A [illegible] is stated in Montreal by the report that a sexton of a suburban grave yard has been selling bodies out of his dead-house to the medical students.

An accident occurred on the Port Perry and Whitby Railway on Friday by which a number of cars were wrecked and several passengers slightly injured.

Allan Cup last week beat St. Marys at curling by a score of 13 to 12. The latter club has also been defeated by the Thistle Club of Montreal in the contest for the Ontario Cup, by a score of [illegible]

A canary, belonging to Mr. H. F. Smith, of Rothwell, died lately. It may be interesting to bird fanciers to know that it was imported from Buffalo in 1868, being then two years old, thus making its age at death, 22—a good old age.

A number of children were playing in a temperance shop, in Oshawa, on Saturday, when a little girl six years of age, daughter of Mr. O. Mason, was caught by a wheel, and before assistance could be rendered, she was crushed in a fearful manner, causing instant death.

A party of five men, with eight horses, are supposed to have been lost in Ottawa County, Quebec. They left for the lumbering woods three weeks ago, since when nothing has been heard of them. As they had to travel about 200 miles and cross several lakes on the route, it is supposed all have been drowned.

The Women's Christian Association of London, at a meeting held on Thursday, resolved to establish a women's refuge for reclaiming fallen and repentant women. They have $600 in hand available, and subscriptions are to be solicited to make up the amount necessary to give the undertaking a start.

A young man named Cushman, aged seventeen years, in the employ of J. Robson, London Township, met with instant death on Friday. He was driving a heavy load of cordwood to London, and on coming down a hill near Hyde Park, at a fast trot, the rack gave way, the driver and the wood falling over upon the team. The horses started to run, dragging the young man some distance and trampling him to death.

Mr. D. H. Mooney, acting bursar of the Toronto Lunatic Asylum, has suddenly disappeared. The last time Mr. Mooney was seen was on Thursday night. On Friday, his wife fearing that some thing had happened him, instituted an enquiry, and a letter was found on his desk stating that he feared if he stayed at the institution any longer he would become insane, and that he had gone down to the bay at the foot of Bathurst street to drown himself.

Michael Donnelly, Wm Donnelly, Wm Atkinson and Alex. Lovett, of Biddulph, were last week arrested at Lucan, all primarily charged with complicity in the recent shooting affray.—It is the opinion, however, that the arrest of the gang has been made in consequence of frequent outrages in the vicinity of Lucan:—Trees felled across the railway track, stages broken and burned, etc. Lovett and Wm Donnelly, are also charged with the burglary of the residence of John Barry, a farmer in McGillivray.

During the past fortnight the following failures have taken place in Ontario:—General storekeepers, 2; boots and shoes, 2; grocers, 13; foundries, 2; dry goods, 2; tinsmiths, 2; and one each blacksmith, druggist, grain dealer, cabinet maker and builder. One of the foundries which failed was Eastwood & Co.'s, at Ingersoll, with liabilities placed at $109,000, and assets at $35,000.—The failure is said to have been brought about by a bonus which was promised not being granted.

The Railway Mystery.

A GIDDY, GUSHING GIRL—NO TRACE OF THE MISSING STATION MASTER.

We mentioned last week the fact of the mysterious disappearance of Mr. Dean, the station agent at Brucefield, and now give full particulars, as follows, being mainly indebted therefor to the Exeter Times:—Conductor Delaney found the doors of the station house open, the keys therein, and everything in perfect order, but to repeated knocks and calls could obtain no sound from a living being excepting from his own voice and those of the passengers who were on the train. With as little delay as possible, he started on with his train, arriving at Exeter on time, where he reported the state of affairs to Mr. Hayden, agent at this place. Mr. H. at once dispatched his assistant, Mr. McDonald, to Brucefield to take charge of the station until Mr. Dean should turn up. But such latter was not to be the case. On Mr McDonald making a search of the premises, he was rewarded by finding the following letter, which was written by a young lady of Clinton, and bore her signature. For essence of gush, love at first sight, maidenly boldness, etc., we think it unparalleled. We suppress the lady's name, suffice it to say she is of one of the most respectable families of Clinton, and related to a family in Goderich:—

Clinton, Feb. 22, 1876.

MR. DEAN—Dearest Sir,—At first sight, hoping you will forgive the great presumption on my part in thus addressing one so handsome, the honor of whose acquaintance I cannot at present quite claim, although I prayed for the train to be delayed, that my lady friend and myself might have an opportunity of forming an acquaintance with you the last time we passed through Brucefield; and knowing that one of your style cannot but be well versed in the style of the present day, you will, of course, recognize this as being not altogether inconsistent with the rules of correct etiquette. I arrived safely home, and here found out your cognomen; and, of course, could not write until I had your address. I am often in Brucefield, and see you often, although I am not known in that city. I wish I could see you soon again and form your acquaintance, as I hate to write to one that I know not except by sight; it is not unpleasant although it is more pleasant to be personally acquainted. Clinton is just now full of mirth and fun.—I have been very bold thus far in writing but I just now thought of asking you to go for a cutter ride,—I love driving very much, and I thought you would forgive me for asking (this is leap year). I presume, you being a stranger in Brucefield, will find the place, as well as the society, very dull, and I hope this correspondence may be an amusement to you, for if, indeed, it were not, this paper would be wet, my pen split and my inkhorn quite dry, i. e., I should have no heart to proceed. May I be so free as to ask you to write an answer to this. If you take the trouble to send a reply I shall feel most honored. Please address Miss ——, Clinton, Ont.—With Old Mother Hubbard's blessing, I must say "good bye." Be pleased to remember the address, Miss —— ——, Clinton. "*Fiat vale versus amor*."

We are not at present in a position to state whether the lady is in Clinton or whether Mr. Dean was so overpowered with the throw-yourself-into-my-arms epistle, that he found his way to his Juliet, bent over her, and with the mastery of love which he possessed, enticed her to leave her parent's abode. The following are the only particulars which could be obtained by Mr. McAulay, the travelling Auditor, who was in Brucefield Friday last, making enquiries: Mr. D., who, by the way, is acknowledged to be a handsome man, it appears left the station house on Tuesday evening at his usual hour and made his way to a neighboring farmers' residence, to whose daughter he had for some weeks been paying close attention. With this lady he remained until one o'clock on Wednesday morning, leaving for his boarding house, which he never reached. Since that time nothing has been seen or heard of him. The most mysterious part of the affair is that his books, although slightly disarranged, were not materially so, he having in his last report overpaid the receipts at his station. He owed nothing in the place, and bore a good character. Mystery certainly enshrouds his disappearance.

Grand Trunk Railway!

TRAINS WILL LEAVE GODERICH AS FOLLOWS:

No. 1 Express, 7.00 a. m., for Toronto, London and Buffalo.
No. 7 Mixed, 9.15 a. m., for Stratford.
No. 3 Mail Express 12.30 p. m., for Toronto, Buffalo and Detroit.
No. 9 Mixed, 3.00 p. m.,

TRAINS WILL ARRIVE AS FOLLOWS:

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

G. & N. W. R.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE G. T. R.

Goderich,	leaves 7:00 a. m.	12:30 p. m.	
Caledonia,	" 11:43 "	7:32	"
Hamilton,	arriv 12:30 p. m.	8:20	"
Hamilton,	leaves 7:45 a. m.	12:50	"
Caledonia,	" 9:23 "	2:55	"
Goderich,	arriv. 2:30 p. m.	10:15	"

BUSINESS NOTICE.

This year we have lowered the subscription price to

$1.00 PER ANNUM,

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When credit is given, the following are the rates we will adhere to:—If paid within 3 months, $1.25; if paid within 9 months, $1.50; over that time, $2.00. Send on your subscriptions at once, and enclose cash.

CLUB RATES.

Having made special arrangements we are now enabled to offer the following very liberal club rates for cash strictly in advance:—The SIGNAL and WEEKLY GLOBE for $2.50 a year. SIGNAL and WEEKLY ADVERTISER $2.40—(which includes a premium map of Ontario). SIGNAL and MONTREAL WITNESS $3. SIGNAL and CANADA FARMER $2. SIGNAL and GRIP $2.50. SIGNAL and ILLUSTRATED WEEKLY of New York, weekly edition, $3.50, monthly edition, $2.50, either of which includes the finest chromo issued by any paper. Canvassers wanted.

Huron Signal.

GODERICH, MARCH 8, 1876.

The Protection Cry.

The all important subject before the Dominion Legislature and the people at present, is the demand made by manufacturers for more protection from outside competition. In order to increase the revenue of the country and to accede to this demand, it is asked of the Government that the rate of tariff on imported goods be increased from 17½ per cent. to 20 per cent. To meet this request with wisdom, both sides have to be considered, and the two questions naturally arise, viz: (1) Are our Canadian manufacturers driven from their own market by lack of protection; (2) If not, would we not rob ourselves of a source of revenue entirely by driving out foreign traders.

A comparison of the sale of Canadian manufactures of the most important character with those introduced from other countries, whilst the 17½ per cent. tariff was imposed, shows that Canadians had almost complete control of the home market. A few instances in point: In clothing the home production was $2.08 per head of population, and the importation amounted to 47 cents per head; leather $2.64 produced at home, 24 cts. imported; boots and shoes $4.63 at home, 7 cents imported; machinery $2.10 at home, 25 cents imported; and so on. This gives evidence that our manufacturers are fully protected. If a heavier tariff were imposed what would be the result? Instead of the revenue being increased, the foreign manufacturers would be driven from this market entirely, the consumers—who constitute the very large majority of the population—would suffer for the benefit of the minority of manufacturers, and the deficit have to be raised by direct taxation. The protectionists were met by these two questions when first proposing their demands, and they replied by asking that a "happy medium" be struck between the tariff which they held to be too low and that which might prove too high. Viewing the evidence which is before the people in the commercial record of the past few years, such a feat may well be pronounced difficult.

Exhaustive and interesting has been the discussion upon this subject, but the weight of opinion is certainly averse to the policy of protection which is being so well advocated by certain members of the House. The subject has not been made a political one altogether, fortunately for the interests of the country; but there are a few of the members of the Opposition who are pursuing the question for the purpose of making political capital. These persons pretend to hold the Government responsible for the present depression in trade and cry for protection as a remedy; and they would be ready, on short notice, to abuse the same Government if it were to show an inclination to carry out the policy of the protectionists. There is a great deal of dishonesty manifested in the discussion, growing out of political animosity; yet there are some who maintain their advocacy of more protection with all honesty, but through interested motives.

The present existing depression in trade has been attributed to a want of protection, but candid thinkers will at once see the fallacy of this opinion. A combination of circumstances affecting Europe and America has brought about a condition of affairs from which it would require very high rates of tariff to save our manufacturers. Americans are living more economically since the recent troubles in commercial circles there, and the over production which necessarily ensued sought, for the time being, a market here. But a business of such a character will soon end itself and the business falls in the meantime, into the hands of those whose means are capable of meeting the wants of the financially depressed consumers.

Whilst sympathizing with those whose employment ceases with the closing of our manufactories, the interests of the consumers, who are largely in the majority, must be considered in dealing with this subject of the tariff. The Government will lose none of its popularity by adhering to the policy of its Finance Minister, Mr. Cartwright, and will receive more credit by studying the interests of the consumers than by helping the manufacturer to make money at their expense.

A Disagreeable Insinuation.

In referring to the trial of Thos. Farrow, M. P., on the outrageous charge of forgery preferred by one John Armstrong, our town cotemporary ungenerously insinuates that certain Reformers plotted with the plaintiff to defame Mr. Farrow's character, though well knowing how baseless were the grounds of the charge. We would not have paid any attention to this insinuation, were it not that certain of the Tory party go so far as to name some of the parties whom they say were accessories to the affair. These stories are utterly without foundation, and originated in the brains of those who wish to make political capital out of the affair, and of whom we are almost tempted to say they habitually "weigh other people's [illegible]

[illegible] "Evidence [illegible] Armstrong was [illegible] of the charge [illegible] man unfortunate [illegible] Reformers [illegible] to be [illegible] with him or, when [illegible] asked, requested him [illegible] was hardly action. Every [illegible] repudiate a man who [illegible] would [illegible] as is hinted at, and the [illegible] is a great injustice to that party.

St. Andrew's Ward.

On Saturday last the nomination of a candidate for the vacant seat in the Council took place with the following result:

Mr. J. R. Miller, nominated by Jas. Gordon and Jas. Wilkinson.

Mr. E. Bingham, by Lixie Watson and Jas. Mitchell.

Mr. F. W. Johnston, by A. C. Simmons and H. McDermott.

An objection was taken to the seconder of Mr. Bingham, as not being a resident of St. Andrew's Ward, and the nomination was then made by F. W. Johnston and D. Watson.

With reference to the nomination of Mr. Johnston, we here give a note received from him:

Goderich, March 4th, '76

Editor Huron Signal:

DEAR SIR,—Please notice in your next issue that I have withdrawn from the contest in St. Andrew's Ward, having been nominated without my consent.

Yours &c.

FRED. W. JOHNSTON.

Only two candidates are therefore in the field, Messrs. Miller and Bingham. Since the contest was first mooted we favored the election of Mr. Miller, and although Mr. Bingham is qualified to fill the office, yet Mr. Miller represents a very important public institution and one which would receive his close attention in the Council, for which reason his presence there would be very appreciable. But there is another and very important reason which calls for our advocacy of Mr. Miller. The contest is virtually between temperance and anti-temperance parties, and our sympathies being with the former, we call upon our readers who have votes in this Ward to support Mr. Miller. Apart from this point of difference, we recognize in Mr. Bingham a good candidate for the office of councillor, but in view of the important movements which are being made it behooves every temperance man to support and return Mr. Miller by a good majority.

SMITH'S HILL has got an elephant upon its hands, by securing the Fall Show of the West Riding Agricultural Society for that place. Its accommodation for man and beast is much more limited than Dungannon possesses, and, as many complained last year of a lack in this respect in the latter place, the results of this decision of the directors may easily be conceived. At the outset it was desirable that the society should establish a good reputation for its shows, but if so little consideration is paid to the matter of providing accommodation, the residents of the Riding as a whole will not be induced to take the interest they should in the society. Judging from present circumstances, our fall show will not be a whit better than a township show, and the interest therein will be confined to but a small portion of the Riding. It is unfortunate that this society, which should hold a very high position, should meet with such drawbacks in its early career, for many who take an active interest in its affairs will be deterred from adding to the success of the show by their presence through the inefficiency of the accommodation which will be afforded. It is promised that another hotel will be erected at Smith's Hill and that the hall will be enlarged, but a very great effort will have to be made to furnish all the accommodation that should be provided. We do not think, however that there will be a great demand for accommodation, as people who would have to come from a distance will now be induced to keep away.

THE CARLIST WAR has at length reached an end, Don Carlos having reached the necessity of seeking safety in flight from his country. His followers disbanded, flying in the direction of their leader found their way to France. The news of the disorganization of the rebel army was received at Madrid with delight by the loyal Spaniards, who have been so long and sorely tried with the misfortunes of their country. Republicanism had but a short existence in that unhappy country, but lived long enough to sow good seed in the country, and a better period has begun in the history of Spain, which the suppression of the Carlist revolution more securely ensures to it. The Cuban insurrectionists will soon be made to feel the full effect of Spain's power, and peace be restored to that unhappy but factious dependency, whilst Uncle Sam will be no longer taunted by the "red rag" which has aroused him so frequently of late to speak of war and blood, to call for apologies from Spain and generally to disturb national harmony.

OUR AMERICAN neighbors are seldom without their big political scandals.—Boss Tweed was no sooner secured, than the famous mail contracts kept up the fever of excitement until the whiskey frauds claimed public attention, and now that the latter has been treated in all the stages from the highly moral national sermon down to the local squib, Secretary of War Belknap is announced as the next victim of "true inwardness." Belknap has confessed that he sold a contract for certain trading posts to a New York gentleman, receiving therefor $10,000, and the further sum of $6,000 per annum as long as the contract was retained. As soon as the corruption was exposed measures were taken to formally impeach Belknap of "high crimes and misdemeanors." Previous to this proceeding, he had tendered his resignation to President Grant, who, unacquainted with the whole circumstances, accepted it without consulting his ministers. The investigation will perhaps bring out some strange revelations of the inner working of the Governmental machinery of our fast neighbors.

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

S. S. No. 1.—The following are the names of the pupils that took the greatest number of marks in their respective classes during the month of February:—Fourth class—Mary Hunter, Jane Porter, John Hunter, Wm. Porter. Third class—George Porter, Robt. Johnson, Mary Orr and Pearl Hunter equal. Second class—Esther Orr, James Edwards, Peter Edwards, Sarah Orr. First class, senior—Maitland Gibson, Nellie Salkeld, James Johnson, Elizabeth Gibson.—First class, junior.—George Andrews, Samuel Tackaberry, Ida Salkeld, James Curwen.

BAYFIELD.

INDUCTED.—Rev. John Moffat, late of Binbrook, was recently inducted to the pastoral charge of Bayfield and Varna, by the moderator of the Church of Scotland.

BAYFIELD TRIUMPH, No. 217, U. T. A.—The following officers were elected and duly installed for the present quarter:—

W. P.—F. Wood.
W. V. P.—Miss E. J. King.
W. S.—Neal McAuley.
W. T.—A. Routledge.
W. L.—G. Jamieson.
W. C.—D. Cullen.
W. Chap.—J. Laird.
W. F. S.—J. J. McKenzie.
W. M.—C. Wood.
W. I. G.—W. McCash.
W. S.—John King.

The lodge meets every Tuesday evening, at 7.30 o'clock, in the Orange Hall, Bayfield.

Local News.

ABOUT TOWN.

A FINE RIG.—Mr. A. M. Polley has ordered in London a handsome landau, to be delivered on the 1st of May, and which will cost $1000.

MR. W. M. HELLIARD has received the agency for the sale in Goderich, of Evanson & Currie's celebrated cornmeal and oatmeal.

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TEMPERANCE MASS MEETING.—On Saturday evening last a mass meeting was held in the North St. Methodist church for the purpose of forming an association. On motion Mr. H. Strang took the chair. He remarked that he had never been a member of either of the other temperance organizations in town; that he never saw his way clear to join them, but would join such an association as the one proposed with good will and felt sure it would be productive of great good. Rev. Mr. Seiveright delivered a stirring address calling on all who had the welfare of our land at heart to join the temperance ranks; he referred to the fact that nine tenths of the prisoners in our asylums, prisons and penitentiary were brought there by drink; that many who would never otherwise be guilty of crime, were led into it by the wine cup; drink was the main cause of the woes and destitution we see in many a family; disease goes hand in hand with drink; it blights hope and breaks hearts and sends to an untimely grave many a wife or mother; it hurls from its seat the mind of a man and makes him even lower than the brute. Every one is therefore bound to do all they can to save the drunkard and the moderate drinker. Moderate drinking is the curse that follows our younger men, and unless they can be persuaded to break loose altogether with the monster, they will soon be wallowing in the mire that surrounds the confirmed drunkard. Drink once the master it becomes a powerful and tyrannical one; gigantic intellects have been ruined by it and yet people tell us there is no harm in moderate drinking; it is true no one intends to become a drunkard, but the way is an inclined plane that rapidly leads its victim to woe. He urged all present to sign the pledge and help to advance the cause that soon we may have prohibition.—Rev. Mr. Henderson felt for a long time that as a minister he ought to let the public know what side he was on; every minister should show his colors and should be on the side of temperance; the time has come when ministers must join the ranks and strive to educate the people on this glorious subject; it has been neglected hitherto in the pulpit too much; the women should take it up and work also, as they had done in the States; the Sabbath schools should take up the subject also and all these combined would form a powerful engine; this war that has commenced against king alcohol will go on and if we keep faith with each other and join prayer with our efforts the end will be victory. Mr. W. T. Cox had great faith in the efforts of the ladies and pressed them earnestly to work incessantly for the cause of temperance; he referred to the women's crusade in the United States, and the permanent effect of it, which was to bring the subject into the churches more than ever. He congratulated Canadians on the new law on this subject and asked all temperance men to use every endeavor to have that law carried out to the letter; he knew many young men in Goderich who were ruined by liquor; they commenced as moderate drinkers in these grocery cellars and ended in a drunkard's miserable grave; he himself had escaped as narrowly as a man could escape, and he knew from experience that there was hope for the drunkard, but the only method to adopt was to dash the cursed cup from him at once and forever; there was no use in attempting to taper off gradually; he saw some young men in Goderich who were in danger of falling into the drunkards grave before many years, or perhaps months, and as a parting word he would urge them to act like men and christians, and boldly pledge themselves to give over the ruinous habit forever, to join this association without delay. He would look forward to see and read of the success of this movement; the time was near when we could ask for prohibition and then Canada would be a free country but never before. He then opened a pledge book and invited all to sign. Mr. H. Strang was chosen president of the association; all the clergymen joining are to hold the office of honorary vice-presidents, and Mr. Samuel Sloan was appointed Secretary with Mr. A. McD. Allan as assistant. The board of managers is composed of Messrs. J. R. Miller, B. L. Doyle, Joseph Williams and James Thomson. At the close of the meeting 135 had signed the pledge. The next meeting will be held in Knox Church on Friday evening 17th instant, at 7.30 p. m., particulars of which will appear in our next issue.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The Town Council will meet this evening at 7.30 p. m.

SALT MINING.—Mr. H. Y. Attrill is now taking the preliminary steps to carry out his scheme of opening a salt mine, and is preparing the machinery necessary to sink a test shaft on the plateau opposite the dock. The contract has already been let for building the derrick, and other necessary buildings.

TEA MEETING AND LECTURE.—On Tuesday evening next a tea-meeting will be given in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Refreshments will be served at 7.30, doors being opened at 6 p. m. Rev. M. Ignason, of Strathroy, will be present and deliver a lecture upon "Demonology," and music and singing will be furnished. A pleasant evening's enjoyment may be anticipated, and as this is a farewell social given by the ladies to Rev. Mr. Rose who will leave Goderich next month, we have no doubt the attendance will be large. Tickets 25 cents.

SCHOOL BOARD.—The Board met on Monday evening, members all present. The chairman reported that the tender of James Black for wood had been accepted and that since then he refused to carry on the tender; the next lowest was D. Reed at $2.47 a cord, which the Board ordered be accepted. Communication from Robert Dyett complaining that he was not reappointed caretaker and demanding an explanation from Mr. Elliott of charges made at a former meeting. Mr. Elliott explained that his own children had their shoes broken and others complained of the same trouble in the school, he also found fault with Mr. Dyett for not closing the gate. Com. received and filed. Report of Principal of Central school that the number of pupils attending the town schools the past month is 767 of which 408 are boys and 359 girls, with an average standing per centage of 79.—Received and filed. Report of visiting committee for February recommending that ash houses be built at the various schools, and that caretakers be requested to take better care of outhouses, and other matters requiring attention. Board ordered that continuent committee be empowered to provide such desks as may be needed in Miss Robinsons' room, central school, also that said committee see to fixing pump at St. David's ward school, Mr. Elliott moved, seconded by Mr. Paimore that a small brick ash house be built for each school house, carried. In the meantime the caretakers are ordered to carry ashes away a safe distance from the school house. Com. from Miss Lizzie Adams resigning her position as teacher in Central school on account of ill health, received and the prayer of petitioner granted. Mr. Swanson moved, seconded by Mr. Nicholson, that Mrs. McGuire be appointed caretaker for St. Andrew's ward school; moved in amendment by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Elliott that Mr. Payne be appointed; on vote the amendment carried. Report of school managing committee that an advertisement had been inserted in the *Globe* for a teacher to fill the vacancy caused by Miss Adams resigning. Account of Robert Dyett for taking up pump at St. Davids' ward school and fixing, $1.70, referred to Finance Committee who certified it as correct and Board ordered it to be paid. Account of W. Mathews for printing and posting bills $1, certified by Finance and ordered to be paid. Account of J. A. Calbeck for work in Central School $11.35, ordered to be paid, having first been certified correct by Finance. Applications read from three teachers for vacancy in the Central School and laid over. Secretary ordered to notify the contractor of St Patricks' ward school that if the fence is not completed on or before April 1st the contract will be given to another. Board adjourned till 12th inst.

TEMPERANCE MASS MEETING.—On Saturday evening last a mass meeting was held in the North St. Methodist church for the purpose of forming an association. On motion Mr. H. Strang took the chair. He remarked that he had never been a member of either of the other temperance organizations in town; that he never saw his way clear to join them, but would join such an association as the one proposed with good will and felt sure it would be productive of great good. Rev. Mr. Seiveright delivered a stirring address calling on all who had the welfare of our land at heart to join the temperance ranks; he referred to the fact that nine tenths of the prisoners in our asylums, prisons and penitentiary were brought there by drink; that many who would never otherwise be guilty of crime, were led into it by the wine cup; drink was the main cause of the woes and destitution we see in many a family; disease goes hand in hand with drink; it blights hope and breaks hearts and sends to an untimely grave many a wife or mother; it hurls from its seat the mind of a man and makes him even lower than the brute. Every one is therefore bound to do all they can to save the drunkard and the moderate drinker. Moderate drinking is the curse that follows our younger men, and unless they can be persuaded to break loose altogether with the monster, they will soon be wallowing in the mire that surrounds the confirmed drunkard. Drink once the master it becomes a powerful and tyrannical one; gigantic intellects have been ruined by it and yet people tell us there is no harm in moderate drinking; it is true no one intends to become a drunkard, but the way is an inclined plane that rapidly leads its victim to woe. He urged all present to sign the pledge and help to advance the cause that soon we may have prohibition.—Rev. Mr. Henderson felt for a long time that as a minister he ought to let the public know what side he was on; every minister should show his colors and should be on the side of temperance; the time has come when ministers must join the ranks and strive to educate the people on this glorious subject; it has been neglected hitherto in the pulpit too much; the women should take it up and work also, as they had done in the States; the Sabbath schools should take up the subject also and all these combined would form a powerful engine; this war that has commenced against king alcohol will go on and if we keep faith with each other and join prayer with our efforts the end will be victory. Mr. W. T. Cox had great faith in the efforts of the ladies and pressed them earnestly to work incessantly for the cause of temperance; he referred to the women's crusade in the United States, and the permanent effect of it, which was to bring the subject into the churches more than ever. He congratulated Canadians on the new law on this subject and asked all temperance men to use every endeavor to have that law carried out to the letter; he knew many young men in Goderich who were ruined by liquor; they commenced as moderate drinkers in these grocery cellars and ended in a drunkard's miserable grave; he himself had escaped as narrowly as a man could escape, and he knew from experience that there was hope for the drunkard, but the only method to adopt was to dash the cursed cup from him at once and forever; there was no use in attempting to taper off gradually; he saw some young men in Goderich who were in danger of falling into the drunkards grave before many years, or perhaps months, and as a parting word he would urge them to act like men and christians, and boldly pledge themselves to give over the ruinous habit forever, to join this association without delay. He would look forward to see and read of the success of this movement; the time was near when we could ask for prohibition and then Canada would be a free country but never before. He then opened a pledge book and invited all to sign. Mr. H. Strang was chosen president of the association; all the clergymen joining are to hold the office of honorary vice-presidents, and Mr. Samuel Sloan was appointed Secretary with Mr. A. McD. Allan as assistant. The board of managers is composed of Messrs. J. R. Miller, B. L. Doyle, Joseph Williams and James Thomson. At the close of the meeting 135 had signed the pledge. The next meeting will be held in Knox Church on Friday evening 17th instant, at 7.30 p. m., particulars of which will appear in our next issue.

FIRE INSURANCE Agents wanted in every town in Huron County, to represent the Canada Fire and Marine Insurance Co., to whom special inducements will be offered. The Co. is first-class in every respect and issues all kinds of buildings and stocks at as reasonable rates as any first-class Co.—See adv.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—Messrs Whitely & Elliott, grocers, preparatory to dissolving partnership, are selling off their large and excellent stock of groceries, crockery, glassware, tobacco, [illegible] had, since it is necessary to close out the stock as quickly as possible.

FRIENDLY TO THE CURLERS.—Mr. Wiley, the gentlemanly station master, has secured the same courtesy to the Goderich Curlers as is extended by the Grand Trunk authorities to curlers in other parts of the province when travelling by rail to play matches. He has kindly returned to the Goderich Curlers the difference between a full fare which they had to pay when playing at St. Mary's, and a fare and a third.

A REMEDY WANTED.—The attention of the Town Council has frequently been called, but without effect, to the bad state of drainage about the Central School. During wet weather, water accumulates on the corner of North and Bruce streets, and very frequently a pond of large dimensions is formed, which must certainly create a very unhealthy atmosphere. It would, we think, be a very easy matter to prevent this, and for the purpose of preserving a healthy atmosphere about the school the Council should provide a remedy.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday evening last a sad accident occurred near Buffalo. At about six o'clock a train started from Buffalo, and as it neared the bridge over the first canal slip, the engineer, Wm. Smith, jr., son of Mr. Wm. Smith, of Goderich, noticed that the switch was open; but as the train was going at a rate of about 12 miles per hour it was impossible to stop it, and the engine and two box cars plunged into the canal. There were five persons on the engine, stoker, pilot, fireman and engineer, all of whom were rescued with great difficulty with the exception of the fireman David Hardy, of Brantford. The engine after falling into the canal continued to run for about five minutes, and Hardy, who fell into the water near one of the large fly wheels, was drawn by the suction between the wheel and the fire box and literally ground to pieces, portions of his remains clinging to various parts of the machinery. Wm. Smith was considerably bruised, received a severe scalp wound and was quite insensible when taken out of the water, the most strenuous efforts being necessary to resuscitate him. The other two men were pretty far gone when rescued. The scene of the accident was visited by a large crowd next day, and the sight of the confounded mass of broken cars, &c., was terrible. Young Hardy we are informed, had relatives in Goderich. It is said the accident was due to the carelessness of the pilot of the N. Y. C. Railway, who left the switch open.

COLBORNE.

AGRICULTURAL MEETING.—A meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Riding of Huron Agricultural Society took place on Friday March 3rd, at Smith's Hill, in the Township Hall. Present, Messrs Wm. Young, D. McIllwaine, H. Snell, J. Varcoe, R. B. Scott, Geo. E. Martin, P. Carroll, J. J. Fisher, Thos. Anderson, Wm. Mallough, E. Gaunt, Wm. Durnion and Jas. McDonagh. Moved by H. Snell, seconded by J. J. Fisher, that the Secretary obtain three volumes of the Canadian Herd Book. Carried. Moved by P. Carroll, seconded by E. Martin, that the Spring show be held at Smith's Hill on Thursday, 13th April. Moved in amendment by H. Snell seconded by J. J. Fisher, that the Spring show be held at Clinton.—Motion carried. Moved by P. Carroll, seconded by J. Varcoe, that $72 00 be given in prizes at Spring show, as follows: Three classes of aged horses, in each class, 1st $8.00, 2nd $4.00, 3rd $2.00; and three classes of young horses, in each class, 1st $6.00, 2nd $4.00. Moved in amendment by R. B. Scott, seconded by J. J. Fisher, that in heavy draught aged horses the prizes be 1st $15, 2nd $10, 3rd $5, and in other classes same as in motion. Amendment carried. Moved by E. Gaunt, seconded by P. Carroll, that the rules be the same as last year.—Carried. Moved by E. Martin, seconded by Geo. Cox, that the next fall fair be held in the Town of Goderich. Moved in amendment by Jas. McDonagh, seconded by R. B. Scott, that the fair be held at Smith's Hill. The division was as follows: For motion—E. Martin, G. Cox, J. J. Fisher, P. Carroll, J. Varcoe and H. Snell. For amendment—Jas. McDonagh, R. B. Scott, Wm. Mallough, C. Durnion, Thos. Anderson, E. Gaunt, and D. McIllwaine.—Amendment carried. The meeting then adjourned until called by order of President.—J. VARCOE, SEC.

CONCERT.—Our readers will please remember the concert to be given in Smith's Hill church on Friday evening next, for the benefit of the Sabbath School library. A pleasant evening may be anticipated. An address upon "Success in life," will be delivered by Rev. J. Seiveright, and dialogues and recitations by the children and music by the choir will be given. Admission 20 cents.

SOCIAL.—A social will be given in Leeburn church one week from Tuesday next, when Rev. J. Seiveright will lecture upon "Pride," and other addresses will be delivered. Mr. M. Young's choir, of Goderich, will furnish music. Tickets 15 cents.

SEAFORTH.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Andrew Malcolm of Seaforth, left on Thursday on a trip to Scotland and England.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.—A lecture will be delivered in the Seaforth Catholic church on the evening of Friday, March 17th, St. Patrick's day, by Rev. Father Waters, of Ashfield on "Ireland's Patron."

A BIG LOAD.—Mr. James Campbell, of McKillop, brought into Seaforth on Tuesday last a load of wood, comprising two cords of green beech and maple, and weighing nearly five tons.—*Expositor.*

WEST WAWANOSH.

MUNICIPAL.—Council met at Township Hall, on 10th Feb., according to adjournment. All the members present. Robert Barmby, St. Helen's Hotel; John Lougheed, Belfast, Hotel and Thomas McLochlin, Tecumseth House, applied for license certificates. Moved by D. McIlwain, seconded by C. Durnin, that three licenses be granted in the Township this year, viz:—To Robt. Barmby, John Lougheed and Thomas McLochlin, if satisfactory, and that a by-law be framed accordingly. Carried. Letter read from J. R. Miller, Esq., inspector of schools, requesting a grant of not less than $25 be expended in prizes in a competitive examination. Moved by E. Gaunt, seconded by D. McIlwain, that this Council make no grant for the purpose. Yeas, Gaunt, McIlwain, and Kinahan. Nays, Durnin and Girvin. Motion carried. William W. Scott applied for the office of assessor. Moved by E. Gaunt, seconded by W. Kinahan, that W. W. Scott be assessor for the current year, at salary stated in by-law. Carried. Moved by C. Durnin, seconded by W. Kinahan, that Wm. Fluker be collector for the current year at salary stated in by-law. Carried. The Clerk's bond was examined, and found satisfactory. Moved by Wm. Kinahan, seconded by D. McIlwain, that Hugh Morland, James Johnstone, John Plunkett, John Hamlin, John Cameron, Joseph Radcliffe, R. Wilson, Alex. Pentland, John McLean, Duncan McPherson, Geo. Weatherhead, and G. Campbell, be fence viewers for the current year. Carried. Moved by D. McIlwain, seconded by E. Gaunt, that this Council now adjourn till Thursday, 2nd March. Carried.

ROBERT MURRAY, Tp Clerk.

—Wingham commenced the present year with a surplus of $1,845.67.

DUNGANNON.

TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.—The regular meeting of the Dungannon Teachers' Institute will be held in the Dungannon school house, on the 11th inst., commencing at 1 p.m.

D. R. MUNRO, Secretary.

EXETER AND VICINITY.

The Proprietors of the Times are about taking legal proceedings to resume the county printing.

Mr. Geo. Samwell is preparing to erect, on Main St., a brick block, 100 feet long and three stories high.

A small boy had a foot run over on Tuesday of last week, by a load of wood and strange to say no bones were broken.

The Liberal Conservatives are going to try and form an association for Exeter, with the ultimate object of defeating the present Government.

BRUSSELS AND VICINITY.

Transient traders' license has been fixed at $10 for the first day and $4 for each subsequent day.

Susannah Evans is expected to lecture in Brussels shortly.

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