the approaching examination.

—We are pleased to learn that Rev. F. H. Sanderson has passed his second year examination before the Board of Examiners of the London Conference, taking a first class certificate.

LARGE HAUL.—On Saturday Thos. McSwain, of the fishing-boat *Pup*, made another large haul, the take amounting to 2,000 lbs. The fishing has considerably improved, the 'takes' averaging 800 lbs.

OUR HARBOR.—Capt. Dancy, harbor master, has made soundings of the harbor and finds that the water is seventeen feet deep at the entrance, and clear up to the Grand Trunk elevator the depth is sixteen feet.

GENERAL SHIPMENTS.—Among the general shipments from the station last week were the following: 50 rolls leather, Kirkpatrick, Bro & Co; 2 rolls leather, W. G. Smith; 31 pieces artificial stone, Jas. Thomson; 13 bales calfskins, Henry Duncan; 60 pieces castings, Foundry Co; 3 cars bean, and car of shorts, Ogilvies & Hutchison.

LIVINGSTONE'S TRAVELS.—Mr. J. E. Johnston is sole agent in this County for the latest and best edition of this intensely interesting and admirable work, which is largely illustrated and contains a full account of Mr. Stanley's discovery of the great traveller. Orders by mail addressed to Goderich P. O., will be promptly attended to.

SOMETHING NEW.—We have just been shown a new hoe known as the Patent Champion Hoe, which is manufactured by our old townsman, W. Douglas, Esq., now of Hamilton. They are quite a novelty in their way, combining the ordinary field hoe with a weeding hoe in one solid piece of cast steel. Mr. Mr. Douglas has sold a very large quantity of these hoes all over the Dominion, and they appear to have given satisfaction wherever introduced. They are for sale Kerr & McKenzie's hardware store, for Goderich and vicinity.

CONCERT.— On Thursday evening a complimentary concert will be given in Oddfellows' Hall, by the members of the Silver Cornet Band to their leader Mr. J. Duckham. The programme will include a humorous patomime and readings. Mr. and Mrs. Dixie Watson will take part, together with several of our local vocalists and musicians. Mrs. Yule of Clinton and Prof. Millard will sing a duett on the occasion. Tickets 25 and 35 cents. The affair promises to be a very pleasant one.

BLIND TOM.—This marvellous being gave an exhibition of his musical talent, in Oddfellows' Hall on Monday evening, he taudience being a fair and very intelligent one. Tom is a man grown, but being dressed in a somewhat juvenile costume and his odd antics adding to the youthfulness of his appearance, it was easy to mistake him for an overgrown boy. He is a fine type of the negro, with the retreating forehead, heavy projecting jaws, short closely curling wool and shiny black complexion. His manner is idiotic naturally, but when seated at the piano the display of his wonderful talent is such as to drive the fact of his mental weakness from the minds of the listeners. The performance consisted in Tom spelling and naming articles which were held up to view by persons in the audience, the name of each article being communicated to him by his ward striking certain notes on the piano. Tom's quick perception was such that he never failed to name the article thus communicated to him. Words given to him by the audience he spelled phonetically, with seeming pleasure, and his quaint spelling was quite amusing (hippopotamus, for instance he spelled thus: hippopotermous; and Kalamazoo he rendered thus: Calaymazon. The several musical pieces which he rendered—a very difficult piece of Thalberg's adopted from the opera of La Somnambula, his own compositions called the "Battle of Manassas," and the "Storm," the bagpipe serenade, and the playing of Yankee Doodle and the Fisherman's Hornpipe and singing "Tramp, tramp, tramp," all at the same time—were simply wonderful. The three first named were really magnificent pieces, in rendering which Tom seemed to be capable of rendering every imaginable sound upon the piano, and at the conclusion seemed to so appreciate his own efforts that he never failed to vigorously applaud himself. His imitation of the music box was pretty and natural. The audience was greatly delighted and loudly applauded the performance.

"GREAT DEEDS OF GREAT MEN."—Charles H. Fowler, D. D., L. L. D., of New York, who is to lecture on the above subject in the North St. Methodist church of this town, on Friday evening, the 18th inst., is one of the most remarkable living instances of the power and influence which a young man of talents and untiring energy can bring to the service of a church and people. Less than a dozen years ago, he was pastor of a church in Chicago, moulding the characters of thousands of the young men of that city. Soon his church, though large, could not hold the crowds that went to hear him. Called to the Presidency of a prominent college, his educational abilities became the talk of the land. In 1872 it was thought he would be made a bishop. Shortly after he became the editor of the *Advocate*, and to-day is known as one of the ablest writers in the United States on almost every topic connected with Church and Religion. Dr. Fowler is a man of great genius and of eminent power in the church of his choice, while it may most emphatically be said of him his praise is in all the churches. Whether his sermons and talks be read in his paper, or delivered with that fiery force, that massiveness of action, that strong, sharp, vehement decisiveness of action which has endeared his name to thousands, and stamped him as one of the foremost orators of the age, they have always the same power for good, and models of the most faultless earnestness. No terms of eulogy are too strong when applied to his magnetic power to move men.—With thirty speeches, he sent, in thirty days $40,000 to the sufferers by the Chicago fire as a reward for the burning eloquence with which he pictured the fire swept city of the west. Those who have heard it, say that his word picture of Mr. Lincoln as a child of Illinois is a marvel of language, and a classic of its kind. It is not often that our quiet town is visited by a lecturer of such note as Dr. Fowler, and we are confident that a crowded house will testify the appreciation of the Goderich public. We understand that the committee have decided to place the tickets at a very moderate figure, in order to give as many as the seating capacity of the church will allow, the opportunity of enjoying this rich treat.

HORSE WANTED.—Mr. J. H. Polley, of Buffalo, will be at the Albion Hotel, Goderich, on Friday next, to purchase 100 horses; from 13 to 16 hands high, in good condition.

RACING PURSE.—The last payments of funds for last week were: Jas. Park, $25 (Bet Park Gem); Geo. Hoy and Chas. Hoy and Co., 10 cents. The latter amount was for Mr. J. Tolton, and was the first of the season for Buffalo.

MAY DAY.—The first of May (yesterday) was characterized by weather very unsuspicial to the admirers of the custom of "Crowning the May queen." A slight fall of snow heralded the advent of the day.

BEFORE MEETING. — A meeting of Reformers of the town will be held at the law office of Mr. W. R. Squier this evening, at 7:30 p. m. A large attendance is requested, as the subject of local organization is to be discussed.

SUMMER HOTEL.—A business meeting of the share-holders of the company will