DOMINION NEWS.

A Record of the Week's Events in Canada.

ONTARIO.

A petition has been filed against the return of Mr. Allison, the Grit member-elect for Lennox.

Sir John and Lady Macdonald kept open house at the capital on New Year's day, and received hosts of their friends.

Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Kingston cathedral, has been offered the first preferment that falls vacant in his diocese by the Bishop of Huron.

The districts into which the Dominion is divided under the Liquor License Act passed last session will be published in this week's *Gazette*.

Mr. Henry Smyth, the respondent in the Kent election petition, has been unseated for bribery by an agent, the personal charges being withdrawn.

Mary Welsh was found dead on Christmas in Essex county, Ontario, near Kilroy. It is thought she lost her way in the woods and died from exposure.

John B. Smyth, secretary of the Western Fair Association, has been appointed an auditor of the Provincial Agricultural and Arts Association accounts.

Counsels' argument in the Welland election petition was heard at Osgoode hall on Saturday, the judges reserving their decision till the 5th of January.

Richard Cartwright has been elected. One of those Grit triumphs of which he truly said that the rarer they be the better for the Reform party.

The steamer W. M. Alderson arrived at Port Burwell on Tuesday from Port Dover. Capt. Foster says he encountered great fields of ice. She will lay up at Port Burwell.

The superintendent of the Sandwich fish hatchery has placed over one hundred million young fish in Detroit river since he took charge of the hatchery in October, 1882.

Mr. A. D. Elliot, license inspector for the city of Winnipeg, having received leave of absence for a few weeks is at home in Watford winding up his affairs. He received by express on Saturday from Winnipeg friends a handsome gold-headed ebony cane.

James Jackson, the burglar who was sentenced at Belleville to penitentiary for six years, was taken to Kingston on Wednesday. He is only twenty-four years of age, but has passed fourteen and a half years in reformatory, penitentiary, and Central prison. Since his first incarceration he has never been more than two weeks at a time out of prison.

Mr. Herbert L. Pratt and Mr. Clarence B. Pratt, manager and assistant manager respectively of the Canada Cotton Manufacturing Company's works at Cornwall, were on Saturday presented with handsome and substantial expressions of esteem by the employés as a mark of the latter's appreciation of their kind and just dealings with the men in the company's employ. The occasion was the approaching severance by the two gentlemen of their connection with the works.

Messrs. J. D. McColl and S. Happer, of Parkhill, have accepted the challenge of R. S. Darby and R. Brown, of Bluevale, to match them in sawing. They will "saw" Messrs. Darby and Brown for $200 a side at Parkhill on 1st February, 1884. They would prefer the log to be on 22 inches in diameter, or two cuts of a 25-inch maple log, but will leave that matter for their opponents to decide.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of Waterford was held on Wednesday week in the Town hall, where expressions of sympathy were freely indulged in, and a resolution was passed appointing a committee to prepare a by-law to be submitted to the ratepayers granting a bonus of $10,000 to Green Bros. & Co., to assist them in rebuilding in this country, which was destroyed by fire that morning.

Isaac Powley, of Cataraqui, recently killed on the Grand Trunk railway, was a peculiar man. He was an industrious, saving person, and generally hid his money in outlandish places. He has been known to have large outsets in his possession, and to several he left sup th t they had been stowed away. He told one person that he had bored a hole in a rafter of his barn and put his cash into it. To another he hinted that a pail of money had been buried in a field. The members of the family have not been informed of these hiding places, and consequently are now unable to locate the spots where the money rests.

Country boys, let loose from maternal restraint, who proceed to the cities to take college courses, are apt to conduct themselves in a manner disgraceful to themselves and discreditable to the colleges they represent. Recently some of the Princeton students behaved disorderly in the Trenton opera house, and an exchange suggests that serious punishment for such childish conduct only increases the self-importance of the offenders. Instead of the intervention of policemen and the rebuke of grave and reverend seniors, what they most need is a thoroughly unsentimental introduction to a large sized slipper.

Recently there died in Toronto one of Ontario's oldest residents in the person of Joseph Millar Trickey, of Newcastle, Ont. Mr. Trickey was born in the year 1800, in the eastern section of the province, but for many years past resided at Newcastle. He was a mechanical inventor of more than local reputation, and was constantly in receipt of orders from Manitoba and other distant places for models of machinery. Mr. Trickey's family took an active part in the war of 1812, espousing the cause of the British. The deceased travelled in his youth over a great portion of America, and shot and hunted through the State of Illinois when its entire population did not equal that of Chicago at the present time. He was of a particularly genial and kindly disposition.

Henry Yates, of London, on Christmas day determined to rid the world of his presence, and brought to his aid a box of rat poison which he found in the house. After mixing a large quantity with water the misguided man drank it and shortly afterwards became sick and told his wife what he had done. She, forgetting the ill-treatment received at her husband's hands, rushed for a doctor, and succeeded in procuring the services of one, who lost no time in administering an emetic, and soon had the satisfaction of seeing his patient out of danger. The doctor could not tell how much of the poison had been taken, but it is quite plain that had a moment been lost Yates would have gone to the other world with the sin of suicide upon his head.

All Monday night and Tuesday the Salvation army of Toronto were having a big blow-out at their barracks on Little Richmond street and in St. Andrew's public hall. They paraded the streets and thereby attracted the usual rough crowd who are constant visitors at the meetings. No open violation of the peace occurred, however, until yesterday afternoon, when a regular set-to took place opposite the barracks doors. The row commenced by some roughs trying to force an entrance to the barracks along with the salvationists themselves. In three seconds there were as many men sprawling in the snow, while others struggled, swore, and struck at any and everyone. Constable Coulter, who was on Brant street at the time, ran over, and somehow or other managed to force his way through the crowd and dispersed the belligerents.

A Two-Year-Old Child's Attempt at Shaving—Fatal Result Anticipated.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 27.—This morning the two-year-old son of Mr. Bindon, of this city, obtained possession of a razor in the room of one of the boarders and attempted to shave himself, cutting a gash through his cheek five inches long. His mother found it with the razor in its hand covered with blood. It will probably die.

Provincial Appointments.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments, viz:—

William Henry Brouse, of the city of Toronto, in the county of York, and James Craig, of the town of Renfrew, in the county of Renfrew, esquires, barristers-at-law, and William Charles Perry, of the town of Mount Forest, in the county of Wellington, esquire, solicitor of the Supreme Court of Ontario, to be notaries public in and for the Province of Ontario.

A. W. Campbell, of the village of Gravenhurst, in the district of Muskoka, esquire, M.D., to be an associate coroner in and for the said district of Muskoka.

The Vansickle Mystery.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 25.—The body of the late Wm. Vansickle was exhumed, and an inquest was held last evening by Dr. Griffin, coroner. A *post-mortem* examination of the body was made by Dr. Harris, the chief points elicited being the presence of a wound over the eyebrow on the left side of the head, and the extravasation of a quantity of blood on the brain substance, which was undoubtedly the cause of death, as the other organs of the body were found in a healthy condition. Dr. Harris in his evidence stated that the result of his autopsy, together with other evidence, left no doubt in his mind but that the deceased had received a blow from the hands of some person. The enquiry was adjourned until a week from next Saturday.

The Scott Act in Halton.

In the Crown case of Queen v. Wallace judgment was delivered in Toronto on the motion made last sittings to quash a conviction made against the defendant John Wallace, of Milton, for selling liquor in the county of Halton contrary to the provisions of the Canada Temperance Act of 1878, or the Scott Act. Wallace had been fined $10 and costs, and he obtained a *certiorari* to quash the conviction on the ground that there was no evidence to convict him of the offence, and therefore the magistrate acted without jurisdiction. Chief Justice Hagarty and Mr. Justice Armour held that the proceedings were perfectly regular, and by section 111 the right of *certiorari* was taken away, and the *quantum* of evidence could not be enquired into, therefore the *certiorari* must be quashed and the conviction sustained. Mr. Justice Cameron dissented from this view, holding that section 111 did not take the right of *certiorari*. He thought there was no evidence here of any offence, and therefore the conviction should be quashed. The judgment of the court therefore is sustaining the conviction, Mr. Justice Cameron dissenting.

Found Dead After Four Years' Absence.

Thessalon Cor. Algoma Pioneer.

It is reported that Mr. James Mills has found the remains of his daughter, who was lost in the woods about 4 years ago. An account of her loss was published at the time in the *Pioneer*. It will be remembered that Mr. Mills was living in the township of Kirkwood, newly opened up for settlement, and far away from any neighbour. Early in the afternoon, about 2 p.m., his daughter, aged 14 years, started with a pail and dipper to fetch some water from a small creek a few hundred yards from their house. As time elapsed and she did not return her father became alarmed for her safety and having obtained assistance a search was instituted, and continued for many days, without discovering anything more than the track of her feet in the soft mud at the creek. A force of forty lumbermen who were working for Mr. May also joined in the fruitless search for the missing girl. A few days ago some men working in the woods came upon a human skeleton, and lying near it were a tin dipper and a pail, all plainly indicating the remains to be those of the poor lost girl. But, strange to say, so little has been said about the discovery that I have not heard how, when, or where she was buried!

North Victoria Election.

Judges Burton and Osler sat in the Court of Appeal room at Osgoode Hall on Monday for the purpose of hearing the rest of the argument of the North Victoria Provincial election petition, which was adjourned from Lindsay on Saturday. Mr. Hoskin, Q.C., for the respondent, Mr. Fell, argued that unless but a tavern keeper could be held liable for keeping open a hotel under sec. 157 of the Act as an agent of the respondent—no mere barkeeper could be an agent for that purpose. The agency of the outsiders was not by any means proven. It was attempted to be shown that Anderson was an agent because McArthur, the president of the Conservative Association at Fenelon Falls, had an conversation with him, but at that rate he was but a sub agent, and that only for the very limited field of the village of Fenelon Falls. The respondent was not shown to have been connected at all with these outsiders, and even if a few corrupt practices had been established they could not affect the result under sec. 159.

Mr. J. A. Proctor replied at some length, and at five o'clock in the afternoon the judges proceeded to dispose of the Searl-Scott case, the Buck case, the case of treating at Chirpaw's, and the Greaves case, holding that none of these cases were proven upon the evidence adduced.

The disposal of the other cases and of the result of the whole is reserved for further consideration until the 8th Jan.

A Storekeeper Plundered and Fatally Wounded by the Thieves—Arrest of Suspected Persons.

MIDDLEMISS, Dec. 29.—About 8.30 last night two men knocked at the door of Grant Silcox's store of this village. The shutters of the store were up, but as Silcox and his son, a boy about twelve years old, were in the store at the time the man, thinking it was some customers, ordered the boy to open the door. He was immediately seized by one of the men and ordered, on pain of death, to make no noise. The other one then pointed a revolver at Silcox and demanded his money or his life. He at first refused, but afterwards, owing to the threats of the robbers, told him he would find some money in the till. The ruffian then went to the till and robbed it of its contents and also took a pocketbook containing $200 and a lot of notes out of a desk, after which he knocked the old man down with a counter weight, breaking his skull, and they then went out, taking the key of the store with them. The boy recognized one of the robbers as Albert E. Wrightman, a young man of this village, but could not identify the other. Wrightman and another young man named Graham, who was in his company all the night, were arrested at a dance in Iona about four o'clock this morning, but they deny any knowledge of the crime. Mr. Silcox died about eight this morning from the effect of his wounds. The examination of the prisoners took place in the town hall here at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and was adjourned till 1 p.m. for the arrival of the Crown Attorney from London. The prisoners look cheerful, and the general belief in the village is that the police have got hold of the wrong parties.

The Algoma Returns.

The delayed return for Algoma has at last turned up. A very suspicious circumstance about it is that none of the packets containing the votes were sealed as required, and that there were no counterfoils or numbers upon the ballot by which the votes could be identified by a scrutineer before the courts. There was a trick in this, the intention of the Government evidently being to make it impossible for the Conservatives to trace the fraudulent votes polled on behalf of Lyon. A second suspicious circumstance is the jump which Lyon's majority has made during the time the ballot boxes and papers have been in the returning officer's possession. The most favourable first estimate in October made Lyon's majority 125, while it is to-day 141. There are no returns from Algoma Mills or Rainy River. "Thank God," as Mr. Pattullo would say, "the ballot boxes did not get there in time." Mr. Plummer, the Conservative candidate, it will be observed by an examination of the returns, gets majorities in a majority of the polling divisions. He is also ahead in the leading business places of the district. At Spanish River he had a majority of 29, at Bruce Mines, 9; at Thessalon River Mills, 67; at Gardner River, 15; at Sault Ste. Marie, 97; at Gore Bay, 13; at Prince Arthur's Landing, 53, and at Rat Portage, 25. In those portions of the district where newspapers circulate the most freely, and where the people had an opportunity of seeing the politicians on both sides, and hearing them speak, the Conservative vote was the stronger of the two. It was in the remote polling divisions that Mr. Lyon got his vote; and it was there that the Grit emissaries did the illegal work which is to be shown up by the courts.

QUEBEC.

Montrealers are subscribing a fund for the erection of a statue in their city of the late Sir G. E. Cartier, similar to the one now being erected at the capital by the Dominion Government.

The River St. Lawrence, which has been overflowing its banks at Montreal since Saturday last, ceased to rise further at noon yesterday. More inconvenience than loss has been occasioned by the unusual occurrence of a flood at this season, which was caused by a block of ice at Boucherville.

The name of Rev. Canon Carmichael is prominently mentioned in Montreal in connection with the rectorship of Christ Church cathedral, rendered vacant by the elevation of its former occupant to the Bishopric of Huron. Rev. Mr. Bansford, formerly of St. James', Toronto, is also mentioned as the Canon's successor should the latter accept the position.

Mr. Lacoste, Q.C., the new Senator for the de Lorimier division, is a very able lawyer. He stands in the front rank of the bar of Quebec, and he enjoys a reputation for integrity which even his bitterest opponents cannot assail. He is well versed in the politics of the country, but he has hitherto shunned political life as he preferred to confine his attention to his profession. He will be an acquisition to the Senate.

Patrick Murphy, aged 23 years, a patient of the Beauport asylum for 2½ years past, and sent there from the Montreal gaol, last week, killed F. X. Thouin, aged 52 years, coming from St. Hyacinthe, by beating him on the head with a small wooden rub. The deceased had been accused of hiding himself under Murphy's bed, where he had found him. Murphy seems not sorry for his terrible deed.

An Over-Zealous Montreal Constable.

An American named Hayes innocently fell into a trap the other morning while bound for his hotel by taking a police sergeant in the dark for a highwayman, who wanted to rob the stranger of a large sum of money he had about his person. When Hayes saw the officer approaching him he set off at full speed and the officer after him. The policeman seemed to be fleet of foot, and was overtaking the tired Yankee when the latter pulled a six-shooter and called on his pursuer to stop. Instead of doing so the sergeant quickened his pace and arrested his victim of a pure mistake. The result was Hayes had to repose on the boards of a cell in the police court all night instead of in a bed in his hotel, although he had $240 in cash in his possession, which he had to deliver up. On being brought before the Recorder to-day the unfortunate traveller mentioned the exact state of affairs to the court. As he had committed no offence but that of going home quietly when he was pursued by a stranger against whom he attempted to defend himself, without any apology the prisoner was discharged, and to add injury to insult his revolver was confiscated, although as a stranger in the Dominion he was not aware of Blake's Act against carrying arms. It is said that legal redress will be sought for, even if the case has to go to Washington. There is a question that the officer exceeded his duty, as the gentleman had done nothing to warrant the officiousness of the guardian of the peace. Some lessons on their precise duty are needed by the force from this example. Those who heard the evidence in court wonder the frightened American did not shoot his persecutor.

MARITIME PROVINCES.

The writ has been issued for York county, New Brunswick, to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the death of Mr. Pickard, the Grit representative. Nomination takes place on the 22nd inst., and the election on the 29th.

Heroic Rescue by a Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter—Recognition by the Dominion Government.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 26.—The Dominion Government intend presenting Miss Boyd, of Spruce Point, St. Croix river, with a testimonial in recognition of her efforts in saving life. Miss Boyd is a veritable Grace Darling. Her father is lighthouse-keeper at Spruce Point. One night last summer Miss Boyd and her mother were sitting in the lighthouse when they were startled by hearing cries for help. Her mother being unable to assist her, Miss Boyd determined to make the attempt to save the drowning man herself, and hastily launching a boat she rowed to their rescue. She backed her boat up to them, and with admirable presence of mind succeeded in saving the lives of the two men. The keeper of the lighthouse has saved more than a dozen lives.

THE NORTH-WEST.

The Agitation by Farmers.

Dealing with the farmers' agitation, the Brandon *Mail* points out that the Manitoba settler occupies a position which is exceptionally favourable. It is estimated that it costs $13.50 per acre to grow wheat in Manitoba, and the average yield is 28 bushels to the acre. Wheat in good condition now brings 75c. per bushel, or $1 for the acre's crop. The profit per acre is thus $7.50. In Ontario the profit over and above interest on the investment in the land is calculated at $6 an acre. The homesteader in Manitoba gets his land for nothing, so that in his case no allowance for interest is necessary. His $7.50 is clear profit over and above his farm and living expenses. On 160 acres his income clear of everything, provided the season is good, will be $1,200. Of course there are chances of crop failures. But these are rare. One occurred during the past season, and it is that failure, the injury of wheat by frost, that has caused the agitation of which politicians and land speculators who have no particular stake in the country are making the most.

CASUALTIES.

Fergus Jordan, of Batteresa, was run over by a team of horses recently and fatally injured. He is a deaf mute.

A child of Mr. Moileau, three months old, residing at Le Longue Queue, St. Ambroise de Lorette, was frozen to death in bed alongside of his mother. The father had gone in the meantime for firewood.

Robert Smith, employed by the Grand Trunk railway and residing with his uncle in Toronto, met with a tragic death at the round house about six o'clock on Sunday. He had just finished his work and was passing with a companion out of the round-house when he met a snow-plough coming off the turn-table. The plough almost filled up the entrance, and as the two young men stepped aside Smith was caught between the plough and the wall and crushed to death. His companion was injured also, but not fatally. The unfortunate young man was only 23 years of age and bore an excellent character.

Terrible End of an Old Man Through Over-Indulgence in Liquor.

KINGSTON, Jan. 1.—Last night a sad accident occurred here. An old carter named Robert Lee did not arrive at his home at the proper time, therefore his friends started out to look for him, but he could not be found. This morning some men went on the ice in the harbour to get water, when they observed a dark object in the water about a hundred yards distant, which proved to be Lee's horse and sleigh. His body has not yet been found. It is thought that he was drunk and that the horse wandered on to the ice and walked into the open water. About four years ago, while Lee was drunk, his horse walked over a precipice, killing itself and breaking both of Lee's legs, and last summer his horse walked off a wharf. In the morning Lee was found clinging to a post and the animal standing in shallow water with the vehicle attached to it. Lee was a terrible drinker, and his death by accident was no surprise. His wife expected to hear of his being killed at any moment.

Another Railway Victim.

At an early hour on Monday evening another of those shocking accidents of which the Esplanade is so frequently the scene, took place at the foot of Church street. A man named Patrick Garritty, apensioner, residing at No. 40 Agnes street, was run over by a train, receiving a compound fracture of the left thigh and of the left arm. Shortly before eight o'clock the switchman on duty at the foot of Church street found a man's hat near his post, and fearing an accident had happened called upon Mr. John Murphy, who was passing, to assist him in investigating. They were not long in finding a man lying partly across one of the rails and unconscious, having been run over by a train which had just passed. The police were notified, the ambulance was at once summoned, and the man was removed to the hospital in charge of P. C. Thompson. Here stimulants were administered, but he did not regain consciousness. The trousers were saturated with blood, and on doing so it was found that his thigh was terribly smashed. The unfortunate man lost a great quantity of blood, and when found he was lying in a large pool. He was in an unconscious condition throughout the night, and died next day. Garritty was a married man, but has no children. During the afternoon he went out to see a friend living near the corner of Front and Seabourne streets, and it is supposed that he was returning home when he was struck down. He is a pensioner of the Imperial Army, for No. 2 Durham Light Infantry, and lately worked as a pensioner [illegible] appointed by Ald. Love only a day [illegible]

CRIMES.

John Kennedy, a farmer living in Rawdon, took two teaspoonfuls of Paris green with the intention of committing suicide. He died from its effects.

On Christmas night a man named John Kennedy, of Stirling, committed suicide by taking paris green, from the effects of which he died.

George Wheeler, a resident of Riverside, was arrested on Tuesday morning in the act of burglarizing a grocery store in the Kilgston road, and was lodged in Toronto gaol to await trial.

Geo. Wheeler, a young man who came out from Oxford, England, last spring, is believed to have committed suicide. His valise, with clothes and papers, has been found in the woods on the bank of the river near Hamilton. The woods were searched recently, but no traces were found of the missing man.

Night-watchman Burrows, of Toronto, on Tuesday night found the door of J. & J. Lugsdin's hat and fur store, No. 101 Yonge street, open. Suspecting a burglary, he quickly placed a guard to prevent anyone who might happen to be inside escaping. He then entered the store, and from the marks on the doors he found that they had been forced open. On finding that no person was in the building he informed the police, and at once went to Mr. Lugsdin and reported the matter. On going to the store and investigating, Mr. Lugsdin discovered that a lady's sealskin sacque and other furs to the value of about $2,000 had been taken. The burglars on burstiing in the doors must have immediately seized the furs near the door and decamped. The detectives have the matter in hand.

FIRES.

A fire broke out in the shoe shop in Brussels owned and occupied by F. Peiton about ten o'clock on Monday night. The building, a one story frame, together with stock, tools, and clothes, is a total loss. There is some insurance. Cause of fire is unknown.

Woollen Mills Destroyed.

SEAFORTH, Dec. 28.—A fire broke out this morning about two o'clock in the office of A. G. VanEgmonds, adjoining his woollen mills, and soon extended to the main building, completely destroying the building and contents. This was one of the most complete factories in the Dominion of its size, the machinery being principally new and of the latest improved kinds. The loss will be about $30,000; insurance, $5,000.

Destruction of the St. Lawrence Hall Hotel in Brockville.

BROCKVILLE, Dec. 30.—Between five and six this morning the alarming discovery was made that the St. Lawrence Hall, one of the oldest and best known hotels in the town, was in flames, and a general alarm was sounded. The fire originated in the north corner of a new wing, over 100 feet in length, and only partly finished. Owing partly to the hour and the fact that the town is but slightly protected the flames had great headway before water was thrown, and though a stubborn fight resulted in the partial saving of the old building the whole structure is a ruin. The house was well filled with guests at the time, and such rapid headway was made by the flames that several narrow escapes are reported. Raoul Bagley, chambermaid, was rescued from one of the rooms in a partly unconscious condition, having been smothered by smoke. A plasterer employed on the new wing and boarding at the hotel was also rescued in a live condition. Nearly all the guests and boarders suffered individually, though a fair percentage of the goods in the old portion of the house was saved. Many of the guests, frantic with fright, rushed down the main stairway into the office, followed by the more excitable males, none of them dressed. All dressed together in the office, and then started to save their effects. The building was owned by ex-Mayor Comstock, who estimates his loss at fully $15,000, with an insurance on the whole of $8,000 in the Phœnix. The lessee, Mr. Amos Robinson, will lose at least $7,000, with an insurance of about $2,500. The cause of the fire is as yet a mystery, though the general verdict of incendiarism has certainly some foundation.

FAILURES OF THE YEAR.

Dun Wiman's Statement of Suspensions and Liabilities for 1883.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The failures of 1883 in the Dominion of Canada, as reported by Dun, Wiman & Co., are in number thirteen hundred and eighty-four, with liabilities amounting to nearly sixteen millions. The failures are divided as follows among the various provinces:—

	No. of Failures.	Liabilities.
Ontario	161	$4,709,000
Quebec	438	6,400,000
New Brunswick	18	717,000
Nova Scotia	39	1,058,000
Newfoundland	5	48,000
Prince Edward Island	4	40,000
Manitoba	221	2,369,000

As compared with the United States, the showing for Canada is not very encouraging. While in the United States there has been one failure in every 94 traders, in Canada there has been one in every 48 traders. The average liabilities in the United States has been $18,000, while in Canada the average has been $11,000.

The business failures in the United States in 1883 numbered 9,184, as against 6,738 in 1882. The liabilities for 1883 were 172 millions, against 101 millions in 1882. The failures last year were greater than any year since 1878, when they reached 10,478, with liabilities of 234 millions.

James Cullen, Peel's Island, N.F., writes:—I have been watching the progress of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil since its introduction to this place, and with much pleasure state that my anticipations of its success have been fully realized, it having cured me of bronchitis and soreness of nose; while not a few of my "rheumatic neighbours" (one old lady in particular) pronounce it to be the best article of its kind that has ever been brought before the public. Your medicine does not require any longer a sponsor, but if you wish me to act as such, I shall be only too happy to have my name connected with your prosperous child.

ORANGE AND GREEN.

Attack on an Orange Procession at Harbour Grace—Four Killed and Eight Mortally Wounded.

ST. JOHN'S, N.F., Dec. 27.—Yesterday noon a procession of Orangemen organized and walked out through the principal streets of Harbour Grace, headed by bands of music and carrying flags, banners, and other insignia of the association. They marched unmolested as far as Ship's Head, when they were suddenly fired upon by a mob who lay in ambush behind a high snow mound. The fire was returned by the Orangemen, and four men, named Mercer, Darmody, Jeans, and Callaghan, two of them Roman Catholics and two Orangemen, were killed almost instantly. Doyle, the inspector of police, was severely injured. Eight men are reported mortally wounded, and about twenty superficially. At present Harbour Grace is quiet, but the town of Carbonear is

ON FIRE WITH COMMOTION,

Business is suspended, and public and private houses are closed and barred. More than a thousand men with firearms and other weapons are congregated in the streets preparing to march to Harbour Grace. From every part of Conception bay crowds of men are thronging in to the scene of the disturbance. The Executive Government has deemed it advisable to cable to Halifax for military and naval assistance. The police force is powerless to cope with a riot that at any hour may develop into alarming and disastrous proportions.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

A procession yesterday of Orangemen whilst passing Ship's Head, Harbour Grace, was fired upon by a crowd. At first the Orangemen thought the firing was from powder-guns, carried by friends, until they saw their men fall. Four were killed and some ten or fifteen wounded. Police were despatched from here at four o'clock yesterday and reached Harbour Grace at nine o'clock last night. Horse police followed part of the way by train, and arrived this morning. The night passed quietly. One hundred special constables have been sworn in. The pent-up excitement in the neighbouring villages is waiting for arrests.

LATER DETAILS.

ST. JOHN'S, N.F., Dec. 28.—A special despatch from Harbor Grace just received states that the Harbor Grace riots date from Monday last, when it was publicly announced that the Orangemen would turn out in full force on the Wednesday following. Angry groups were seen gathered in the streets all day, and several altercations and street fights occurred, but happily with no serious consequences. The officers of the law were strong enough to repress these petty disturbances, and the crowds dispersed quietly to their homes towards evening.

No effervescence of hostile feeling manifested itself on Christmas morning, but on Wednesday morning all this scene of tranquillity was changed. At half-past ten o'clock the Orangemen assembled in the British hall, and having donned the regalia of their association marched to the Wesleyan church, where they attended Divine service. Shortly after noon they reformed in procession outside of the church and proceeded to Bear's Cave. From this they marched through Harvey street, and were on the point of turning down on Water street to return to their hall when a mob of armed men confronted them. Head Constable Doyle appeared on the scene and endeavoured to prevent a collision, but he was knocked senseless to the ground by the bludgeon of one of the rioters. The Orangemen halted, when

THE MOB IMMEDIATELY FIRED

several heavily loaded scaling shot-guns into their ranks. Five men fell to rise no more. Their names are James, Mercer, Callahan, French, and Darmody. Callahan and Darmody are Roman Catholics, and were shot accidentally by getting mixed up during the melee in the ranks of the Orangemen. There are five men fatally wounded, whose names are given as Thomas Nicholas, William Brown, Solomon Martin, William Anthony, and Moses Nicholas. Among those regarded as not so seriously wounded are Philip Cleary, William Hatcher, Wm. Rey, Thomas Luffman, Reuben Carage, Jas. Bray, Wm. Best, John Weaber, Robt. Lily, Henry Moseworthy, and Michael French.

Six arrests have been made by the police at the river head of Harbor Grace. They are named Quirk, Shanahan, Duggan, Coadey, McCarthy, and Sullivan. Harper, the man who shot James and wounded Lily, shot Callahan, one of his own party, by mistake.

ST. JOHN'S, N.F., Dec. 29.—Sixteen persons have been arrested up to this time. Everything very quiet. The funerals will take place at 3 o'clock.

4 p.m.—Callahan's funeral was escorted by a large police force, all the local magistrates accompanying it. The procession has passed off quietly, but the town is still in charge of the special police. Winter and McNeilly, the central Orange leaders, have done much to pacify the Orangemen. No disturbance is at present apprehended. Jones' funeral took place to-day at 3 o'clock. Business is still suspended there, and no further deaths have taken place.

The names of the additional arrested rioters are Patrick Harper, Thos. Morrisy, sr., Thos. Morrisy, jr., John Fleming Richard Fleming, William Russell, and Walsh. All the authorities are vigorously and efficiently prosecuting preliminary enquiries.

Another despatch says the funeral passed through Harbour Grace from Courage's beach accompanied by nine hundred Orangemen from Harbour Grace. Everything passed off quietly. The mail steamer Lady Glover was prevented from landing her mails and passengers at Carbonear, as the Orangemen had determined that no business should be done nor any arrivals of strangers be permitted till after Jones' funeral.

A still late despatch says that twelve hundred Orangemen with flags and banners and full regalia attended Jones' funeral at Carbonear.

THE BLOOMFIELD MURDER.

Preliminary Examination of the Three Prisoners—They Plead Not Guilty.

PICTON, Dec. 28.—The preliminary examination of the three men arrested on suspicion of the murder of Peter Lazier, on the 21st inst., commenced in the court house here to-day at 10 a.m., before Police Magistrate Curry. Associated with him on the bench are Mr. A. H. Saylor, J.P., of Consecon, and Mr. J. H. Allan, J.P., ex-mayor of Picton. Philip Low, Q.C., appeared for the Crown, and N. Gilbert was retained for the prisoners. Mr. S. B. Burdette, of Belleville, appeared for the friends of the murdered man.

Long before the hour at which the examination was to commence people began to fill the court house and secure the advantage of a position from which they could see and hear all that took place at the trial, and when the magistrates took their seats about 10.30 the room was densely packed. A few minutes later the prisoners filed into the room in charge of Chief Babbit and Constable Bedalle. They looked cheerful, and smilingly nodded to their friends and acquaintances as they recognized them in the crowd.

On being ordered to stand up, the charge was read by Mr. Taylor, which was that Jos. Tempsett, David Lauder, and George Lauder feloniously, wilfully, and with malice aforethought, did on the night of the 21st of December, in the township of Hallowell, kill and murder one Peter Lazier. Each one of the prisoners in a clear and firm voice pleaded not guilty.

PICTON, Dec. 29.—The preliminary investigation in the Bloomfield murder case was resumed this morning at 9 o'clock in the Court house before Police Magistrate Carry and the two other magistrates associated with him yesterday. The evidence to-day was chiefly respecting the tracks. It will be remembered that a light snow had fallen early in the evening of the night on which the murder was committed, which, while it covered all old tracks, enabled fresh tracks to be plainly seen. The tracks of the murderers were distinctly traced from Mr. Jones' door to the main road running in front of the house. They then followed the road west for a few rods and then took a southerly direction across the fields to West Lake. When on the lake they separated, one going in a southerly direction. These tracks led directly to Tempsett's door, and his boots fit the tracks. The other track went in an easterly direction to Lauder's house. These tracks were made by boots having half soles, and the half sole of one boot was about a quarter of an inch longer than the half sole of the other. These boots belong to George Lauder, and were found in his father's house.

The evidence, though circumstantial, points strongly to Tempsett and George Lauder as being the guilty parties. The evidence against David Lauder, the youngest man arrested, is not so strong.

Mr. Tow, Q.C., on behalf of the Crown, asked for an adjournment of the investigation till Friday, the 4th January. The prisoners were remanded till that time.

The court room as on the previous day was crowded. Public interest is increasing as link after link in the chain of evidence seems to point more surely to the guilt of the parties under arrest.

FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT.

Freight Train Crashes into a Suburban near Toronto.

Twenty-Two Passengers Instantly Killed and Between Thirty and Forty Injured.

Toronto, so long free from any heavy calamity, yesterday opened the new year with one of the worst in its record, by which twenty-two persons were almost instantly killed and treble that number badly or fatally wounded. The accident occurred in the vicinity of High park just in the opening, and near the Dominion Bolt and Iron Works, from the employés of which establishment the list of killed and wounded was taken. The dummy train which conveys the men to and from their work at the iron works, started with its usual load of between 70 and 90 persons, and had got as far as the place mentioned, when it collided with an eastern freight train from Hamilton. The engine of the dummy train was shot back, telescoping the front of two cars which composed the suburban train and killing instantly some 14 of its occupants. Both engines were at once overturned, the dummy falling over the northern bank and the large engine on the southern bank. The tubes on board burst, and

SCALDING WATER AND STEAM

was thrown over the men who had fallen on the track from the telescoped car. The dummy in falling had crushed the men on the northern side of the passenger car underneath it. These were the persons who were killed outright. The sight was horrible in the extreme. Some of the men with their legs crushed and burning, unable to extricate themselves, and filling the air with their cries, while the other men who were not injured were unable to help them, being for the time completely paralysed with their surroundings. At last help in the shape of J. J. McIntrye, one of the foremen in the works, came along and set to work extricating the bodies and the wounded. The conductor of the dummy set out for Mimico to stop all traffic, and telegraph for a wrecking party, medical assistance, and an auxiliary car from Toronto. When they arrived the scene had been gathering

MORE HIDEOUS FEATURES,

and the lurid glare of the car containing most of the wounded men lit up the dull grey of the morning. Many of the wounded had not been removed from the car, and were being consumed by the flames. Men were lying in all directions, burnt, bruised, and bleeding, and with the burning cars and overturned engines presented an appalling spectacle. The men around the scene of the disaster had begun to busy themselves, and soon the dead were lying in a car and ready to be sent down to the city. The wounded were a horrible sight, many of them with their limbs burnt, their faces scalded beyond recognition, and their clothing torn and soaked with their blood. The doctors sent up on the auxiliary were busy amongst the

WOUNDED AND DYING,

tying up a limb here, stopping the flow of blood there, and in other places performing some office to relieve the dying. The scene presented the appearance of awful haste, and the surroundings of the dying made the calamity appear even more frightful than it was. A look at the corpses of those killed, after the burning of the car was horrible, faces mashed and burned out of the semblances of humanity, limbs scattered over the track, pools of blood and pieces of the bodies of the sufferers all told terrible tales of disaster and death. Where the disaster occurred was on the head of a curve, and none of the persons on either train could see the other till they were too close to do anything to save their charge from a most terrible death. The bodies were soon put in the cars and taken down to the Morgue, and those of the wounded and dying were transported to the hospital. Before the two trains met the engineer and fireman of the dummy and the engineer of the big engine jumped and saved themselves, but the fireman on the latter stuck to his post and was amongst the first killed.

CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT.

All unite in throwing the blame upon the driver of the train from Hamilton. It was his duty to have stopped at Mimico station, which is a couple of miles above the scene of the accident, to receive orders. This, it appears, he did not do, but dashed on at a good speed. At about a mile and a half from Mimico an employé of the Bolt works named Haley, who saw that a collision was imminent unless the freight train was stopped sprang to the centre of the track, threw up his hands and shouted loudly. It was of no avail, for he was apparently neither seen nor heard, for the train did not even slacken speed. Various surmises are afloat as to the driver's action, and it is alleged that he with his fireman was either drunk or asleep. A gentleman who passed Mimico shortly after the freight said that he did not see a light burning at that station. If this be the case the driver may not be altogether responsible for the accident. The morning was very stormy, and it is possible that with the storm and weather against him, and there being no light at the station, he dashed past.

Be this as it may, however, as soon as the authorities arrived he was placed under arrest.

The coroner arrived about ten o'clock, and at once proceeded to investigate. A sufficient number of jurymen were selected, and the inquest will be begun this afternoon at Scobie's hotel.

THE VICTIMS.

From the terrible manner in which the bodies are burnt and hacked up it was almost impossible to get the full list of killed and wounded, as every one was reluctant in saying who was who, for fear of raising trouble should their conjectures prove wrong. Following is a list of those known for sure:—

G. AGGET (wife and family),
KEEFER (wife),
C. SPOHN,
J. LYNCH,
R. MULLIGAN (wife and family),
CANNINGTON,
D. CARRUTHERS,
J. WHITE (wife and family),
J. HARRINGTON,
J. McDONALD,
F. ROLAND,
WM. HERRIFF,
E. ROBERTSON.

AN EYE-WITNESS

of the accident describes the scene as the most blood-curdling he ever saw. Here and there on the snow-covered ground lay the charred and blackened remains of mutilated and bloody corpses. Many were burning alive unable to help themselves, and others with their legs caught under the iron were being slowly crushed to death while their blood was being frozen with the cold which swept over the face of the Bay. Many just released from their troubles by death look frightful, and did not bear much resemblance to the human figure.

RAILWAY NEWS.

The iron superstructure of the Ontario and Quebec bridge over the Indian river is being drawn from Peterboro' to the bridge, and has nearly all been laid on the grounds.

General Manager Van Horn expresses himself highly pleased with the abundance of coal in the North-West, as the C. P. R. uses a ton every two minutes, and the coal is also a great boon to settlers.

The operation of the Midland railway passed over to the Grand Trunk on Tuesday. The Midland is a system of 500 miles total length, the main branches of which run from Port Hope to Mid